

STAYING SAFE ON OUR ROADS

Following the recent rains across Buloke Shire, many of our roads are still impacted or closed due to water, damage or changing conditions.

To stay safe when driving, please ensure that you:

- Check the latest road closures and traffic conditions on the VicTraffic map
- Allow extra travel time
- Obey all road closure signs, notifications and traffic controls
- Avoid low-lying or flood-prone areas where possible
- Never drive through floodwater

Staying informed helps protect you, your family and emergency services while recovery works continue across the shire.



FREE SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY WET WEATHER AND FLOODING

Residents affected by recent rains and flooding can access a range of free support services through Mallee Family Care.

Recovering from a disaster can be a challenging and stressful time, with impacts often affecting housing, finances, insurance and legal matters. Mallee Family Care offers practical support, clear information and guidance to help people understand their options and take the next steps toward recovery.

Support is available for:

- Legal advice, including understanding your rights and next steps
- Insurance claims and related questions
- Housing, tenancy and rental rights
- Financial counselling and advocacy
- Referrals to additional support services

Free and confidential services include:

Legal Advice

Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre

Phone: 1800 243 002

Email: clc@malleefamilycare.com.au

Website: www.mfclegalcentre.com.au

Financial Counselling and Tenancy Support

Mallee Family Care

Phone: 1800 632 263

Email: fincounselling@malleefamilycare.com.au

Website: www.malleefamilycare.com.au

Disaster Legal Help Victoria

Phone: 1800 113 432

Website: www.disasterlegalhelp.org.au

For more information, contact Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre on (03) 5023 5966.

FREE JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE

Residents of Buloke Shire are eligible for a free Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccination, as the municipality has been identified as a high-risk area due to the significant increases in stagnant water due to the recent rains.

The vaccine is available for people aged two months and over who live or routinely work in the area and may be at increased risk of mosquito bites. This includes those who spend time outdoors, have limited access to mosquito protection, or are involved in emergency or disaster response activities.

Vaccination is an important step in reducing the risk of serious illness. It takes around two weeks to become effective and does not protect against other mosquito-borne diseases, so continued personal protection measures are still recommended.

To find a local provider, call Bendigo Health on (03) 5454 6000 or visit www.bendigohealth.org.au

FREE PADS AND TAMPONS NOW AVAILABLE – WYCHEPROOF LIBRARY

Buloke Shire Council is proud to participate in the Free Pads and Tampons in Public Places program.

In partnership with the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre, a new free pads and tampons vending machine has been installed at the Wycheproof Library.

This initiative is part of a statewide program to improve accessibility and ensure people can participate fully in work, school and community life without disadvantage.

For an up-to-date list of participating locations near you, please visit: <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/free-pads-and-tampons>



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