

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## LIBRARY LOVERS DAY

Buloke Libraries are celebrating Library Lovers' Day on February 14, along with National Library Lovers Month, and we'd love to share the joy with our youngest readers and their families.

Library Lovers' Day celebrates books, stories and the special place libraries hold in our communities. For young children, libraries are welcoming spaces where a love of reading, imagination, and learning begins.

## RECOVERY SUPPORT

Council partnered with Mallee Family Care and the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCs) to deliver a free recovery support session at the Charlton Municipal Offices for residents impacted by the Charlton and Sea Lake fires.

The session provided confidential counselling, legal assistance, practical insurance support, financial counselling and recovery planning.

It was well attended and received positive feedback, with residents valuing the opportunity to speak directly with experienced practitioners and better understand available supports and recovery steps.

The session complemented Council's ongoing recovery work and referrals, connecting impacted residents with appropriate services during early recovery.

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE 2026/27 BUDGET

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our community by providing feedback on Council's 2026/27 Annual Budget.

Consultation is open from 22 January to 19 February 2026

Share your feedback online, by email or post, or in person at the Wycheeproof Customer Service Centre.

Your input helps guide Council decisions and priorities.

Feedback can be provided in the following ways:

**Online survey:** [www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au)

**Email:** [buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au)

**Phone:** 1300 520 520

**Mail:** Address your submission to – Buloke Shire Council - Submissions, PO Box 1, Wycheeproof, VIC 3527.

Buloke Libraries will celebrate with:

- Staff will be wearing red
- Romance-themed book displays in our libraries and mobile library van
- Kids can enjoy our *"I Love My Library"* colouring-in activity

Pop into your local Buloke Library, fall in love with books and tell us what you love most about your library! If you'd like more information to share with families or wish to include Library Lovers' Day in your February activities, please contact your local Buloke Library by phoning 1300 520 520.

RFCS provides support in-person, by phone or online.

**Phone:** 1300 735 578

**Website:** [rfcsvictoriawest.com.au/](http://rfcsvictoriawest.com.au/) / [finwellsupport.com.au](http://finwellsupport.com.au)

**Email:** [enquiry@finwellsupport.com.au](mailto:enquiry@finwellsupport.com.au)



## AI DRIVING PRODUCTIVITY

You're invited to take part in a practical AI Forum designed for regional agribusiness, manufacturing and food producers. Hosted by RDA Grampians with the Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Partnership, this FREE event highlights real-world AI examples and local case studies relevant to businesses across our region.

**When:** 10:00am – 3:00pm Friday 27 February 2026

**Where:** Longerenong Agricultural College, Horsham

Tickets are free but limited - registration is essential.

**To book visit:** <https://events.humanitix.com/ai-forum-horsham-driving-productivity>

## SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP TERM 1 – 2026

Playgroup Term 1 kicks off this week with a beach and summer theme.

### BIRCHIP

**Birchip IHOM**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

Friday 6 & 20 Feb

Friday 6 & 20 Mar

### CHARLTON

**St Josephs Primary School**

**9:30am – 11:00am**

Thursday 5 & 19 Feb

Thursday 5 & 19 Mar

### DONALD

**Donald Hub**

**10:30am**

Friday 13 & 27 Feb

Friday 13 & 27 Mar

### WYCHEPROOF

**Old Wycheeproof Kinder**

**10:30am – 12:00pm**

Thursday 12 & 26 Feb

Thursday 12 Mar

Thursday 2 Apr

For more information and locations, visit our website: [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/playgroup](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/playgroup)



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