

The Paddock: The Goals

Join in on Saturday for some game day action to hear how our community has shown incredible resilience and determination.

The Paddock: The Goals is sure to inspire you to achieve your own goals, no matter what challenges come your way. However, if you missed us live, you can listen to the now edited podcast The Paddock: The Goals on Spotify or Apple Podcasts on your drive home.



Find the links to the podcasts using the QR-Code.

2020 Local Government Rating Review

The Final Report of the 2020 Local Government Rating Review recommended the Victorian Government consider the benefits of a Valuation Averaging Mechanism to mitigate the impact of significant changes in property valuations on rates. You can have your say and read the discussion papers online at <https://bit.ly/LGRVAM>. Submissions close **8 August 2023**.

Media Update

The Weekly Times, last week, published an article exploring the Local Government sector and its future role in aged care services.

In that article it was implied the Buloke Shire Council would end its service provision from 1 July 2023. This is not correct.

Council is still working with the Commonwealth Government to determine what transition for Buloke Shire looks like.

Council will continue to communicate with clients and their families, staff, and the broader community openly and in a timely fashion during this process.

A correction of the online article was immediately sought by Council's Director Community Development, Travis Fitzgibbon and the Weekly Times acted swiftly to correct the online article.

Council has also asked for a retraction to be printed in its next edition to address any incorrect information that may have made its way into printed copies of the Weekly Times.

Business Grants Now Open

Business Groups Flood Recovery Grants are now open. Chambers of commerce, trader groups, industry associations and more, can apply for grants of \$20,000 or \$50,000 (excl GST) to reactivate businesses in flood-affected regions.

More information: <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-groups-flood-recovery-grants>

Support for Business

The Partners in Wellbeing helpline is a free and confidential service for small business owners and employees.

Get support from trained wellbeing coaches, financial counsellors and business advisers, as well as information in languages other than English. Call 1300 375 330 or visit the website to connect on live chat, send an enquiry or make a referral.

Farmers Counselling Support

A list of grants and support networks are available at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/funding-available-for-those-affected-by-flooding>

- 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. Call 1300 771 741.

Have Your Say: Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan

The Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan will ensure that the Buloke Shire Council is well-placed to facilitate positive outcomes for younger residents and their families. It will guide planning, advocacy, and Council's delivery of services, programs, events, and spaces for children, young people, and their families over the next ten years. Complete the survey online at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-young-people-and-families-cypf-plan.

The Royal Flying Doctors Service Wellbeing

The Royal Flying Doctors Service Wellbeing is a free mental health service for people in remote and rural Victorian Communities. Make an appointment by calling 1300 363 788 or by email at wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au.

Energy Efficient Upgrades

Did you know that your reverse-cycle air conditioner is your cheapest and most energy efficient heating source this winter? Consider replacing old, inefficient gas heaters with reverse-cycle air conditioning units to save energy and money on bills. Be sure to clean your heater filter regularly to help it run efficiently. Later this year, rebates will be available for households to replace inefficient gas heaters with efficient reverse-cycle air conditioners under the Victorian Energy Upgrades program. For more information visit www.energy.vic.gov.au/for-households/victorian-energy-upgrades-for-households

NAIDOC Week 2023

NAIDOC Week is being held from 2-9 July 2023, this year's theme is "For Our Elders".

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

For NAIDOC Week, Council will fly the Torres Strait Island Flag alongside the Aboriginal Flag and Australian Flag at out Wycheproof Customer Service Centre.

We are also rolling out library initiatives to mark the week, including a curated selection on Borrow Box to promote both NAIDOC Week and sustainable library use as well as the purchase of new suggested physical copy titles to enjoy.

Council has also supported Koori Kids to provide coordinated educational activities for schools across the week.

Please keep an eye on Council's socials for further activities to mark NAIDOC Week 2023.



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