



## Wycheproof Saleyards

Finishing touches to the new ramps and shade structures at the Wycheproof Saleyards were completed, last week, ahead of a large sale on Friday 25 November 2022.

The upgrade is part of the Wycheproof Saleyards Masterplan implementation.

Mild summer temperatures finally appeared, reaching 26 degrees during the sale, with the extra shade ensuring those who forgot to slop on some sunscreen or slap on a hat were safely under shelter.

## Pools Update

The warmer weather is finally here! Birchip, Donald, Sea Lake, Watchem and Wycheproof pools opened last week.

Cold weather delayed the opening of the pool season this year. Council activated the cold weather closure policy when temperatures did not reach 22 degrees.

Berrivillock's pool is expected to open this Wednesday.

Charlton's pool is not expected to open until late December to early January 2023. Pool plant equipment was damaged during the floods, and we are awaiting the delivery and installation of new pool plant.

## Buloke's Best

Council would like to honour two of our citizens with a trophy for 'Buloke's Best Lawn' and 'Buloke's Best Before and After Residential Yard' in a photo competition, to be presented at Council's Australia Day Celebrations in 2023.



With all this water lying about, from recent rain and flooding, it's not easy to get on top of our residential and roadside jungles and with fire season is not far away, this competition just might provide some inspiration.

Council has also extended 'Free Green Waste Month', held in October, until Christmas 2022, allowing for green waste to be accepted free-of-charge at all shire landfill and transfer stations.

The two winners of this competition will also receive a one-year-pass to their nearest landfill, allowing for acceptance of one cubic metre of green waste, free-of-charge each week.

One entry is permitted per household, however you can enter both categories:

- Best residential lawn photo competition; and
- Best before and after residential yard photo competition.

Application forms and terms and conditions of entry are located on Council's website, visit: [www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au).

You can also contact Council before Friday December 9, for a copy of the application form to be posted out to you, to ensure you will be able to submit the application before the competition. Call Customer Service on 1300 520 520.

**The photo competition opens Friday 2 December, 2022 and closes at 5pm 16 December, 2022.**

## Support For Farmers

A range of support measures are available for flood-affected primary producers. Information about these measures can be found at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods).

**Flood Recovery Hotline:** Victorians affected by the floods can call 1800 560 760 for help with navigating support, clean-up, finding somewhere to stay, mental health and wellbeing support. The recovery hotline is open from 7.30 am – 7.30 pm every day. Press 9 for an interpreter. For more information visit [vic.gov.au/2022-flood-recovery](http://vic.gov.au/2022-flood-recovery).

• **\$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant:** eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for up to \$75,000 to help with the costs of clean-up and recovery. To apply, visit [ruralfinance.com.au](http://ruralfinance.com.au) or call 1800 260 425.

• **\$15,000 Flood Recovery Transport Support:** eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for up to \$15,000 to support 50 per cent of costs for the transport of emergency fodder or stock drinking water, and the movement of livestock for agistment, sale, or slaughter. To apply, visit [ruralfinance.com.au](http://ruralfinance.com.au) or call 1800 260 425.

• **Flood Recovery Concessional Loan:** eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for concessional loans of up to \$250,000 to restore or replace damaged assets, and meet general expenses incurred while the clean-up is underway. To apply, visit [ruralfinance.com.au](http://ruralfinance.com.au) or call 1800 260 425.

• **\$25,000 Rural Landholder Grant:** if you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the \$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant, but operate a smaller scale Primary Production Enterprise, you may be eligible for a Rural Landholder Grant. To apply, visit [ruralfinance.com.au](http://ruralfinance.com.au) or call 1800 260 425.

• **Rural Financial Counselling Service:** the Rural Financial Counselling Service offers free and independent financial information, options, decision making support and referral services to farmers and small, related rural businesses who are in, or at risk of, financial hardship. A rural financial counsellor can assist farmers to understand, and apply for, government support. Call 1300 771 741.

## Employment Opportunities

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. Council is currently recruiting for:

### Administration Assistant - Casual

Looking to start your career in local government? Do you have a range of administrative skills that can be adapted to the various departments including Customer Service, Library Service and Records Management? If so we may have a role suitable for you.

→ Closing date: 5.00pm Friday 9 December 2022.

Visit [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment) or call Human Resources on 1300 520 520 for full details about this exciting role.

## Promote Your Attraction

State and Federal Tourism authorities can promote and assist in the development of Buloke's local tourism businesses and attractions by accessing a national database.

All you need to do is register and uploaded images, descriptors and links to the: Australian Tourism Database Warehouse (ATDW).

Your attraction can list at any time, and in December, Visit Victoria is conducting a FREE webinar to support tourism operators with their listings.

Council can also offer support to tourism operators directly at any time:

Contact Kerrie Mulholland on 1300 520 520, or visit: <https://atdw.com.au/listing-with-atdw>

Register for the online seminar, **10am-11am Friday 2 December 2022:**

<https://corporate.visitvictoria.com/resources/marketing-opportunities/about-atdw/atdw-training>

How ATDW Works

