

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP – WYCHEPROOF SESSION REMINDER

Families are reminded that the final Supported Playgroup Easter session will be held in Wycheproof next week

Join in for a relaxed morning of Easter-themed fun, including an Easter egg hunt, crafts and keepsakes, playdough activities, storytelling, and fresh fruit for morning tea.

Wycheproof – Thursday 2 April

10.30am to 12pm

Old Wycheproof Kinder

This is a great chance for families with young children to come along, connect and enjoy some seasonal activities together.

For more information, call or text Carolyn, Supported Playgroup Facilitator, on 0487 459 772.

WEED MANAGEMENT

Following recent rainfall, a noticeable flush of green has appeared across our Shire.

While the moisture is welcome, it also creates ideal conditions for invasive weeds such as caltrop, Paterson's curse, horehound and Bathurst burr.

Here are some simple tips to help manage weeds effectively:

- Act during the ideal window – manual removal is most effective soon after rain, when the soil is soft. This makes it easier to remove the entire root system and prevent regrowth.
- Target early growth – many weeds begin as low, flat rosettes. Removing them at this stage, before they flower and set seed, is the most effective approach
- Be seed-aware – if weeds have already developed burrs or seeds, bag the seed head before removing the plant to avoid spreading them further
- Time herbicide use carefully – only spray when leaves are dry, weeds are actively growing, and conditions are calm. Late morning or early evening is generally best. Use selective herbicides where possible and focus on spot spraying to reduce impact on surrounding vegetation
- Maintain vehicle hygiene – if you have been in paddocks or on unsealed roads, clean wheel arches, equipment and boots to avoid spreading weeds to new areas.

Managing weeds is a shared responsibility. Taking action now, while the ground is still soft, will help protect Buloke's natural environment and support our agricultural industry.

For more information on identifying priority weeds in the region, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds

ROAD ACCESS UPDATE

Council engaged contractors are currently working to reinstate access to residential properties following recent storm impacts.

Several roads across the Shire have been affected by lying water and storm damage.

Council and our contractors are continuing to inspect the road network to assess conditions and identify areas requiring urgent works.

Emergency works have begun, to reinstate damaged roads, with priority given to restoring access to residential properties.

Please respect all road closures and signage while inspections and repairs are underway.

These measures are in place to keep everyone safe and allow crews to complete works as quickly as possible, as well as stopping any further damage.

We appreciate the community's patience while crews work to restore safe access.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **224 Yeungroon-Woosang ROAD, Yeungroon East VIC 3525.**

The application is for a permit for the **construction of a yard cover over existing cattle yards (32.5m x 30.0m).**

The application reference number is **PA26009.**

You may view the application and supporting documents on the **Buloke Shire Council Website <https://buloke.greenlightopm.com/planning>** or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, **Buloke Shire Office, Wycheproof** on 1300 520 520.

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 made 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 online submission form is available at **<https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/planning-applications-on-exhibition>**.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: 16 April 2026. If you object to the application, the Responsible Authority will tell you it's decision.



CHANGES TO COUNCIL SERVICES – EASTER PERIOD

Council offices will be closed over the Easter period from Friday 3 April, reopening on Tuesday 7 April.

The following services will also be closed during this time:

- Wycheproof Customer Service Centre
- Maternal and Child Health Centres
 - For support, contact the 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Line on 132 229
 - For urgent concerns, call 000
- Buloke Library Services

WASTE SERVICES

- All Landfills and Transfer Stations will be closed on Friday 3 April (Good Friday) only
- Services will resume with normal operating hours from Saturday 4 April, including Easter Sunday and Easter Monday

WASTE COLLECTION

Please note the following changes to Waste Collection over the Easter Holiday period.

- Donald: Bins are normally collected on Friday but instead will be collected the day before on Thursday 2 April.
- Wycheproof: While this collection will remain on the Thursday, waste collection will occur earlier in the morning than usual. Please ensure all bins are out the night before.
- Sea Lake and northern townships: Collections will remain on Thursday 2 April.

For urgent matters during the closure, please contact us on 1300 520 520 and follow the prompts for the service response required.

We encourage residents to plan accordingly for these service adjustments.

For more information or to access online services, please visit our website: **<http://buloke.vic.gov.au/>**



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