



## Have Your Say – Wycheproof Wetlands Project

The Wycheproof Wetlands Project has opened to public submissions for the Draft Concept Plan. This is your chance to provide your valuable input towards a project that aims to create a sustainable and thriving environment for our local wildlife, improve recreational opportunities, enhance the overall health of our ecosystem and create a new outdoor space for placemaking.

The Draft Concept Plan includes a wide range of exciting features such as a pump/skate track, picnic areas, artificial beach spaces, and places to watch wildlife. Have Your Say by visiting Council's website: [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say) or emailing [buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au). **The closing date for submissions is 5pm 14 April 2023.**

## Have Your Say – Transport Management

Council's transport assets (roads) contribute to the community by allowing people to move safely and conveniently around and through the municipality, enabling the transport of goods and services and connecting people to service centres and other key destinations.

The Transport Asset Management Implementation Plan outlines the management approach to achieving these outcomes, by identifying future demand, planning for optimising the life of these assets and maintaining financial sustainability when planning over a 10-year period.

The plan also addresses continual improvement in the management of the assets and performance monitoring. This Asset Management Implementation Plan has been developed in accordance with Council's Asset Plan, Asset Management Policy and principles of the Asset Management Strategy (Objectives). Have Your Say visiting Council's website: [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say), calling 1300 520 520, or emailing [buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au). **The extended closing date for submissions is 5pm 23 March 2023.**

## Have Your Say – Road Management

The Draft Road Management Plan outlines Council's commitment to ensuring accessible, quality services and facilities are provided to its community.

The purpose of this Plan is to:

- Detail the management systems for the road management functions under the control of the Council;
- Set the relevant standards in relation to the discharge of duties in the performance of those road management functions; and
- Ensure the provision of a safe and efficient road network for use by road users and the community.

This Draft Road Management Plan complements the Long-Term Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-2025 by addressing specific elements of the maintenance and management of the road network, as well as the legislative responsibilities under the Road Management Act 2004 (Act).

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## VNI West Transmission Line Webinar

The Victoria to New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) is a proposed new high-capacity transmission line, connecting the Western Renewables Link (WRL) in Victoria to EnergyConnect in New South Wales. Following the release of the Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) in July 2022, and consideration of stakeholder feedback received, AEMO Victorian Planning (AVP) and Transgrid recently published the Consultation Report. The report provides further analysis of VNI West, including a new proposed preferred option for the VNI West connection to WRL near Bulgana.

For more information head to: <https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/vni-west/stakeholder-consultation> to register for a webinar on Wednesday 22 March 2023.

If you have any questions specific to the WRL project, please call 1300 360 795 or email [info@westernrenewableslink.com.au](mailto:info@westernrenewableslink.com.au)

**Written submissions are due on or before 5 April 2023 and should be emailed to [VNIWestRITT@aemo.com.au](mailto:VNIWestRITT@aemo.com.au)**

## Grants Closing Soon

**Please contact Council on 1300 520 520 if you have been flood affected and have not yet registered with a support agency, so that we can refer you for assistance. Many support grants close on April 30. For information about farm support, visit: [agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods).**

**\$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. **Closes 30 April 2023.**

**\$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. **Closes 30 April 2023.**

**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. **Closes 4pm 30 April 2023.**

**\$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. **Closes 30 April 2023.**

**Flood Recovery Grants** provide up to \$50,000 (excl. GST) to help cover eligible expenses incurred from direct damage due to flooding. **Closes 1 May 2023.**

**Rural Financial Counselling Service:** offers free and independent financial information and referral services to farmers and small, related rural businesses who are in, or at risk of, financial hardship. Call 1300 771 741.

The free **Business Relief Service** provides confidential one-on-one support from local Business Relief Advisers to connect them with support services. Call Business Victoria on 13 22 15.

**Mental health and wellbeing support** is available to business owners and their employees. Call the Wellbeing Helpline on 1300 375 330 for free and confidential support and advice.



## 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:

### Immunisation Nurse

Council is seeking a highly self-motivated, flexible and enthusiastic Immunisation Nurse on a casual basis, conducting immunisation sessions and administration of vaccines in accordance with NHMRC guidelines.

→ Applications close 5:00pm Monday 27 March, 2023.

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 these exciting role.