COMMUNITY UPDATE





Have Your Say - Mount Wycheproof Emu Management Plan

Council has engaged Southern Fauna and Ecology to devise an Emu Management Plan for a group of eight emus currently residing within a fenced enclosure on Mount Wycheproof. This included a brief site visit, data and literature searches, and community consultation.

The objective of this plan is to provide Buloke Shire Council with options for the long-term sustainability, welfare and wellbeing of the emus currently residing on the mount. This document is intended to be dynamic and subject to improvement during the course of implementation.

You can view the Mount Wycheproof Emu Management Plan at www.buloke.vic.gov.au or in person at Council's Wycheproof Customer Service Centre (COVID-19 restrictions may apply).

Submissions can be made in writing to PO Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527 or via email to buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au by 5.00pm Thursday 30 September 2021.

Wayne O'Toole Interim CEO Appointment by Council

Wayne O'Toole has been appointed by Council as Interim Chief Executive Officer of Buloke Shire Council.



Wayne has been the Director Works and Technical Services since September 2018, and began his time at Buloke in 2017 as a Manager Statutory Services. In his three years leading the Works and Technical Services Directorate, Wayne has been involved in flood recovery works, increased project delivery, the Working for Victoria Program, as well as focusing on Bulokes' road network and increasing customer satisfaction. He has also previously acted in the role of CEO.

Wayne spent 7 years at Mount Alexander Shire in a number of roles including Manager of Development Services and Manager of Healthy Environments. Wayne has a background in the private sector in Project Management and senior leadership roles and completed his Masters of Business Administration in September 2020.

Wayne will be Interim CEO from 4 October 2021 until a new CEO has been selected.

Hardship Policy Is There If You Need

It is a tough time, the likes of which we may not see again in our lifetimes. Ratepayers can apply to Council for assistance relating to any unpaid rates under Council's Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy. Council's Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy provides a number of options for ratepayers who are in genuine financial hardship to help manage liability. The policy provides such options as deferment of rates and charges or the granting of a waiver of interest on rates or charges to ratepayers experiencing demonstrated financial hardship.

Ratepayers will start receiving notice soon, which are due for payment in full by 15 February 2022, additionally ratepayers can elect to pay by quarterly instalments.

We're working to help ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic or whatever life may be throwing at them.

You can view Council's Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/payment-difficulties.

Ratepayers are encouraged to contact Council's Rates Officer on 1300 520 520 if they are having difficulty paying part, or all, of their rates, charges or Fire Services Property Levy.

PHONE: 1300 520 520 www.buloke.vic.gov.au





Employment Opportunities

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. Council is recruiting for:

Heavy Plant Operator — Permanent Full Time (Donald)

Carry out routine, preventative maintenance and improvements on our local road to ensure Council provides a safe road network. You will be trained to complete roadworks using all of Council's plant equipment. Applications close Friday 1 October 2021.

Senior Diesel Mechanic – Permanent Full Time

Are you experienced in the repair and maintenance of a variety of large machinery? If you are searching for a leadership role that offers variety, look no further! **Applications close Friday 1 October 2021.**

Volunteer Development Officer – Temporary Full Time

Council is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to work with our communities undertaking volunteer support work across Buloke Shire for the period of twelve months. Applications close Friday 1 October 2021.

Urban Maintenance Operator – Permanent Part time (Sea Lake)

Carrying out routine preventative maintenance and ongoing improvements to enhance the visual amenity of urban areas including continuous improvement in road, street, footpath, drainage and streetscape standards. Applications close Friday 8 October 2021.

Urban Maintenance Operator – Permanent Full Time (Wycheproof)

Carrying out routine preventative maintenance and ongoing improvements to enhance the visual amenity of urban areas including continuous improvement in road, street, footpath, drainage and streetscape standards. Applications close Friday 8 October 2021.

Visit **www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment** or call Human Resources on **1300 520 520** for full details on these exciting roles.

HOW TO APPLY-Send an email with a copy of your resume to recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au or forward to: Human Resources, Buloke Shire Council, P.O. Box 1 Wycheproof, Vic 3527. Building a Better Buloke.

Notice of an application for a planning permit

The land affected by the application is located at Mildura Way, Charlton.

The application is for a permit for a construction of undercover stabling area at Charlton Harness Racing

The application reference number is PPA 950/21.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application on the Buloke Shire Council website or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, **Buloke Shire Office**, **Wycheproof.**

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An objection form is available on the Planning and Building page of the Buloke Shire Council website.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before **14 October 2021**.

If you object the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

FREE Green Waste Month is Coming

To help make Buloke Fire Ready for the upcoming season, Council is accepting green waste FREE OF CHARGE through the month of October at all landfills and transfer stations.

Every landowner in the Shire has a responsibility to minimise the threat to life and property from fire.

There are a number of steps that you can take to make your property "fire safe".

Mowing up to fence and building lines, trimming trees and hedges, removing accumulated rubbish and removing flammable materials such as tyres.

Rural landowners with property adjacent to town boundaries can also help through rubbish removal and putting firebreaks within their property boundary. Let's clean up and be Fire Ready this season.