## Buloke Community Reference Group Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Group	To provide input to help shape the future of Buloke Shire's critical community assets, including roads, community facilities, access ways, drainage and the long term financial planning required for Council services and delivery.
Meetings	<ul> <li>The Group:</li> <li>will aim to have two (2) meetings initially with any additional meetings subject to need and approval by the Director Infrastructure and Delivery</li> <li>is advisory in nature and has no decision-making authority.</li> </ul>
Group Structure	<ul> <li>Each meeting will consist of 12-14 members including:</li> <li>8-10 community members representing a broad cross section of the Shire.</li> <li>2-4 Senior Council Officers representing Finance, Infrastructure and Community Development</li> <li>Meetings to be facilitated by external consultants from CT Management Group.</li> </ul>
Community membership criteria	<ul> <li>Other Council officers may be invited to attend meetings as required.</li> <li>The following membership criteria will be used in making community appointments to the Group:</li> <li>A keen interest in local advocacy.</li> <li>A balanced mix of interests, experience, views and attributes to complement other members of the group.</li> <li>So far as is practical, an even geographical representation from across the Shire among members.</li> <li>So far as is practical, seek representation from a varied age and gender basis.</li> <li>Capacity to attend and participate in all group meetings and activities as scheduled.</li> <li>Live, work or own land within the municipality</li> </ul>
Membership term	The membership term is for an initial 3 months with ongoing membership to be considered and voted by the Group.
Conflict of Interest	Members will be encouraged to disclose any perceived conflict of interest and/or any interest that may result in personal or financial gain.
Media	Members shall not represent the Buloke Community Reference Group to the media. Representation to the media may result in termination of membership.