



Council Meeting **Agenda**

Wednesday 19
August 2026

Commencing at 7:00 pm

Wycheproof Supper Room
367 Broadway, Wycheproof

Daniel McLoughlan
Chief Executive Officer



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1 COUNCIL WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME

The Mayor Cr Graeme Milne will welcome all in attendance.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor Cr Graeme Milne will acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting and pay our respects to their Elders and to the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

2 RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 July and 28 July 2026.

4 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 130 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors who have a conflict of interest in respect of a matter being considered at this meeting, must

- a) Disclose the conflict of interest in the manner required by the Council's Governance Rules 2022; and
- b) Exclude themselves from the decision-making process in relation to that matter, including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee, and any action in relation to the matter.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

7 PROCEDURAL ITEMS

7.1 GOVERNANCE REPORT - AUGUST 2026

Author's Title: Acting Manager Governance

Directorate: Corporate and Organisational Performance

File No: GO/05/04

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a single reporting platform for a range of statutory compliance, transparency, and governance matters.

The Governance report is prepared as a monthly report to Council.

The Governance report includes:

- Record of Councillor Assemblies and Meetings held
- Record of Councillor Briefings, at Attachment 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 to this report.
- Chief Executive Officer Activity Report
- The Status of Actions Report for Council resolutions at Attachment 7.1.3 to this report.
- Contracts awarded in accordance with the increased Financial Delegation provided to the Chief Executive Officer.
- The Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Biannual Report at Attachment 7.1.4 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the Record of Councillor Assemblies and Meetings held.
2. Notes the Record of Councillor Briefings, at Attachment 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 to this report.
3. Notes the Chief Executive Officer Activity Report.
4. Notes the Status of Actions Report for Council resolutions at Attachment 7.1.3 to this report.
5. Notes there were no contracts entered into for this period, in accordance with the increased Financial Delegation provided to the Chief Executive Officer of \$1,500,000 (excluding GST).
6. Receives the Audit and Risk Committee Chair Biannual Report June 2026 at Attachment 7.1.4 to this report.

KEY POINTS/ISSUES

The Governance Report is prepared as a monthly report to Council to provide a single reporting platform for a range of statutory compliance, transparency, and governance matters.

In accordance with best practice principles of good governance practice, and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*, this report incorporates matters including records of meetings held, organised or hosted by Council, items relating to the delegation of Council powers and duties, and policy and strategy reporting.

Record of Councillor Assemblies and Meetings held from 2 July 2026 to 5 August 2026

Records of matters discussed at meetings organised or hosted by Buloke Shire Council that involve Councillors and Council officers are kept in accordance with the Governance Rules.

Meeting records must include attendees, including organisations represented by external presenters; the title of matters discussed; and any conflicts of interests disclosed and whether the declarant of a conflict of interest excused themselves from the meeting.

Record of Councillor Assemblies:

Date/Time/Venue	Councillor Attendees	Meeting Type
8 July 2026 11:00am <i>Online</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters
9 July 2026 5:30pm <i>Online</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	CEO and Councillor Only Time
13 July 2026 4:00pm <i>Online</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Donald Update
15 July 2026 5:30pm <i>Wycheproof Senior Citizens</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Citizenship Ceremony
15 July 2026 7:00pm <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Council Meeting
27 July 2026 1:00pm <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Public Submissions Hearing: Buloke Aquatic Strategy
27 July 2026 3:30pm <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Councillor Briefing
28 July 2026 12:30pm <i>Online</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Additional Council Meeting
4 August 2026 9:00am <i>Warracknabeal</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Mandatory Councillor Training
5 August 2026 9:00am <i>Warracknabeal</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Mandatory Councillor Training

Chief Executive Officer Activity Report from 2 July 2026 – 5 August 2026

Record of meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Buloke Shire Council. Activity record includes the date, activity and location.

Daniel McLoughlan – Chief Executive Officer

(2 July 2026 – 5 August 2026)		
Date	Activity	Location
03/07/2026	Resource Ready Strategy - PCG Meeting	Online
06/07/2026	Gold FM Radio	Radio
06/07/2026	Flag Raising Ceremony - NAIDOC Week	Horsham
08/07/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters	Online
08/07/2026	TORQ Consulting and BSC	Online
08/07/2026	H5 Wildlife briefing - Local Governments (Hume, Grampians and Loddon Mallee)	Online
09/07/2026	WSMDA and BSC	Online
09/07/2026	Greenleaf Renewables and BSC	Wycheproof
09/07/2026	WSMCA Mayor and CEO Meeting	Horsham
09/07/2026	CEO and Councillor Only Time	Online
10/07/2026	Community Support Services Discussion	Online
10/07/2026	Coordinated Community Support Meeting	Online
13/07/2026	Gold FM Radio	Radio
13/07/2026	Coordinated Community Trauma Support Working Group	Online
13/07/2026	Donald Update	Online
14/07/2026	Information session on the WJJWJ People Land Use Activity Agreement - For CEOs and Executives	Online
14/07/2026	Victoria Police and BSC Strategic Coordination Meeting	Online
14/07/2026	Attane and BSC - ERV Meeting	Online
15/07/2026	Coordinated Community Trauma Support Working Group	Online
15/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony	Wycheproof
15/07/2026	Council Meeting	Wycheproof
16/07/2026	Victoria Police and BSC Community Meeting Workshop	Online
17/07/2026	Coordinated Community Trauma Working Group Meeting	Online
20/07/2026	Gold FM Radio	Radio
20/07/2026	MAV Monday Connect	Online
20/07/2026	Presentation to One Nation - Resource Ready Strategy - Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell MP	Warracknabeal
20/07/2026	Community Meeting	Donald
22/07/2026	MAV Regional Meeting-Loddon Campaspe Mallee	Online
23/07/2026	Council Consultation: Commonwealth Government's Disaster Recovery Funding Framework	Online
24/07/2026	BSC and DEECA Loddon Mallee Catch Up (monthly)	Online
27/07/2026	Public Submissions Hearing: Buloke Aquatic Strategy	Wycheproof
27/07/2026	Councillor Briefing	Online
28/07/2026	Dr Anne Webster MP – Donald Neighbourhood House	Donald
28/07/2026	Additional Council Meeting	Online

28/07/2026	Coordinated Community Trauma and Wellbeing Support Working Group	Online
29/07/2026	Deputy Leader of the Opposition - Nationals MPs and Wimmera Southern Mallee Councils re: Resource Ready	Melbourne
30/07/2026	Loddon Campaspe Councils CEOs	Online
30/07/2026	VNI West Social Value Reference Group Workshop	Charlton
04/08/2026	Councillor Training	Warracknabeal
05/08/2026	MAV Special CEO Briefing x DEECA - H5N1 Avian Bird Flu	Online
05/08/2026	Coordinated Community Trauma and Wellbeing Support Working Group	Online

Status of Action of past Council Meeting Resolutions

To provide Council with a list of the Status of Action of Council resolutions outstanding for completion of action since the last Council Meeting.

Exercise of Delegated Authority

Council delegates powers, duties and functions to the Chief Executive Officer to support the efficient operation and delivery of Council services.

The Chief Executive Officer has been delegated authority by Council to award contracts up to \$300,000 (exclusive of GST) through an Instrument of Delegation made on 29 October 2025 (S5 Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer).

Council at its meeting held Wednesday, 17 December 2025 resolved as follows:

That Council:

- 1) *Increase the Financial delegation provided to the Chief Executive Officer from \$300,000 (excluding GST) to \$1,500,000 (excluding GST).*
- 2) *Authorised the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the increased financial delegation of \$1,500,000 (excluding GST) for the procurement of goods, services and works only when the following conditions are satisfied:*
 - a. *Contracts and works are directly related to projects associated with the 2022 and 2023 flood events, namely:*
 - i. *AGRN 1037 (October 2022 Flooding Event).*
 - ii. *AGRN 1096 (December 2023 Flooding Event).*
 - b. *Council Flood Support Fund Approved Works Schedule (AGRN 1037, AGRN 1096, AGRN 1108).*
 - c. *Funded flood studies and Laser imaging Detection and Ranging projects (funded due to the 2022 and 2023 flood events).*
- 3) *Receive a report at the next available Council Meeting clearly identifying each Contract awarded via exercising of the temporary increased financial delegation.*
- 4) *Authorises the temporary increase of the CEO financial delegation up to 30 June 2027, or earlier by resolution of Council.*

There have been no contracts awarded in the past month.

Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report

In accordance with Part 2, Division 8, clause 54 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Audit and Risk Committee presents its biannual audit and risk report that describes the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter provide that the biannual report will be tabled at the next Council meeting by the Chief Executive Officer and that the Chair may present the report to Councillors at that meeting if desired.

The biannual report is for the period 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026. The report is for the committee meetings held 11 February 2026 and 13 May 2026.

The Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report June 2026 is provided at Attachment 7.1.4.

Attachments:

1. Attachment 7.1.1 - Councillor Briefing - Planning and Related Matters Record - 8 July 2026
2. Attachment 7.1.2 - Councillor Briefing Record - 27 July 2026
3. Attachment 7.1.3 - Council Resolution Action Register - tabled 19 August 2026
4. Attachment 7.1.4 - Audit and Risk Committee Chair Biannual Report June 2026



Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters Record

Build a Better Buloke – a healthy, connected, inclusive and prosperous community

Date:	Wednesday, 8 July 2026	Time:	11:00am
Location:	Online		
Acknowledgement of Country:	The Mayor will acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting and pay our respects to their Elders and to the Elders from other communities who may be here today.		

NO.	MATTER FOR DISCUSSION
1	Welcome / Councillor Only Time
1.1	Welcome
1.2	Apologies: - Nil.
1.3	Guests: - Nil.
1.4	Attendees: <u>Councillors:</u> Cr Graeme Milne – Mayor; Cr Bernadette Hogan – Deputy Mayor; Cr Alan Getley; Cr Bruce Stafford; Cr Charmaine Delaney; Cr Stephen Barratt <u>Officers:</u> Daniel McLoughlan – Chief Executive Officer; Salomme Menezes – Acting Director Corporate and Organisational Performance; Kellie Burmeister – Acting Director Community Development; Travis Fitzgibbon – Director Infrastructure and Delivery; Rodney Hotker – Senior Planning Officer; Georgia Brown – Senior Executive Assistant
1.5	Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflicts of Interest - Nil.
2	Briefing Reports
2.1	Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok - Charlton and Donald Flood Mapping – Adopt and seek approval from the Minister
3	Chief Executive Officer Updates
3.1	Glass Advocacy Group – Notice of Motion
4.	Meeting Close
	Time: 11:23am



Councillor Briefing Record

Build a Better Buloke – a healthy, connected, inclusive and prosperous community

Date:	Monday, 27 July 2026	Time:	3:30pm
Location:	Wycheproof Supper Room		

NO.	MATTER FOR DISCUSSION
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1.1	Welcome: Daniel McLoughlan welcomed all in attendance.
1.2	Apologies: - Cr Barratt (approved leave of absence)
1.3	Guests: - Nil.
1.4	Attendees: <u>Councillors:</u> Cr Graeme Milne – Mayor; Cr Bernadette Hogan – Deputy Mayor; Cr Alan Getley; Cr Bruce Stafford; Cr Charmaine Delaney (Online) <u>Officers:</u> Daniel McLoughlan – Chief Executive Officer; Travis Fitzgibbon – Director Infrastructure and Delivery; Sarah Kernohan – Director Community Development; Kellie Burmeister – Manager Community Safety and Development Services; Paula Gardiner – Senior Manager Assets and Delivery; Chris Gardner – Project Manager Flood Recovery; Mel Sheahan – Infrastructure and Delivery Administration Officer; Kim McInerney – Executive Assistant
1.5	Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflicts of Interest: - Jenna Allan declared a conflict of Interest – and appointed Anthony Smith – Acting Manager Governance to attend the additional Council Meeting on Tuesday, 28 July 2026. - <i>(Jenna Allan left the briefing at 3:35pm and did not return.)</i>
2	Brief Councillors prior to Additional Council Meeting – 28 July 2026
2.1	Sport and Recreation Victoria – Local Sports Infrastructure Fund – Wycheproof Netball Court
3	Close Meeting
	Time: 3.55pm

Council Meeting Resolutions – Action Register – *tabled 19 August 2026 Council Meeting*

Meeting Date	Item No.	Item	Department	Action Required	Latest Action Taken	Status
08-02-2024	8.2.1	110 Sutcliffe Street Subdivision Community Engagement Outcomes	Infrastructure and Delivery	That Council: 1. Notes following consultation process in accordance with its Community Engagement Policy, one submission was received to the proposed nine-lot subdivision sale of land at 110 Sutcliffe Street, Sea Lake; 2. Sells nine-lot subdivision surplus land at 110 Sutcliffe St, Sea Lake by private treaty or auction in accord sec 114 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and Council's Sale of Land Policy; and 3. Authorises the CEO to execute the Transfer of Land documents and any other documents required to affect the sale of the land.	1. Complete 2. Underway. Council to appoint conveyancer to progress release of titles prior to sale process commencing. 3. Not started.	In progress
18-12-2024	8.1.2	Draft Governance Rules and Council Election Period Policy	Corporate and Organisational Performance	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: 1. Having prepared the Revised Draft Governance Rules in accordance with section 60 of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> , approves and commences a 9-week process of community consultation in relation to the Revised Draft Governance Rules and Draft Election Period Policy, and makes the Revised Draft Governance Rules and Draft Election Period Policy available for Public Exhibition via Council's website; 2. Allows persons to make submissions in writing in relation to any proposal contained within the Revised Draft Governance Rules and/or Draft Election Period Policy; and 3. Allows presentations in support of written submissions to be heard at the Council Meeting on 19 March 2025 prior to the proposed adoption of the Draft Governance Rules and Draft Election Period Policy at this Meeting. MOVED: Cr Graeme Milne SECONDED: Cr Stephen Barratt CARRIED. (R/24/123)	14/05/2026 Director Corporate and Organisational Performance Progress has been delayed due to impending Model Governance Rules being published for public exhibition.	On hold
19-02-2025	9.5.1	Sale of Properties for Recovery of Rates and Charges	Financial Strategy	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: 1. Proceeds with the necessary next steps to sell the following properties for the recovery of unpaid rates and charges in accordance with section 181 of the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> : 	11/08/2026 Acting Director Corporate and Organisational Performance Council has commenced the statutory process under Section 181 of the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> to recover outstanding rates and charges. Councillors will be provided with regular updates through Council briefings regarding the status and progress of each affected property.	Completed

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Meeting Date	Item No.	Item	Department	Action Required	Latest Action Taken	Status
				2. Notes and declares this report as confidential on the grounds that it relates to (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs as described in s 3(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>. MOVED: Cr Stephen Barratt SECONDED: Cr Bernadette Hogan ABSTAINED: Cr Graeme Milne CARRIED. (R/25/010)		
19-11-2025	8.2.3	Sport and Recreation Victoria – Local Sports Infrastructure Fund – Wycheproof Netball Court	Community Partnerships	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: 1. Commit \$200,000 over FY2026/27 Annual Budgets for the purposes of submitting an application to the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund for the construction of a compliant netball court and associated sports lighting; and 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to apply for the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund; and 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to underwrite a community contribution to the effect of \$200,000; and 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the funding agreement on behalf of the Council should the application be successful. MOVED: Cr Stephen Barratt SECONDED: Cr Alan Getley CARRIED. (R/25/117)	12/08/2026 Director Community Development 1. Complete 2. Complete 3. Complete 4. Not applicable. Council was advised on 9 April 2026 that the grant application was unsuccessful.	Completed

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Meeting Date	Item No.	Item	Department	Action Required	Latest Action Taken	Status
20-05-2026	8.2.4	Road Renaming Request - Walklate Lane, Charlton	Infrastructure and Delivery	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: - Acknowledge the receipt of two (2) submissions lodged during the public submission period and thank the two (2) submitters for participating in the public submission period. - Having given consideration of the submissions received, Council accepts the proposal to rename a section of Davies Street, between High Street and John Curtin Drive to Walklate Lane. - Lodge a report to the Registrar of Geographic Names confirming Council's acceptance of a proposal to rename a section of Davies Street, between High Street and John Curtin Drive to Walklate Lane. - Write to each of the submitters advising of Council's acceptance of the proposal to rename a section of Davies Street, between High Street and John Curtin Drive to Walklate Lane. - Advise all submitters they have 30 days to lodge an appeal to the Registrar of Geographic Names. - Notes and declares the attachments to this report as confidential on the grounds that it relates to as described in s 3(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>. MOVED: Cr Bruce Stafford SECONDED: Cr Charmaine Delaney CARRIED. (R/26/30)	08/07/2026 Senior Manager Assets and Delivery Road renaming has been lodged with the Registrar of Geographic Names and submitters have been advised of the 30 day objection period. Any objections are to be lodged directly with the Registrar of Geographic Names.	Completed
17-06-2026	8.2.1	Contract Award - Contract C133 2025/26 - External Plant Hire – Panel of Suppliers	Infrastructure and Delivery	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: - Awards the panel contract of Contract C133 2025/26 – External Plant Hire – Panel of Suppliers to: - AP Earthmoving Pty Ltd - Berne Fleming Civil Pty Ltd - Bild Infrastructure Pty Ltd - Gregs Digging Pty Ltd	30/07/2026 Senior Manager Assets and Delivery Awaiting the return of a signed Contract from one contractor. All other contracts have been executed and are now active.	In progress

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Meeting Date	Item No.	Item	Department	Action Required	Latest Action Taken	Status
				e. MF & JL Willmore Pty Ltd f. Pipe Doctor Pty Ltd g. Reeves Earthmoving Pty Ltd h. Whitfield Excavations 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract documents on behalf of Council. 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve payments to the Contractor for undertaking the works associated with the Contract. 4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve all variations under the Contract. 5. Notes and declares the attachments to this report as confidential on the grounds that it relates to (g) (ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage as described in s 3(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>. MOVED: Cr Bruce Stafford SECONDED: Cr Charmaine Delaney CARRIED. (R/26/36)		
15-07-2026	7.1	Governance Report - July 2026	Governance	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: 1. Notes the Record of Councillor Assemblies and Meetings held. 2. Notes the Record of Councillor Briefings, at Attachment 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 to this report. 3. Notes the Chief Executive Officer Activity Report. 4. Notes the Status of Actions Report for Council resolutions at Attachment 7.1.3 to this report. 5. Notes the contract entered into for this period, in accordance with the increased Financial Delegation provided to the Chief Executive Officer of \$1,500,000 (excluding GST).	16/07/2026 Acting Manager Governance No further action required as all information provided was for noting.	Completed

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				6. Notes the summary of the minutes from the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 13 May 2026 at Attachment 7.1.4 to this report. MOVED: Cr Bernadette Hogan SECONDED: Cr Charmaine Delaney CARRIED. (R/26/44)		
15-07-2026	8.2.1	Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok - Charlton and Donald Flood Mapping – Adopt and seek approval from the Minister	Community Safety and Development Services	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: - Adopts Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok. - As Planning Authority submits the amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval of Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok. - Authorises the Acting Director Community Development to make any further minor editorial changes to the Amendment C47 documents prior to submitting to the Minister for Planning for approval and gazettal. MOVED: Cr Charmaine Delaney SECONDED: Cr Stephen Barratt CARRIED. (R/26/45)	06/08/2026 Senior Planning Officer The amendment has been sent to the Minister for approval. Buloke Shire Council will be informed of the Ministers decision.	Completed
15-07-2026	8.4.1	Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026	Infrastructure and Delivery	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: - Notes the results of the Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026. - Endorses the Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026 to be placed on Council's website to be viewed and accessed by public. MOVED: Cr Bruce Stafford SECONDED: Cr Bernadette Hogan	05/08/2026 Director Infrastructure and Delivery The Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report is now available on Council's website.	Completed

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Meeting Date	Item No.	Item	Department	Action Required	Latest Action Taken	Status
				CARRIED. (R/26/46)		
15-07-2026	9.1.1	Joining the Multi-Council Glass Advocacy Campaign	Councillors	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: - Notes the Victorian Government's requirement for all councils to implement a separate kerbside glass recycling service by 1 July 2027 under the <i>Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021</i>. - Acknowledges the concerns raised by the coalition of Victorian councils regarding the financial, operational and practical impacts of the mandatory glass-bin service, particularly for rural and regional communities. - Resolves to join and support the multi-council advocacy campaign calling on the Victorian Government to: - Release the business case supporting the mandatory kerbside glass recycling service; - Review the economic and environmental merits of the proposed service; - Consider expansion of the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme to include wine and spirit bottles, as an alternative or complementary approach to glass recovery and build upon the two Over the Counter collection points within Buloke at Charlton and Donald; - Defer the mandatory implementation date until councils have had sufficient opportunity to assess the business case, understand the impacts on their communities and evaluate the effectiveness of the Container Deposit Scheme; and - Provide greater flexibility for councils to determine the most appropriate glass recovery solution for their municipality. - Writes to the Minister for Environment, the Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP, the Municipal Association of Victoria, local Members of Parliament, and participating councils advising of Buloke Shire Council's support for this advocacy position. - Advocates alongside the multi-council advocacy group and through relevant regional and state local government forums regarding the impacts of the proposed mandatory glass-bin service on rural communities. - Undertake a local communications campaign to raise awareness of the existing free glass recycling service, promote the environmental and	30/07/2026 Senior Executive Assistant Council has formally written to Hon. Enver Erdogan MP, the CEO of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), and the following Members of Parliament in support of the multi-council advocacy campaign regarding the proposed mandatory kerbside glass recycling service: Jade Benham MP, Gaelle Broad MP, Wendy Lovell MP, Jaclyn Symes MP, Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell MP and Georgie Purcell MP, along with Manningham Council.	Completed

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				community benefits it provides, and showcase local success stories demonstrating the positive impact of the Container Deposit Scheme. MOVED: Cr Alan Getley SECONDED: Cr Stephen Barratt CARRIED. (R/26/47)		
28-07-2026	4.1.1	Sport and Recreation Victoria – Local Sports Infrastructure Fund – Wycheproof Netball Court	Flood Recovery	Please action as per resolution. MOTION That Council: 1. Commit \$200,000 from 2026/27 Annual Budget for the purposes of submitting the application to the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund for the construction of a compliant netball court and associated sports lighting; and 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to apply for the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund; and 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to underwrite a community contribution to the effect of \$200,000; and 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the funding agreement on behalf of the Council should the application be successful. MOVED: Cr Charmaine Delaney SECONDED: Cr Stephen Barratt CARRIED. (R/26/48)	30/07/2026 Senior Manager Assets and Delivery Items 1-3 of the Motion have been completed, with the application lodged and acknowledged as received. Item 4 of the Motion will only be actioned if Council is successful with the Grant Application.	Completed



BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Audit and Risk Committee (Committee) is established in accordance with s53 of the *Local Government Act 2020 (the Act)* which provides that the Committee is not a delegated committee but rather fulfils an advisory role.

The Committee assists Buloke Shire Council (Council) with discharging its responsibilities under the Act including:

- Monitor the compliance of Council policies and procedures with:
 - the overarching governance principles and
 - this Act and the regulations and any Ministerial directions.
- Monitor Council financial and performance reporting.
- Monitor and provide advice on risk management and fraud prevention systems and controls.
- Oversee internal and external audit function.

The Committee Charter provides that the Chair will prepare a biannual audit and risk report that "describes the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee and includes its findings and recommendations." The Charter also provides that this report will be tabled at the next Council meeting by the Chief Executive Officer and that the Chair may present the report to Councillors at that meeting if desired.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter was adopted by Council at its meeting held 9 November 2022. The Committee regularly references its activities back to the Charter to ensure that it remains within its Scope of Authority.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The current membership of the Committee has remained unchanged and comprises five members, three independent members, the Mayor and a Councillor.

The Committee has met in person on two occasions during this reporting period. These meetings were held on:

- 11 February 2026
- 13 May 2026

Table 1 – Membership, meeting dates and attendance

Member	Role	11 February 2026	13 May 2026
Dean Sleigh	Independent Chairperson	✓	✓
Stephen Gardner	Independent Member	✓	✓
Cr Graeme Milne	Council Member	✓	✓
Cr Bernadette Hogan	Council Member	✓	✓
Cr Charmaine Delaney	Observer		✓

Key ✓ = In attendance



It was pleasing to note the Committee also had a number of Councillors attend as observers at its meetings.

The Committee continues to be ably supported by Council staff and acknowledges that despite staff vacancies, especially amongst the executive leadership team, timely updates and responses have been provided to issues and questions raised by the Committee.

AUDIT FUNCTIONS

The Committee continues to assist the Council in addressing financial, strategic and operational risks and ensuring that the Council maintains a reliable system of internal controls. As is the usual practice, the Committee reviewed its Work Plan at the two meetings held during this reporting period.

GOVERNANCE

In order to ensure accountability, compliance and transparency, in addition to this biannual report, the minutes of each Committee meeting are presented to the next available Council meeting.

The Committee also receives a briefing from the Chief Executive Officer at each meeting regarding any legal, fraud, significant OH&S issues, or any other events or issues affecting Council as an organisation at a strategic level.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

In accordance with the Act, Council's Auditor is appointed by the Victorian Auditor General. The external auditor is Crowe Audit Australia.

At its meeting held 13 May 2026, the Committee received the audit strategy memorandum for the year ending 30 June 2026 including the audit timetable for undertaking the audit.

The interim management letter identified six 'open' issues (current and prior period), all of which have been accepted and are progressively being implemented.

The Committee also receives the Victorian Auditor General's office status report at each meeting which provides a valuable update on audit matters being considered by various agencies at both a state and national level.

INTERNAL AUDITORS

Buloke Shire Council has continued the engagement of AFS & Associates as its Internal Auditors. The Committee receives a regular Status of Strategic Internal Audit Program Progress report which provides progress on the Buloke internal audit program. Such a report was received at both the February and May Committee meetings.

Given the important value of internal audits to drive process improvement and the education and development of the organisation, the Committee strongly encourages a greater focus on completing the outstanding audits in a timely manner.

Completed internal audits during the reporting period include:

- Long Term Financial Planning

In accordance with Council's Internal Audit Program, the Committee reviewed the scope of the internal audits and associated procedures for the following upcoming audits:



- Contract Management Framework
- Past Issues Review

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

In addition to the Internal and External audit functions of the Committee, in order to meet its advisory functions, the Committee also receives regular management reports at each meeting which have incorporated the following:

- Progress on implementing outstanding actions arising from past internal and external audits and other regulatory reports. The ability of management to complete audit issues within due dates has been a constant concern for the Committee over many years. It was therefore very encouraging to see that some audit recommendations in relation to the Long-Term Financial Planning Internal Audit had been addressed prior to consideration by the Committee.
- An asset management update is received at each meeting, recognising its importance to Council.
- The regular updating of the legislative compliance register is an important tool for Council to be assured that it is meeting its legal obligations.
- Financial Performance reports are received by the Committee for the preceding quarter enabling discussion on management reports, the statutory accounts, performance statements and forward-looking reports such as the budget and strategic resource plan. This is an important tool to understand the tracking of budget to actual costs for the year.
- The Committee also undertakes various management duties such as reviewing its annual work plan.

Specific reports and presentations were also received during this reporting period in relation to the following matters:

- Quarterly Investment report
- Debtor Write offs
- Councillor and Chief Executive Officer Reimbursements
- Innovation and Technology Quarterly Update
- Policy reviews:
 - Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy,
 - Corporate Card Policy
 - Investment Policy
 - Debtors Management Policy
- Emergency Management Update
 - Charlton – Jeffcott Fires
 - Sea Lake Structural Fire
 - Subsequent heatwave events and associated power outages
 - North-West and North-East Victorian Storms
- Australian Fuel Crisis Update



CONCLUSION

The committee continues to enjoy a well engaged and functioning group of members well supported by a dedicated and motivated management team. The work program while ambitious has been delivered largely to plan and progress to resolve long outstanding audit issues has been pleasing. Many strategic and commercial matters have been ventilated at the committee, the debate and insights resulting welcomed by council officers and members of council.

Wider attendance at the meetings by additional council members is encouraged and management are to be acknowledged for the step up in quality of papers, debate and preparation. While audit issues closure has been an issue historically, new energy appears to be addressing this matter.

The committee continues to meet its obligations as required.

Dean Sleigh
Chair
Audit and Risk Committee
Buloke Shire Council

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 POLICY REPORTS

Nil.

8.2 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

8.2.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT POLICY REVIEW

Author's Title: Manager Community Partnerships

Directorate: Community Development

File No: GS/09/42

Relevance to Council Plan 2025 - 2029

Strategic Objective: Vibrant and connected communities
Strengthen community activity and connections
Empower and support organisations to make a difference in their communities

PURPOSE

To seek Council adoption of the Community Grants Program Guidelines 2026 and Community Support Policy 2026, which establish a revised Community Grants Program that consolidates existing Community Grants and Community Sustainability Grants into a single funding program.

SUMMARY

The Community Grants Program and Community Sustainability Grants Program have been reviewed following ongoing underutilisation of the Community Sustainability Grants Program and the exhaustion of Community Grants Program funding during the 2025/26 financial year.

The proposed changes consolidate the two existing grant programs into a single Community Grants Program which incorporates sustainability considerations into all applications through a dedicated assessment criterion.

The revised program aims to:

- simplify community access to Council funding opportunities;
- improve equity across funding allocations;
- embed sustainability considerations into all funded projects;
- provide greater certainty through two annual funding rounds;
- improve transparency regarding program funding sources; and
- maximise utilisation of available grant funding.

The new Community Grants Program will continue Council's commitment to supporting sustainability outcomes while providing a simplified and more accessible grant framework for community organisations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Community Grants Guidelines 2026 and Community Support Policy 2026 as attached.

DISCUSSION

The current Community Support Policy provides for both a Community Grants Program and a Community Sustainability Grants Program.

Under the current arrangements:

- Community Grants receive an annual budget allocation of \$20,000.
- Community Sustainability Grants receive an annual budget allocation of \$50,000.
- Both programs remain open throughout the year until available funding is exhausted.

At the December 2025 Council Meeting, Councillors requested a future report regarding the future of the Community Grants Program after available funding had been exhausted and the program placed on hold.

Review of the existing programs identified that the Community Sustainability Grants Program has been consistently underspent, while demand for Community Grants has exceeded available funding.

The proposed Community Grants Program addresses this issue by replacing the multiple grant categories with a single grant stream offering funding up to \$5,000 per application. The revised model introduces:

- one streamlined grant category;
- simplified eligibility requirements;
- simplified application processes;
- contemporary outcome-based assessment criteria;
- sustainability assessment criteria across all applications; and
- two annual funding rounds.

Applications will be assessed against community need, participation outcomes, community benefit, financial capacity and sustainability outcomes. Additional consideration will be given to accessibility, inclusion, public safety and efficient use of resources.

The revised program will operate through two funding rounds each year:

Round 1

Opens 1 August

Closes 12 September

Notifications by 30 October

Round 2

Opens 1 February

Closes 14 March

Notifications by 30 April

The Community Grants Program Guidelines have been updated to bring together a number of previous grant categories into a single grants program. This change makes the process simpler for applicants, removing the need to determine which funding category best suits their project and making it easier to access available funding opportunities.

Eligibility and funding requirements have also been streamlined, allowing community organisations to quickly determine whether they are eligible before investing significant time in preparing an application. The assessment framework has been updated to place a stronger focus on community outcomes and to align with current grant assessment practices.

The introduction of two funding rounds each year will provide greater certainty for community groups and organisations. Knowing when funding opportunities will be available will help applicants plan projects, obtain quotes, secure support, and prepare stronger applications. It is proposed that funding rounds open on 1 August and 1 February each year. Due to the timing of the guideline review, the first funding round under the new guidelines will open following Council's adoption of the 2026 Community Grants Program Guidelines.

While the standalone Sponsorship Program is no longer included within the Community Grants Program Guidelines, Council will continue to support small community sponsorship opportunities through a simplified online application process. Sponsorship requests of up to \$200, including school awards, student recognition programs and similar community initiatives, will be able to be submitted through an online form, providing a quick and accessible way to seek support for low-value sponsorship requests.

To support the revised Community Grants Program, the Community Support Policy has been amended to remove reference to the Community Sustainability Grants, as they would no longer exist under the new model.

RELEVANT LAW

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and supports Council's role in promoting the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the municipal district.

The Community Support Policy and Community Grants Guidelines provide the governance framework for the allocation of Council funding to eligible organisations.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

- Adoption of the Community Support Policy on 12 April 2023.
- Council resolution of 9 August 2017 regarding allocation of funds received from the Coonoor Bridge Wind Farm Payment in Lieu of Rates. Those allocations included:
 - Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance membership;
 - \$50,000 annually for sustainability-focused community projects; and
 - seed funding for regional sustainability projects.
- Council adoption of the Community and Sustainability Reserve Grant Guidelines 9 August 2017, which provided for an annual allocation of \$50,000 with unspent funds accumulating in the Sustainability Fund Reserve.
- The December 2025 Council Meeting resolution requesting a future report regarding the Community Grants Program.

OPTIONS

- A. Adopt the Community Grants Guidelines 2026 and Community Support Policy 2026.
- B. Request further amendments prior to adoption.
- C. Retain the existing Community Grants and Community Sustainability Grants arrangements.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed model strengthens Council's commitment to sustainability by embedding sustainability assessment criteria across all grant applications. This ensures all funded projects consider environmental and sustainable community outcomes regardless of project type.

The revised approach continues to support the original intent of sustainability funding while broadening access to community-led projects that contribute to sustainable communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Councillors were provided with the proposed changes during briefing sessions and feedback has informed the development of the final Guidelines and Policy.

The revised framework has been designed to better meet community needs by improving accessibility, clarity and transparency.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The revised grants program introduces:

- simplified application processes;
- structured funding rounds; and
- improved administrative efficiency.

These changes support continuous improvement in grant administration and community access.

COLLABORATION

The Guidelines have been reviewed against grant programs operated by neighbouring councils and developed through internal collaboration across relevant Council departments.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The Community Grants Program is funded through Council's annual budget process from general revenue, which includes revenue received from the Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm Payment in Lieu of Rates (PILOR).

Council receives approximately \$146,000 per annum in Payment in Lieu of Rates (PILOR) revenue from the Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm, subject to annual energy production.

Council currently allocates:

- \$20,000 annually to the Community Grants Program; and
- \$50,000 annually to the Community Sustainability Grants Program.

The proposed changes do not increase Council's financial commitment and do not redirect funds from their intended purpose. The revised model simply consolidates the existing funding into a single Community Grants Program while maintaining sustainability outcomes through the assessment framework.

Council will continue to maintain a Sustainability Fund Reserve under the Discretionary Financial Reserves Policy. Surplus funds from the grant program will continue to be retained in the Sustainability Fund Reserve

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

The proposed Community Grants Program supports community resilience, sustainability and local capacity-building objectives consistent with broader Victorian local government and sustainability priorities.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

This report aligns with:

- Council Budget;
- Discretionary Financial Reserves Policy; and
- Council's strategic objectives relating to community wellbeing and sustainability.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The revised Guidelines improve transparency by clearly identifying the funding source for the Community Grants Program.

The inclusion of specific reference to funding derived through Council's general revenue, including the Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm Payment in Lieu of Rates (PILOR), provides greater accountability and public understanding of how these funds are being reinvested into local communities.

The assessment criteria, application process and funding rounds have also been simplified and clearly documented to support equitable access and transparent decision-making.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has declared a conflict of interest.

Attachments:

1. Attachment 8.2.1.1 - DRAFT Community Grants Program Guidelines 2026
2. Attachment 8.2.1.2 - Community Support Policy 2026



Community Grants Program Guidelines

About the Program

The Buloke Shire Community Grants Program is a competitive funding program to support community-led projects that enhance the wellbeing, vitality and resilience of Buloke communities. The Buloke Shire Community Grants Program is made possible by the Coonooer Bridge Wind Farm Payment in Lieu of Rates.

Eligibility

You are eligible if:

- You are a not-for-profit, incorporated organisation (or are auspiced by one)
- You hold Public Liability Insurance of at least \$20 million
- Your project takes place within, or directly benefits, the Buloke Shire community

What Can Be Funded?

Projects must demonstrate community benefit and may include:

- Addressing a demonstrated community need
- Developing or improving community facilities
- Programs or equipment that increase participation
- Contributions toward external grant applications (co-funding)

What will not be funded?

The Community Grants will not fund the following:

- Applicants with outstanding acquittals
- Retrospective projects or projects already commenced
- Projects not ready to start or unable to be completed within 12 months
- Projects considered the responsibility of another authority (for example water authorities and health and welfare agencies)
- Organisations with sufficient funds to complete the project independently
- Projects that do not meet funding ratio requirements
- Projects that are the responsibility of government or other agencies
- Funding gaps from other authorities
- Services already funded by other levels of government
- Administrative expenses (wages, rent, insurance, utilities)
- Ongoing maintenance (e.g. mowing)
- Duplicate services (unless unmet need is demonstrated)
- Curriculum-based school or kindergarten activities
- Open space projects on public land without landowner consent
- Political or religious promotion
- Organisations with primarily political purposes
- Religious worship or sectarian activities
- Individuals

Important: Council may decline applications relating to land or facilities under its control.

Funding Details



Grant Amount

- Up to \$5,000 (incl. GST)

Funding Ratio

- Council contributes \$2 for every \$1 contributed by the applicant
- Up to 50% of the applicant contribution can be in-kind

Exception

- No funding ratio applies to applications of \$2,000 or less

Defining Contributions

- Volunteer labour: \$25/hour
- Specialist skills: up to \$50/hour
- Materials and equipment: market or hire value

Council Grant	Your Contribution		Project Total	Eligible?	Details
	Cash	In-kind			
\$5,000	\$2,500	\$0	\$7,500	Yes	Funding ratio met. No in-kind contribution
\$5,000	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$7,500	Yes	Funding ratio met. In-kind contribution does not exceed 50%
\$5,000	\$750	\$1,750	\$7,500	No	Funding ratio not met. In-kind contribution exceeds 50%

Application Requirements

Your application must include:

- Public Liability Insurance certificate (minimum \$20 million)
- Quotes for all project components
- Details of in-kind contributions
- Recent bank statement (within 3 months)

General Conditions

- One application per organisation per financial year
- Applications must be submitted via SmartyGrants
- Valid quotes required for items over \$500
- Incomplete applications will not be considered
- Oversubscribed rounds may roll into the next round

Additional requirements (if applicable):

- Land manager approval
- Planning/building permits and associated costs included

Funding conditions:

- Successful applicants must enter a funding agreement
- Funds must be used as approved
- Unspent funds must be returned
- Projects must be acquitted as per funding terms



Assessment Criteria

Applications are assessed based on:

- Demonstrated community need
- Increased participation opportunities
- Broad or multi-use community benefit
- Alignment with relevant plans or strategies
- Financial capacity to deliver the project
- Sustainability outcomes

Additional considerations

- Accessibility and inclusion
- Public safety risks
- Efficient use of resources

Key Dates

Applications are accepted throughout the year and assessed during two application rounds:

Round 1

Opens: 1 August

Closes: 20 September

Notifications: By 30 October

Round 2

Opens: 1 February

Closes: 14 March

Notifications: By 30 April

Acquittal: Due within 2 months of project completion

How to Apply

1. Prepare required documents
2. Obtain necessary quotes
3. Confirm eligibility and contributions
4. Submit online via SmartyGrants: <https://buloke.smartygrants.com.au/>

Need Help?

For further information, contact:

Community Development Team

Email: grants@buloke.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1300 520 520



POLICY LOCATION	Community Development	POLICY TITLE	Community Support Policy
POLICY NUMBER		DATE ADOPTED	12 April 2023
REVISION NUMBER	3	REVISION DATE	May 2026

Purpose

This policy provides an overarching framework to determine the nature and level of support provided to community groups, organisations, and committees.

Guidelines

The policy applies to eligible organisations and community groups seeking support from Council. This is defined as:

Base level criteria to be considered for all types of community support

The group or organisation is:

- an incorporated community group or auspiced by an incorporated organisation (as defined by the Australian Taxation Office),
- or a Community Asset Committee.

The group or organisation:

- has provided evidence of its financial sustainability;
- has documented evidence of need for the program, activity or service offered by the group or organisation;
- has outlined the intended community outcomes from the program, service or activity;
- will deliver the program, activity or service within the Shire;
- is willing to enter into an agreement with Council which requires the community group or organisation to undertake an acquittal and review/evaluation process; and
- is willing to publicly acknowledge Council's support in all promotional material and in the media.

Council will also consider the following aspects in determining community support:

- A Shire wide perspective of community need, access and equity;
- Avoiding duplication of service, programs and activities;
- Availability of facilities; and
- Risk management and potential liability for Council.

Council does not provide community support for:

For-profit organisations, unincorporated groups and individuals;



Council will assist through the following ways:

1. Fee waiver for hire of Council owned facilities
2. Direct annual funding agreements with the recreation reserve committees
3. Community Grants program
5. Fee waiver on planning permits required on Council owned or managed land and Crown Land.
6. Fee waiver (excluding the levy) on a Building Permit required on Council owned or managed land and Crown Land.
7. Provisions of assistance with events including signage and traffic management controls.
8. Assistance with governance arrangements and grant submissions within operational resources.
9. Sponsorship allocations as listed in the annually adopted Budget.

References

Legislation

This policy was developed in accordance with the following legislation:

- *Local Government Act 2020*

Documents

This policy was developed in accordance with the following documents:

- Annual Budget
- Buloke Shire Council Community Grants Guidelines
- Buloke Shire Long Term Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-2025
- Financial Plan

8.2.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Author's Title: Manager Financial Strategy

Directorate: Corporate and Organisational Performance

File No: FM/02/10

Relevance to Council Plan 2025 - 2029

Strategic Objective: Council leadership and engagement
Responsible leadership and decision making

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's formal appointment of Andrew Johnson and Ben Vale as the preferred candidates to the vacant Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member position in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter. The Audit and Risk Committee Charter will also be amended to include the appointment of two independent members to increase the overall membership to six members.

SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Committee is a formally appointed independent advisory committee to Council, with the purpose of assisting Council in the effective conduct of responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risk and maintaining a reliable system of internal controls.

The Committee consists of five members comprising three independent members, the Mayor and one other Councillor. The Committee Charter provides for the appointment of the independent members for up to three years which, after expiry, may be extended to a limit of two further terms.

Following the receipt of a resignation of an Independent Member in January 2026, a vacancy is required to be filled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Appoint Andrew Johnson and Ben Vale as Independent Members of the Buloke Shire Council Audit and Risk Committee for a period of three years commencing 9 September 2026.
2. Amend the Audit and Risk Committee Charter to include the Committee membership of up to six members comprising four independent members, the Mayor and one other Councillor.
3. Notes that the Audit and Risk Committee will further review the Audit and Risk Committee Charter and recommend any changes back to Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION

The Audit and Risk Committee currently have two Independent Members:

- Mr. Dean Sleight, and
- Mr. Stephen Gardner.

A vacancy arose on the Audit and Risk Committee for an Independent Member following the resignation of Mr. Bernard Young as Independent Member in January 2026. A public notice seeking applications for

the subsequent vacancy was placed in local and regional media. Twenty-nine (29) applications were received.

Following a review of applications, a short list of four applicants were interviewed in an online meeting, using selection criteria in the information package and an assessment of each of the individual applicant's qualifications and experience was carefully assessed in relation to the skill set of the current Audit and Risk Committee.

The evaluation panel comprised: the Audit and Risk Committee Chair, the Mayor, the Acting Director Corporate and Organisational Performance and the Acting Manager Governance. The four applicants interviewed were of exceptional quality, with Andrew Johnson and Ben Vale being recommended to Council for appointment to fill the current vacancy.

Andrew Johnson currently serves on the Audit and Risk Committees of two other councils and brings extensive experience in governance, audit and risk oversight. His demonstrated understanding of local government governance makes him a strong addition to the Committee.

Ben Vale brings significant expertise in insurance and enterprise risk management. While relatively new to the local government sector, his specialist knowledge will complement the existing skills of the Committee and strengthen its oversight of Council's risk management framework.

Referee checks for both candidates were completed and satisfactory. Referees consistently described both candidates as highly professional, experienced in their respective fields, and well suited to serving on Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

RELEVANT LAW

Section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to establish an Audit and Risk Committee which must consist of a majority of members who are not Councillors and cannot include a member of Council staff.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter provide for the Committee membership in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*. Membership will comprise three independent members, the Mayor, and one other Councillor appointed by Council.

The Council can appoint one or more members to the Committee. In doing so, Council will formally update the Audit and Risk Committee Charter to reflect on the new membership.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

The Committee was established by Council on 12 August 2020, and the Charter adopted 9 November 2022.

OPTIONS

The Council can appoint one or more members to the Committee. In doing so, Council will formally update the Audit and Risk Committee Charter to reflect on the new membership.

Council may decide not to appoint one or more members to the Committee as independent members, which would result in Council needing to again begin the process of seeking expressions of interest to recruit an independent member.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable.

COLLABORATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Fees are paid to independent members of the Audit and Risk Committee on a per meeting basis in accordance with section 53(6) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Payment of fees for independent members is provided for in the 2026/27 Annual Budget.

An increase in independent members from three to four will incur additional expenditure of approximately \$2,400.00 annually.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The Charter is available on Council's website; minutes from Committee Meetings are made available to the public through adoption of the minutes by Council, other than those matters considered confidential.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer preparing this report has a conflict of interest.

Attachments: Nil

8.2.3 MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA - QUARTERLY DELEGATE UPDATE

Author's Title: Acting Manager Governance

Directorate: Corporate and Organisational Performance

File No: GR/09/03

Relevance to Council Plan 2025 - 2029

Strategic Council leadership and engagement

Objective: Advocacy and partnering to deliver priorities

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a quarterly summary of the work of the Municipal Association of Victoria for the period of April to June 2026.

SUMMARY

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is the peak body representing Victoria's 79 local councils. It plays a central role in supporting, advocating for, and strengthening the local government sector across the state. MAV works to influence other levels of government, coordinate sector-wide priorities, and build council capability to respond to current and emerging challenges.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Municipal Association of Victoria Quarterly Delegates Report for the period of April to June 2026.

DISCUSSION

MAV Delegate Engagement

The MAV Delegate Engagement Framework ensures delegates are equipped to represent their councils, participate in State Council, contribute to shaping MAV policy directions, and have regard for the MAV protocols. In the April – June quarter the following delegate engagement events occurred to further support delegates in their role:

- MAV May State Council
- MAV Delegate Connect Session
- MAV National General Assembly Session
- ALGA National General Assembly

State Council

State Council is the MAV's overarching governing body, comprising all appointed delegates from participating member councils. It meets twice each calendar year, bringing together delegates from member councils across metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria to debate and vote on motions that set up the sector's collective advocacy and policy priorities.

The May 2026 meeting was delivered against the backdrop of an upcoming November State Election, which heightened interest in several of the motions before the forum. To form the policy direction of the MAV, which is set in alignment with the MAV Strategic Plan (2024-2027).

The May State Council again demonstrated the strength of the sector when it united to advance shared priorities ahead of the 2026 State Election. This saw 170+ event attendees, 84 motions considered, and 83 resolutions passed. State of the Sector, the MAV report at the May 2026 State Council, highlights key resolutions that shape the advocacy agenda for MAV on behalf of the sector.

Many priorities raised at our May 2026 State Council directly align with the MAV's The Future is Local 2026 State Election Campaign and its five key pillars: Connected Housing, Safe and Cohesive Communities, Safer Roads and Local Transport Connections, Energy Transition through Community Legacy Benefit Sharing, and Securing the Future of Local Government.

These priorities, together with the resolutions of this State Council, provide a clear roadmap for the next State Government to partner with councils in delivering local solutions to statewide challenges.

National General Assembly

The MAV is continuing to strengthen how Victoria engages at the national level through ALGA and the National General Assembly, held from the 22nd – 26th June. This is ensuring Victorian priorities are not only represented, but strategically aligned with our broader Federal advocacy platform, *Make Good Happen*.

The alignment of motions, advocacy priorities and engagement activities resulted in a more coordinated and influential Victorian voice nationally.

Victoria is at the forefront of national conversations and that we as a state are already spearheading the conversations as a sector nationally. Of the submissions received and approved for ALGA Board debate, Victoria contributed:

- 93 of 388 single motions, representing 24.0% of all single motions nationally.
- 41 of 144 combined motions, representing 28.5% of all combined motions nationally.
- 134 of 532 total motions, accounting for 25.2% of all motions nationally.

Whilst in Canberra for the National General Assembly, Victorian Delegates also participated in MAV hosted events such as the MAVLab Welcome Delegation, 2026 National Coastal Advocacy Roundtable and Back Your Neighbour Campaign.

MAV Regional Meetings

Regional Meetings will be held across the 10 MAV regions in July, bringing together Mayors, MAV Delegates and CEOs. These meetings provide a forum to strengthen regional collaboration, discuss shared challenges and priorities, and coordinate advocacy positions, including the development of State Council motions.

MAV Advocacy Initiatives

The Future Is Local: MAV 2026 State Election Campaign

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has launched its 2026 State Election Campaign with a clear message to MPs and candidates: The future is local. The time is now.

Victorian communities are facing rapid and complex change, and councils are on the frontline of both responding now and preparing for the future. They are first responders in times of crisis; and they are long-term partners in community recovery, resilience, and innovation.

Communities are feeling the pressure of climate impacts, rising costs, digital disruption, and demographic shifts. And when these pressures intensify, people turn to their local council.

Councils are the level of government they experience every day, through footpaths, libraries, maternal and child health services, open spaces, planning decisions, and community programs.

The future is local. The time is now.

All 79 Victorian councils have come together to identify the five statewide priorities communities say matter most:

- **Growing Futures:** Connected Housing
- **Local Futures:** Safe and Cohesive Communities
- **Productive Futures:** Safer Roads and Local Transport Connections
- **Regenerative Futures:** Community Legacy Benefit Sharing
- **Transformative Futures:** Securing the Future of Local Government.

These priorities form a blueprint for a stronger, fairer, and more resilient Victoria.

Councils are ready to work with the next State Government to deliver local solutions to global challenges.

Sector Submissions

The MAV advocates on behalf of the local government sector by participating in consultations and contributing to strategy development, discussion papers, and proposed changes to legislation. In the April to June Quarter, the MAV represented the views of the local government sector via the following sector submissions.

- Productivity Commission Inquiry into Housing Supply Regulation
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Securing the NDIS for Future Generations) Bill 2026
- Inquiry into Racism, Hate and Violence directed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
- Inquiry into anti-LGBTIQA+ Hate Crimes in Victoria
- Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2026 Summer Fires across Victoria

Measuring MAV Progress and Performance

Strategic Plan Implementation

MAV's work is framed by its strategic plan *Shaping Our Future (2024-2027)*, which identifies ten key strategic directions reflecting what matters most to Victorian communities. The plan focuses on enabling councils to create sustainable, resilient futures through evidence-based research, strong collaboration, and -sector wide- leadership. It reflects the MAV's commitment to lead and strengthen councils as they navigate emerging challenges and seize opportunities to shape the future for generations to come.

To measure progress, MAV supports transparent reporting on strategic actions, 95% of which are either completed or underway with an 84% confidence level for completion at the end of financial year and 16% carry over into 2026/27.

Progress of State Council Motions

The MAV has introduced the State Council Resolution Dashboard which has been developed to strengthen MAV's monitoring and reporting of the implementation of State Council resolutions. The Dashboard provides councils with clear visibility of which resolutions have been actioned, and which are currently in progress. This dashboard improves visibility of the status of the 144 State Council motions, 50% of which are currently completed and 50% in progress. Motions from the 29 May 2026 State Council will be included in the Dashboard from July with progress updated quarterly.

RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council appointed the Mayor as Council's delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria at its meeting held Wednesday, 19 November 2025 for the 2025/26 mayoral term.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no related sustainability implications which are applicable to the preparation of this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There are no community engagements requirements which are applicable to the preparation of this report.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

There are no innovation or continuous improvement implications which are applicable to the preparation of this report.

COLLABORATION

There are no collaboration requirements which are applicable to the preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Council is a member of the Municipal Association of Victoria with the membership fee included in the 2026/27 Budget.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

There are no related Regional, State, and National plans or policies which are applicable to the preparation of this report.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

There are no related council plans or policies which are applicable to the preparation of this report.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

There are no related transparency of council decisions which are applicable to the preparation of this report.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has a conflict of interest.

Attachments: Nil

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil.

8.4 ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

8.4.1 MAV STATE COUNCIL OCTOBER 2026 MOTIONS

Author's Title: Director Corporate and Organisational Performance

Directorate: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/09/01

Relevance to Council Plan 2025 - 2029

Strategic Objective: Services supporting our communities to thrive
Active advocacy and participation in service networks

Council leadership and engagement
Advocacy and partnering to deliver priorities

PURPOSE

To seek Councils endorsement of motions to be submitted to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council to be held on 23 October 2026.

SUMMARY

- The MAV State Council will be held on 23 October 2026.
- Councils can submit motions for consideration by the State Council, however motions must first be adopted by a submitting council.
- This report provides information on recent MAV and ALGA motions and outlines the requirements for submitting motions to the MAV State Council.
- Attached are four motions that are of particular interest to Buloke Shire Council but are also considered of strategic importance for the State and in particular rural and regional areas of Victoria.
- This report seeks Council's adoption of the motions so they can be lodged with the MAV for consideration at the October State Council meeting.
- Motion submissions to the MAV close on 24 August 2026. (midnight)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Advocates to the Victorian Government through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), in conjunction with the six (6) member Councils of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Council Alliance to endorse four (4) motions as attached at appendix one (1) to this report;
2. Endorse the motion to be lodged with the MAV for consideration at the State Council Meeting on 23 October 2026.

DISCUSSION

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is the peak body representing Victoria's 79 local councils. It advocates for councils, provides policy advice, governance guidance, and sector support, and delivers

services including procurement and insurance. MAV works to strengthen local government capacity, promote community wellbeing, and ensure councils can sustainably and effectively serve Victorian communities.

Held twice per year, the MAV State Council is the peak decision-making body of the Municipal Association of Victoria, comprising representatives from all 79 Victorian councils. It sets policy, endorses advocacy priorities, and guides MAV's strategic direction, ensuring local government perspectives are represented in statewide issues and policy discussions.

Individual councils can seek to influence the advocacy and policy agenda of the MAV through the submission and adoption of motions by a majority of the members. A motion to MAV State Council must be formally endorsed by the individual council, submitted by the relevant deadline, be of statewide significance or strategic relevance, not replicate recent State Council business, and meet MAV Board assessment criteria before it is accepted for consideration.

The attached four motions are considered to comply with the requirements listed above and are of significant importance to Buloke Shire Council and other rural and regional communities across Victoria.

The first motion calls for the Victorian Government to invest in a comprehensive, tiered rural and regional mental health and wellbeing model. The motion responds to ongoing mental health service gaps experienced across rural Victoria, including limited access to early intervention, psychology, counselling, outreach and acute mental health services, and seeks a community-first approach that improves access to care closer to home.

The second motion seeks improved long-term planning and investment to support the reliability of water supply for recreational lakes. The motion recognises the importance of recreational water assets to regional economies, liveability, tourism, recreation and community wellbeing, particularly during periods of drought and climate variability.

The third motion calls for increased Victorian Government funding to support the implementation of Integrated Water Management (IWM) initiatives. The motion seeks dedicated funding and streamlined delivery mechanisms to assist councils and regional partners to progress projects that improve water security, waterway health and alternative water supply outcomes.

The fourth motion advocates for strengthened communications network resilience in disaster-prone areas. The motion responds to recommendations arising from the Victorian Summer Fires Inquiry and seeks action to improve telecommunications reliability during emergencies through enhanced infrastructure standards, backup power arrangements and expanded satellite communications capability.

RELEVANT LAW

Not Applicable

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not Applicable

OPTIONS

- Council can endorse all of the motions, some of the motions or none of the motions.
- Council can also put forward alternative motions for endorsement and lodging with the MAV.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed motions address key long-term sustainability challenges facing rural and regional communities, including community wellbeing, water security, emergency resilience and service accessibility. If successful, the advocacy outcomes would support improved liveability, economic resilience and sustainable community development across regional Victoria.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

While there has not been engagement with the community in relation to the specific proposed motions, they are informed by engagement and conversations with the community.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The proposed motions advocate for innovative, long-term policy and infrastructure solutions to address emerging challenges facing rural and regional communities. They support improved service delivery, greater resilience, stronger community outcomes and more effective planning and investment across mental health, water management and emergency communications.

COLLABORATION

The motions will be sent to the other five member Councils of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Alliance. It is the intention of the Alliance to submit all four motions with either individual Council endorsement or letters of support. The engagement through the MAV will strengthen our advocacy position and allow us to continue to raise the issues with State Government representatives and Ministers.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

There are no financial implications with endorsing the motions and lodging them with the MAV.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

The proposed motions align with a range of regional, state and national plans and policy frameworks, including:

- Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System,
- Victorian Mental Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023-2027,
- Integrated Water Management Framework for Victoria
- Inquiry into the 2025-26 Victorian Summer Fires
- State Emergency Management Plan

The proposed motions seek to advance outcomes that are consistent with these existing policy directions and support improved service delivery, community wellbeing, resilience and liveability across rural and regional Victoria.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

This report aligns with the Buloke Shire Council Plan 2025-29 strategic objectives.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest has been declared in relation to this report.

Attachments:

1. Attachment 8.4.1.1 - MAV motions - October 2026

A Tiered Rural and Regional Mental Health and Wellbeing Model

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to fund a complete rural and regional mental health and wellbeing model, comprising:

- i. New acute psychiatric bed capacity at regional health services currently without local acute mental health care, in line with Recommendation 11 of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System;
- ii. Psychology services established in identified gap towns, alongside existing GP, social work and counselling services;
- iii. Expanded counselling and social work capacity delivered through public health services and not-for-profit providers, statewide;
- iv. Guaranteed, ongoing funding for mobile clinical outreach and counselling services to remote communities and farmers;
- v. Rural Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals established in key rural towns, backed by satellite service locations, integrated outreach programs, rural workforce development hubs, and scoping for future Step Up/Step Down subacute facilities; and
- vi. Recognises that statewide phone and online mental health services remain a valuable backstop, but are no substitute for local, face-to-face capacity in rural and regional communities.

Reliability of Water Supply for Recreational Lakes

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian Government to:

- a) Commit, through water planning processes, to identify and fund options to improve the reliability of water supply to recreational lakes affected by declining inflows due to climate change, drought and increasing levels of competing extraction demands.
- b) Ensure recreational and amenity values are explicitly and equitably weighted alongside urban, agricultural, industrial, mining, environmental and cultural water values in regional water strategy decision-making
- c) Recognise the importance of recreational water for the regional economy and the physical and mental health and wellbeing of residents and visitors, in particular during times of drought or adversity.

Increased Government Funding for Integrated Water Management (IWM) Implementation

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian Government to:

- a) Provide dedicated, ongoing funding to support the implementation of Integrated Water Management (IWM) initiatives identified through regional and local IWM forums
- b) Streamline access to annual funding programs for IWM projects that deliver stormwater harvesting, alternative water supply, and waterway health outcomes, recognising the significant co-investment and coordination role played by local government.

Communications Network Resilience During Emergencies

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian Government to:

- a) Implement, as a matter of priority, Recommendation 37 of the Inquiry into the 2026 Summer Fires across Victoria, and work with telecommunications providers, energy distribution providers and the Commonwealth Government to develop a communications network disaster resilience plan that improves resilience in disaster-prone areas, ensuring communities with a demonstrated history of communications failure during fire events are treated as priority locations under that plan.
- b) Advocate to the Commonwealth Government, in line with Recommendation 38, for telecommunications to be declared an essential service, recognising that state-level programs alone cannot resolve resilience gaps stemming from a lack of Commonwealth-level obligations on carriers.
- c) Advocate to the Commonwealth Government, in line with Recommendation 39, for the introduction of mandatory resilience standards requiring mobile towers in disaster-prone areas to operate without mains power for a minimum of 48 hours.
- d) Support the expanded rollout of satellite communications technologies, including low earth orbit systems, for firefighting purposes as identified under Recommendation 37, and consider extending this rollout to broader community resilience use in regional and disaster-prone areas following the conclusion of the current trial.

8.5 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Lower Avoca Ward

Name: Cr Stephen Barratt

Date: 2 July 2026 to 5 August 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
08/07/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Online</i>
13/07/2026	Donald Update – <i>Online</i>
15/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony – <i>Wycheproof Senior Citizens</i>
15/07/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
20/07/2026	Councillors - Laying of Wreath – <i>Donald</i>
28/07/2026	Additional Council Meeting – <i>Online</i>
31/07/2026	Layla Jeffery's Funeral – <i>Donald</i>
04/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
05/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>

Name: Cr Bruce Stafford

Date: 2 July 2026 to 5 August 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
08/07/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Online</i>
09/07/2026	CEO and Councillor Only Time – <i>Online</i>
13/07/2026	Donald Update – <i>Online</i>
15/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony – <i>Wycheproof Senior Citizens</i>
15/07/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
20/07/2026	Councillors - Laying of Wreath – <i>Donald</i>
27/07/2026	Public Submissions Hearing: Aquatic Strategy – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
27/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
28/07/2026	Additional Council Meeting – <i>Online</i>
03/08/2026	Charlton Park
04/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
05/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>

Mallee Ward

Name: Cr Alan Getley

Date: 2 July 2026 to 5 August 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
08/07/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Online</i>
13/07/2026	Donald Update – <i>Online</i>
15/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony – <i>Wycheproof Senior Citizens</i>
15/07/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
20/07/2026	Councillors - Laying of Wreath – <i>Donald</i>
20/07/2026	Community Meeting – <i>Donald Hall</i>
27/07/2026	Public Submissions Hearing: Aquatic Strategy – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
27/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
28/07/2026	Additional Council Meeting – <i>Online</i>
03/08/2026	Advance Sea Lake Inc Meeting – <i>Sea Lake</i>

Name: Cr Bernadette Hogan

Date: 2 July 2026 to 5 August 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
08/07/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Online</i>
13/07/2026	Donald Update – <i>Online</i>
15/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony – <i>Wycheproof Senior Citizens</i>
15/07/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
20/07/2026	Councillors - Laying of Wreath – <i>Donald</i>
26/07/2026	Chair Buloke Tourism Board AGM – <i>Nullawil Museum</i>
27/07/2026	Public Submissions Hearing: Aquatic Strategy – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
27/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
28/07/2026	Additional Council Meeting – <i>Online</i>
29/07/2026	Birchip Leisure Centre Meeting – <i>Birchip</i>
31/07/2026	Layla Jeffery's Funeral – <i>Donald</i>
04/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
05/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>

Mount Jeffcott Ward

Name: Cr Charmaine Delaney

Date: 2 July 2026 to 5 August 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
08/07/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Online</i>
08/07/2026	NGSC Transmission Forum – <i>Online</i>

09/07/2026	CEO and Councillor Only Time – <i>Online</i>
13/07/2026	Donald Update – <i>Online</i>
15/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony – <i>Wycheproof Senior Citizens</i>
15/07/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
16/07/2026	VicPol and BSC Meeting – <i>Online</i>
20/07/2026	Councillors - Laying of Wreath – <i>Donald</i>
20/07/2026	Community Meeting – <i>Donald Hall</i>
21/07/2026	Donald Family Precinct – <i>Donald</i>
22/07/2026	Donald 2000 Meeting – <i>Donald</i>
27/07/2026	Public Submissions Hearing: Aquatic Strategy – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
27/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
28/07/2026	Dr Anne Webster MP – <i>Donald Neighbourhood House</i>
28/07/2026	Additional Council Meeting – <i>Online</i>
31/07/2026	Layla Jeffery's Funeral – <i>Donald</i>
04/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
05/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>

Name: Cr Graeme Milne

Date: 2 July 2026 to 5 August 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
07/07/2026	Rail Freight Alliance Monthly Finance Meeting – <i>Online</i>
07/07/2026	Audit and Risk Committee Interviews – <i>Online</i>
08/07/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Online</i>
09/07/2026	Wimmera Southern Mallee Council Mayor and CEO Meeting – <i>Horsham</i>
09/07/2026	CEO and Councillor Only Time – <i>Online</i>
10/07/2026	VicPol Announcement and Briefing – <i>Donald</i>
13/07/2026	Donald Update – <i>Online</i>
14/07/2026	VicPol and BSC Briefing – <i>Wycheproof</i>
15/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony – <i>Wycheproof Senior Citizens</i>
15/07/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
16/07/2026	Audit and Risk Committee Interviews – <i>Online</i>
20/07/2026	One Nation - Resource Ready Strategy - Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell MP – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
20/07/2026	Councillors - Laying of Wreath – <i>Donald</i>
20/07/2026	Community Meeting – <i>Donald Hall</i>
22/07/2026	MAV Regional Meeting - Loddon Campaspe Mallee – <i>Online</i>
23/07/2026	Jade Benham MP Advocacy – <i>Online</i>
24/07/2026	707 Passenger Train to Mildura – <i>Donald Railway Station</i>

26/07/2026	Buloke Tourism Board AGM – <i>Nullawil Museum</i>
27/07/2026	Public Submissions Hearing: Aquatic Strategy – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
27/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
28/07/2026	Dr Anne Webster MP – <i>Donald Neighbourhood House</i>
28/07/2026	Additional Council Meeting – <i>Online</i>
28/07/2026	MAVlab Innovation Talks – Online Learning – <i>Online</i>
29/07/2026	Deputy Leader of the Opposition - Nationals MPs and Wimmera Southern Mallee Councils re: Resource Ready – <i>Parliament House, Melbourne</i>
04/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
05/08/2026	Councillor Training – <i>Warracknabeal</i>

9 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

9.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

9.3 URGENT BUSINESS

9.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.5 MATTERS WHICH MAY EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Nil.

10 MEETING CLOSE