

Attention Primary Producers in Buloke

In the wake of the recent storm event, we understand many of you might be facing significant challenges, including fence damage due to fallen trees and high winds.

BlazeAid, a volunteer-based organisation, can assist in removing debris from fences, standing them up and rebuilding fences.

If you've been affected and think you could use a hand, please don't hesitate to reach out.

To justify the mobilisation of BlazeAid's valuable resources we are aiming to engage 16-18 properties within a 30km radius. Contact the Community Recovery Team without delay at **1300 520 520** to express your interest or for more information.



Buloke Planning Scheme

Council as the Planning Authority for the Buloke Planning Scheme, is required to undertake a review of its planning scheme every four years.

The Buloke Planning Scheme Review Report 2023 has been prepared in partnership with the Buloke Shire Council and the Regional Planning Partnerships team at the Department of Transport and Planning.

The objective of the planning scheme review is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the planning scheme in achieving the objective of planning in Victoria and ensuring the planning scheme makes best use of the Victorian Planning Provisions and the planning framework.

The Buloke Planning Scheme Review Report is available for viewing at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-review> and your feedback is invited.

Transform your Community Through Art

Unlock your potential to help communities recover, become a Trauma-Informed Artist!

In a world that's increasingly touched by storms, hot weather, fires, droughts and floods, the power of creativity offers a beacon of hope and resilience.

We're committed to empowering our local creatives, from painters and musicians to dancers and digital artists, to fill this gap and strengthen our community's resilience.

This is your chance to step into a role that's not just about art—it's about healing, connecting, and rebuilding communities from the ground up. Find out more www.buloke.vic.gov.au/transform-your-community-through-art

Clean-up Support for Storm Damaged Homes

If your home was damaged by the February 2024 Victorian storms and is not covered by insurance, clean-up support is available.

Emergency Relief Victoria (ERV) is extending support to community members in Buloke who were affected. Here's how ERV is assisting:

- Registration for Hazardous Tree Removal
- Demolition of Storm-Damaged Homes

Find out if you are eligible by visiting the ERV Website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/clean-support-storm-damaged-homes>

Emergency Management from a Community Perspective

Designed to equip community members with important information when responding to emergency situations, the session reflects the changes to emergency management structures following the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

Community recovery requires empathy, understanding, and a holistic approach that considers the unique needs and characteristics of the affected community.

The session is aimed at businesses, community organisations and individuals and has been generously funded by the Australian and Victorian Community Recovery Hub Program.

The session will cover:

- The emergency management structure
- Who does what during an emergency
- How to get credible information during an emergency
- Council's roles and responsibilities and how community organisations such as community centres link into Council during emergencies
- How to communicate with disaster affected community.

FREE Online Zoom session

When: Thursday 11 April 2024

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Click here to register: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-six-cs-emergency-management-for-community-online-session-tickets-845557454107?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios

If you need assistance to register please call Council on: **1300 520 520** and ask to speak to the Community Recovery Team.

Calling all Buloke Innovators!

Have you got a ripper project idea?

In Buloke, we're known for rolling up our sleeves and getting things done with a whole lot of community spirit.

With thanks to funding from the Australian and Victorian governments and the Community Recovery Program Buloke Shire Council is rolling out the Buloke Community Recovery Wellbeing Grants Program. There's \$20,000 on the table to boost the next wave of fantastic community projects.

Funding Available: 4 x \$5,000 grants

Eligibility: Not-for-profit groups in the Buloke Shire area, focusing on community recovery.

Grant Objectives:

- Strengthen community connection and inclusion
- Promote wellbeing, mental and physical health
- Support trauma-informed recovery service navigation, education, initiatives, and programs
- Ensure targeted evidence-based recovery interventions
- Encourage community-wide collaborative efforts
- Uphold self-determination principles in recovery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Grant Timelines:

Starts: Monday 11 March 2024

Ends: Friday 26 April 2024

Dive In: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/community-grants-and-sponsorship

If you're part of a not-for-profit group with a project or event that aligns with these objectives, we encourage you to apply.



Employment 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

You may lodge your applications by Mail to PO Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527; or Email to recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au.

Systems Administrator

Council is looking for a motivated person to provide support and assist with the design, implementation and management of ICT enabled projects on a permanent full-time basis.

→ **Applications close Monday 22 April 2024.**