## **COMMUNITY** UPDATE

# Buloke.



#### INTERIM CEO APPOINTED

At its Ordinary Council Meeting in Wycheproof, last Wednesday night, Buloke Shire Council appointed Daniel McLoughlan as Interim Chief Executive Officer, commencing 1 September 2025.

This interim arrangement will be in place for up to 12 weeks, until a permanent CEO is appointed or Council resolves to make an alternative interim appointment.

Outgoing CEO Wayne O'Toole will officially conclude his duties on 29 August 2025, following a period of leave commencing 25 August. Daniel will act as CEO during this week.

Council thanks Wayne for his dedicated service and leadership and congratulates Daniel on his Interim CEO appointment.

### SPOT IT WHILE YOU DRIVE

Council has received funding to manage weeds and rabbits on rural roadsides.

If you're out driving keep an eye out for any roadside hotspots. Your observations are incredibly valuable.

Our community plays a vital role in helping us spot invasive weeds and rabbit activity beside rural roadsides and considering Buloke Shire covers over 8,000 km<sup>2</sup> it's a vast area to monitor.

While reports often come from Landcare groups or from staff out on the road, we also rely on local knowledge to guide our efforts.

The priority weeds impacting our region listed below are identified in our Roadside Weed and Pest Management Plan: Wheel Cactus, African Boxthorn, Horehound, Bathurst Burr, Paterson's Curse, Bridal Creeper and Amsinckia. If you spot listed weeds or rabbit activity on rural roads (outside townships, typically 100km/h zones), please fill out the online form www.buloke.vic.gov.au/pest-control

### COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

At last week's Council Meeting, Councillors awarded a total of \$3,350 in funding to support three community-led projects across the shire that celebrate community connections and creativity.

#### Congratulations to:

- Birchip Playgroup Strong Start Active Play for Birchip's Future (\$2,000)
- Combined Probus Club of Wycheproof Inc. - Probus Wycheproof Christmas Lunch (\$350)
- Mallee Creatives Auspiced by Charlton Neighbourhood House – Charlton Weekend Coffee Stop – Volunteer Training & Equipment Initiative (\$1,000)

If you have a great idea that could benefit your local community, you may also be eligible for a community grant. To find out more visit: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/community-grants-and-sponsorship or email grants@buloke.vic.gov.au

### BIRCHIP RECREATION RESERVE MASTER PLAN

The Birchip Recreation Reserve Master Plan was endorsed by Council at its August Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Plan aims to provide direction to the Birchip Community Leisure Centre Committee of Management, user groups and Council, to guide the management and development of the Birchip Recreation Reserve for the next twelve years.

It was developed in close consultation with the Committee of Management, user groups, key stakeholders and Council officers to provide a sustainable community space that promotes recreation, social and business opportunities.

### CHARLTON LIBRARY

The Charlton Library continues to operate from the mobile library van every Tuesday from 10am – 2pm (outside the Municipal Office) whilst an alternate space is identified. A number of sites are currently still being assessed for their ability to meet accessibility, security and location requirements.

Council appreciates the patience of the local community throughout this process and hopes to announce a new location soon.



### 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.



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