



From The Mayor's Desk

Council held its first Ordinary Meeting of 2021 last week as we begin what will be an exciting and defining 2021.

Whilst Buloke has not recorded a COVID-19 case throughout the pandemic, with active cases again in the Victorian community we must all continue to follow the guidelines and practice good personal hygiene and social distancing.

Council's Working for Victoria program staff have done an amazing job complementing our incumbent staff since the middle of last year. Each of the 50 staff employed under the program were employed under six month contracts, some of those staff have begun to finish their time with Council.

Staff employed under the program have been engaged in a variety of outdoor programs like tree trimming, painting and cleaning whilst there have also been staff supporting the community and businesses throughout the pandemic. Council will have some staff employed under the program until May of this year.

Council last week adopted our Community Engagement Policy, and we are about to undertake a range of consultations in the next few months.

We will be seeking your feedback on our Community Vision, Council Plan, Annual Budget and Long Term Financial Plan to name a few key strategies we want you to be involved in devising.

We will consult in a variety of ways that suit the community like listening posts, surveys, meeting directly with community groups and social media. My fellow Councillors and I look forward to working with you to continue building a better Buloke.



Buloke Beyond 2030

What do you think Buloke will look like beyond 2030? More importantly, what do you want it to look like? Buloke Shire Council is undertaking a large scale community engagement project to help shape its community vision, Buloke Beyond 2030.

Over the coming months, Council is developing its new Community Vision as well as a new four year Council Plan and a looking for your input to make both documents reflective of its community's goals and needs.

Learn more at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/buloke-beyond-2030 or call Council on 1300 520 520 to get involved.

Community Satisfaction Survey 2021

Buloke Shire Council would like to inform residents that throughout February, your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

They have been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council.

Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils in the coming months. The survey has been designed to assess the performance of the Buloke Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

The survey will involve phone interviews conducted among a representative sample of residents.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Buloke Shire Council.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Council's Customer Service team on 1300 520 520.

Donald Energy Future Community Forum

Residents and businesses from Donald are invited to attend the launch of an exciting project looking at Donald's energy future.

The Donald/Tarnagulla microgrid feasibility project is being led by the Centre for New Energy technologies, Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance, Powercor in partnership with Buloke Shire Council.

This is open to the general public but all attendees are required to register at www.cvga.org.au/microgrid.

Light refreshments will be provided. This event will be held in accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols and attendees will be notified if circumstances change.



Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at **22 Camp Street, Donald**.

The application is for a permit for the **construction of 6 units, carport and storage shed**.

The applicant for the permit is **Johnson Goodwin Homes**.

The application reference number is **PPA 904/21**.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application 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 **4 March 2021**.

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

Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at **1 Railway Place, Wycheproof**.

The application is for a permit for a **dwelling**.

The applicant for the permit is **Beveridge Williams & Co**.

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