

BIRCHIP BLITZ & FOOTY FINALS

Buloke has been buzzing with activity and we're proud to say Birchip was looking its best thanks to our recent town blitz efforts!

A huge shout out to the members of the community and Council staff and who rolled up their sleeves to mow, whipper snip, clean gutters and mulch garden beds — all in preparation for the North Central Football League first Semi Final held at the Birchip Recreation Reserve on Saturday 23 August.

Birchip was the only town in Buloke to host a North Central Football League final this season and it was fantastic to see the



community and Council come together to make sure the town put on its best for the big day. Congratulations to the winners, who have kept the finals hopes of Buloke-based teams alive.

STORYTIME DONALD LIBRARY

Join us Friday 5 September at 10am for a delightful book reading and fun activities for little book lovers!

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Buloke Shire Council joins the Charlton community and the wider harness racing family in mourning the passing of Matt Donaldson, a respected leader, mentor and community champion.

Matt served as a Councillor for the Lower Avoca Ward in the 1997, 2000 and 2003 elections, following the formation of Buloke Shire Council in 1995. His time on Council was marked by a deep commitment to community wellbeing and regional development.

SPRING FIREWOOD COLLECTION IS ON

The spring firewood collection season is now open.

Spring collection period: 1 September – 30 November 2025. Firewood collection is not allowed outside these dates.

A permit is required to collect firewood from roadsides in Buloke Shire. Penalties apply for non-compliance. Apply on council's website: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/collection-of-firewood.

Maps for designated collection areas in state forests are now live at ffm.vic.gov.au.

PROTECTING OUR TOWNSHIPS

Buloke Shire Council, in partnership with the CFA, is working to reduce fire risk around our townships. If your property borders a township, now is the time to act.

What You Need to Do:

- Create firebreaks inside your fence line along property boundaries.
- Do not clear roadside reserves without a permit — contact Council or RRV for permission.
- Urban properties next to rural land must:
- Clear flammable undergrowth and grass to 100mm height
- Brush cut along boundaries
- Maintain fire-safe conditions throughout the Fire Danger Period

Rural Fringe Properties (farm, industrial, commercial) must follow CFA's Grassland Interface Project guidelines to reduce radiant heat exposure to dwellings.

Inspections begin in October Council's Fire Prevention Officers will inspect township boundary properties. If your land poses a fire risk, you'll receive a notice with required works.

Questions? Call Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers on 1300 520 520

Let's work together to keep Buloke fire-safe this season.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH BULOKE

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity, call Human Resources on 1300 520 520.

You can find all current employment opportunities at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment

Applications can be lodged by:

Mail - PO Box 1, Wycheproof

VIC 3527 or Email -

recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au

TEAM LEADER ROAD SERVICES (NORTH)

Permanent (Full Time) - From \$92,000 per annum (+ statutory superannuation)

→ **Applications Close 14 September 2025**

This is a role for a proactive individual to lead and support the Road Services Team, ensuring the effective planning and coordination of maintenance and construction crews, essential to maintaining the quality and safety of Council's road network. This role is suitable for a person experienced in coordinating grading, patrol activities. It involves supervision of staff as well as assisting in preparing budget estimates and recommendations for annual road maintenance and capital improvement programs.

OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE OPERATOR

Part time and full time - from \$62,751 per annum, Band 2 (+ statutory superannuation) Based in Birchip, Charlton and Sea Lake

→ **Applications close 19 September 2025**

If you're someone who thrives in the fresh air, enjoys hands-on work and takes pride in creating beautiful public spaces — this could be your dream job!

We are on the look out for an enthusiastic team player to help maintain and enhance the visual appeal of our parks, footpaths, streetscapes and public spaces across Birchip, Charlton, and Sea Lake. Whether you're interested in full-time or part-time work, you'll be part of a supportive team that values skill development and community impact.

Experience with ride-on mowers, garden tools or larger vehicles is a bonus — but not essential. What matters most is a great work ethic and a passion for making our towns vibrant and welcoming.