



Council Meeting **Minutes**

Wednesday 15 July
2026

Commencing at 7:02pm

Wycheproof Supper Room
367 Broadway, Wycheproof

Daniel McLoughlan
Chief Executive Officer



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Minutes of the Meeting held on 15/07/2026.**CHAIRPERSON:**

Cr Graeme Milne (Mayor) Mount Jeffcott Ward

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Bernadette Hogan (Deputy Mayor)	Mallee Ward
Cr Alan Getley	Mallee Ward
Cr Stephen Barratt	Lower Avoca Ward
Cr Bruce Stafford	Lower Avoca Ward
Cr Charmaine Delaney	Mount Jeffcott Ward

OFFICERS:

Daniel McLoughlan	Chief Executive Officer
Salomme Menezes	Acting Director Corporate and Organisational Performance
Kellie Burmeister	Acting Director Community Development
Paula Gardiner	Senior Manager Assets and Delivery
Anthony Smith	Acting Manager Governance
Georgia Brown	Senior Executive Assistant

1 COUNCIL WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME

The Mayor Cr Graeme Milne welcomed all in attendance.

Mayor's opening remarks regarding the recent tragedy in Donald:

Before we begin tonight's meeting, I would like to acknowledge the tragic loss of Layla Jeffery.

On behalf of Buloke Shire Council, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Layla's family, friends, classmates, teachers and everyone in our community who is grieving this devastating loss.

Like many across Buloke, we are saddened by this tragedy and recognise the profound impact it has had on our community. Council continues to work alongside partner agencies to support the wellbeing of our residents and ensure that assistance is available to those who need it.

I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Victoria Police, emergency services personnel, community volunteers, support agencies, and our own Council staff who have contributed to the response and ongoing support of our community. Their professionalism, compassion and dedication during this difficult time have been deeply appreciated.

Tonight, Councillors are wearing a touch of pink in honour of Layla and as a sign of our support for all those affected.

Our thoughts remain with Layla's loved ones and the wider Donald community during this incredibly difficult time. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor Cr Graeme Milne acknowledged 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

Travis Fitzgibbon

Director Infrastructure and Delivery

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 June 2026.

MOVED: Cr Stephen Barratt

SECONDED: Cr Bernadette Hogan

CARRIED.

(R/26/42)

4 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Stephen Barratt has made a request for a leave of absence for the period from 26 July to 30 July 2026.

MOTION

That Cr Stephen Barratt be granted a leave of absence for the period 26 July to 30 July.

MOVED: Cr Alan Getley

SECONDED: Cr Charmaine Delaney

CARRIED.

(R/26/43)

5 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

6 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councillors, Council has not received any questions for this evening's meeting.

7 PROCEDURAL ITEMS

7.1 GOVERNANCE REPORT - JULY 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 summary of minutes from the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 13 May 2026 at Attachment 7.1.4 to this report.

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).
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)

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 4 June 2026 to 1 July 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
10 June 2026 1:00pm <i>Wycheproof Supper room</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Renewables Update
10 June 2026 2:00pm <i>Wycheproof Supper room</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters
11 June 2026 5:30pm <i>Online</i>	Cr Hogan, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	CEO and Councillor Only Time
17 June 2026 7:00pm <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Council Meeting
1 July 2026 5:00pm <i>Charlton Council Chamber</i>	Cr Milne, Cr Hogan, Cr Getley, Cr Barratt, Cr Stafford, Cr Delaney	Councillor Briefing

Chief Executive Officer Activity Report from 4 June 2026 – 1 July 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 <i>(4 June 2026 – 1 July 2026)</i>		
Date	Activity	Location
09/06/2026	VNI West Community Reference Group (CRG) June Meeting	Charlton
10/06/2026	Loddon Mallee Economic Growth Forum	Bendigo
10/06/2026	MAV Pre-briefing - National General Assembly	Online
11/06/2026	Readiness Planning	Horsham
11/06/2026	WSMCA CEO Meeting	Horsham
11/06/2026	CEO and Councillor Only Time	Online
12/06/2026	Buloke Shire Council and Emergency Management Victoria	Melbourne
15/06/2026	MAV Monday Connect	Online
15/06/2026	EPA/Buloke Shire Council Executive Meeting	Online

16/06/2026	Dr Anne Webster and BSC	Warracknabeal
16/06/2026	Dr Anne Webster and Northwest 9 Council Alliance	Warracknabeal
17/06/2026	Council Meeting	Wycheproof
18/06/2026	GWM Tourism Pre-Board Meeting Discussion	Online
18/06/2026	LGPro Annual Conference	Melbourne
19/06/2026	MAV/VicGrid Local Government Renewable Energy Transition Forum	Melbourne
23/06/2026	National General Assembly – Day One	Canberra
24/06/2026	National General Assembly – Day Two	Canberra
24/06/2026	Senator Lisa Darmanin and BSC	Canberra
24/06/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Meeting with the Hon. Chris Bowen MP - Resource Ready Strategy	Canberra
25/06/2026	National General Assembly – Day Three	Canberra
25/06/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Meeting with Hon. Kristy McBain, Minister for Emergency Management, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories - Resource Ready Strategy	Canberra
25/06/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Meeting with Senator Jana Stewart, Chair of Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs - Resource Ready Strategy	Canberra
25/06/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance – Meeting with Chris Hancock, Advisor to the Office of Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm, Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Canberra
29/06/2026	Gold FM Radio	Radio
29/06/2026	BSC and DEECA Loddon Mallee Catch Up (Monthly)	Bendigo
01/07/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Office of Minister D'Ambrosio - Resource Ready Strategy	Melbourne
01/07/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Ministerial Meetings and Follow-up Update - Resource Ready Strategy	Melbourne
01/07/2026	RCV x Maddocks webinar - The Bill and Fair Work Jobs Code	Melbourne
01/07/2026	Councillor Briefing	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.*

Contract Name	Awarded to	Contract Sum (\$) (excl GST)	Brief Description of Works Under Contract (Scope)
Contract C139 2025/2026 - Provision of Flood Mapping Services across Buloke Shire Council.	Water Technology Pty Ltd	\$396,160	The project will undertake modelling and analysis to provide updated flood information for a range of uses including land use planning, flood management planning, emergency response, and flood mitigation considerations.

Audit and Risk Committee Minutes

A summary of the minutes from the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 13 May 2026 is provided at Attachment 7.1.4.

Attachments:

1. Attachment 7.1.1 - Councillor Briefing - Planning and Related Matters Record - 10 June 2026
2. Attachment 7.1.2 - Councillor Briefing Record - 1 July 2026
3. Attachment 7.1.3 - Council Resolution - tabled 15 July 2026
4. Attachment 7.1.4 - Summary of Minutes - Audit and Risk Committee Meeting - May 2026

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 POLICY REPORTS

Nil.

8.2 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

8.2.1 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C47BLOK - CHARLTON AND DONALD FLOOD MAPPING – ADOPT AND SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTER

Author's Title: Senior Planning Officer

Directorate: Community Development

File No: LP/09/01

Relevance to Council Plan 2025 - 2029

Strategic Built and natural environment

Objective: Caring for our environment

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for Council to adopt Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok, and that Council submit the amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

SUMMARY

At the Council Meeting held Wednesday, 15 October 2025, Council resolved to seek Authorisation from the Minister to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok. Council has since prepared the amendment, achieved authorisation from the Minister, conducted notice requirements and the amendment is now ready for Council to adopt and submit to the Minister for approval.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Adopts Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok.
2. As Planning Authority submits the amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval of Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok.
3. 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)

DISCUSSION

Amendment C47blok has been undertaken to amend the Buloke Planning Scheme with updated flood mapping.

This amendment draws on the updated flood mapping extents advised from the North Central Catchment Management Authority, and the Donald Flood and Drainage Management Plan (GHD, 2013) and Charlton

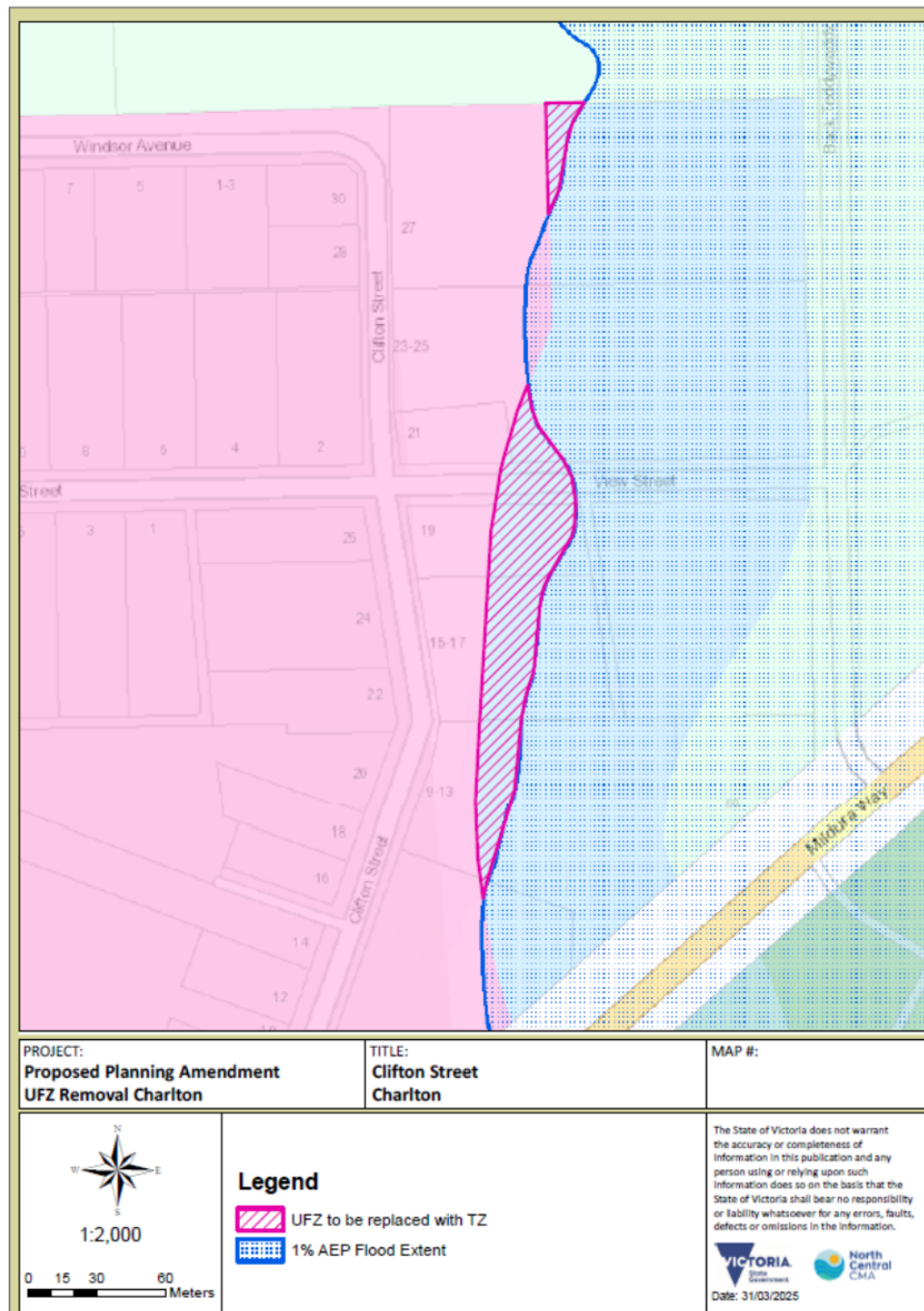
Flood and Drainage Management Plan (BMT, WBM, 2014) which were adopted as background documents via Amendment C027 in 2018. The amendment applies to areas of land in Charlton and Donald which have changed flood risks since structural mitigation has been completed.

In the township of Charlton, flood mitigation works have reduced the severity of flooding for a residential area in Clifton Street, so planning controls will be updated. In seven sites in Clifton Street, Charlton, the Urban Floodway Overlay (UFZ) will be deleted, and the Township Zone (TZ) will be applied.

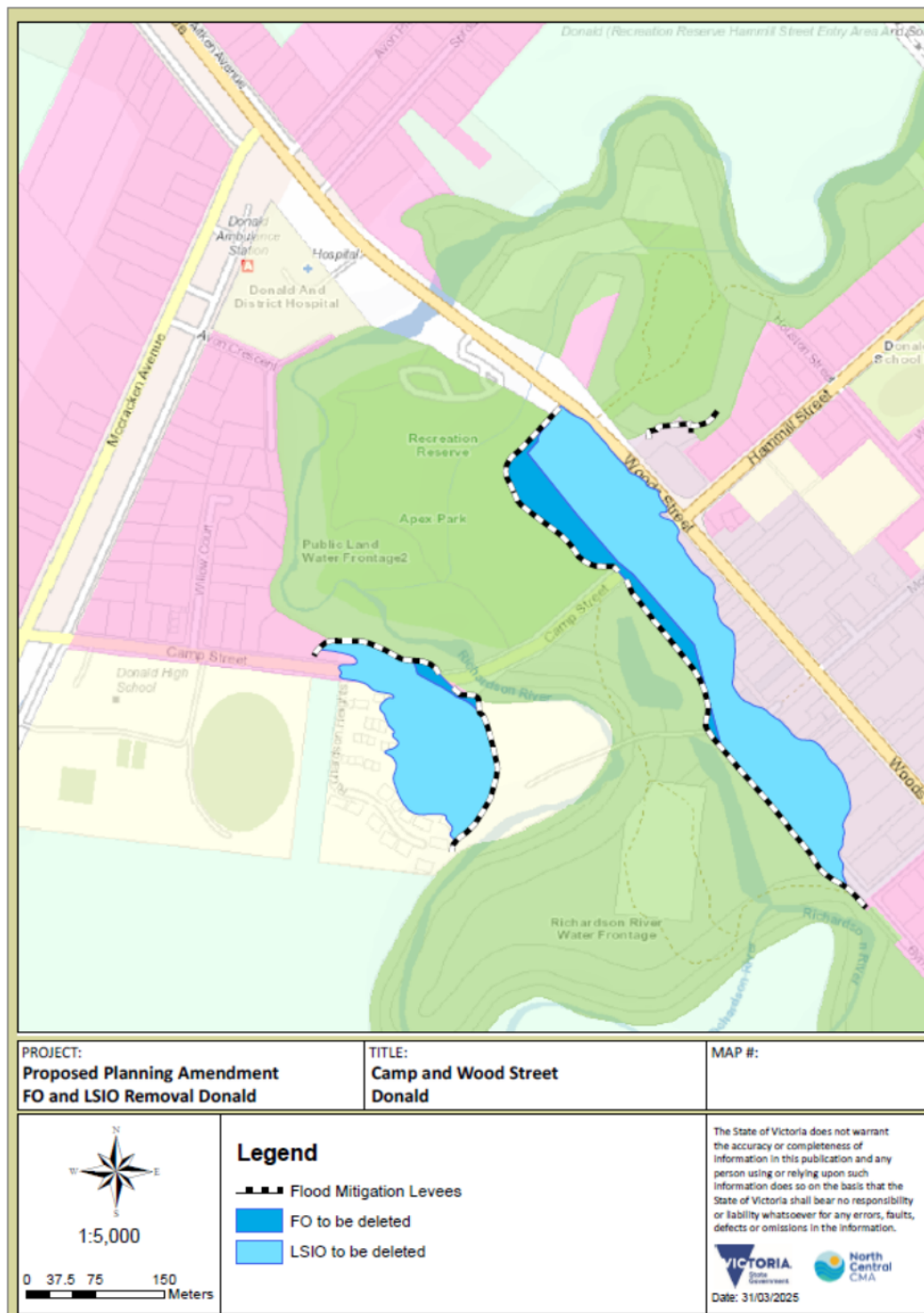
In the township of Donald, the construction of a levee has reduced the impact of flooding on selected sites in Camp Street and Wood Street. The Floodway Overlay and Land Subject to Inundation to Overlay will be removed in 37 sites in Camp Street and Wood Street in Donald.

Specifically, the amendment seeks to:

- Delete a portion of the Urban Floodway Zone to 7 properties in Clifton Street, Charlton.
- Introduce the Township Zone to areas previously covered by the Urban Floodway Zone in Clifton Street, Charlton.
- Delete a portion of the Floodway Overlay to sites in Donald.
- Delete a portion of the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay to sites in Donald.

Charlton

Map supplied by North Central Catchment Management Authority.

Donald

Map supplied by North Central Catchment Management Authority.

Regulating development helps Council and the relevant authorities avoid or minimise future flood risks and impacts. Flooding is a natural hazard but, unlike most other natural hazards, floods are to a great degree predictable in terms of their location, depth and extent. This means that appropriate planning controls can be developed in the Buloke Planning Scheme. Land use planning is recognised as being the best means of avoiding future flooding problems. Through careful planning, flood risks to life, property and community infrastructure can be minimised and the environmental significance of floodplains protected.

RELEVANT LAW

The Planning Scheme amendment process is being conducted in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and relevant Ministerial Directions. Adoption of an amendment cannot be delegated to officers. It must be by resolution of the planning authority and recorded in its minutes.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

At the Council Meeting held Wednesday, 15 October 2025, Council resolved to seek Authorisation from the Minister to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C47blok.

Authorisation to prepare the amendment was granted under delegation from the Minister for Planning on 10 March 2026.

OPTIONS

Council could resolve to abandon the planning scheme amendment.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The amendment is expected to deliver positive environmental, social and economic outcomes by updating the identified flood mapping in the Buloke Planning Scheme.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community was notified of the amendment and provided with a 30-day period in which to make a submission. Notice of the amendment was published in the locally circulating newspapers during the week commencing 4 May 2026, the Victorian Government Gazette on 30 April 2026, and on the Department of Transport and Planning website.

Amendment documentation was available from Buloke Shire Council upon request. Property owners whose land was directly affected by the amendment were also notified by mail at their registered address, with a total of 47 letters issued.

All notices invited written submissions. No submissions were received from the community during the exhibition period.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The amendment contributes to the more effective operation and administration of the planning scheme to ensure it is up-to-date and provides a clear and coherent basis for decision making.

COLLABORATION

Notice of the amendment has been given to:

- Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action
- Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation
- First Peoples - State Relations
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Transport and Planning (Transport Team)
- North Central Catchment Management Authority

Notice has been given to the Prescribed Ministers

- The Minister for Energy and Resources
- The Minister for Environment
- The Minister for Water
- The Minister for Agriculture

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

There are fees associated with the amendment process. There are no significant financial viability considerations.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

The amendment is proceeding in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

In order to promote transparency, Council will consider this resolution in an open Council Meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in preparing this report has a conflict of interest in its subject matter.

Attachments:

1. Attachment 8.2.1.1 - C47blok Explanatory Report exhibition
2. Attachment 8.2.1.2 - Buloke C 47 blok 001 d-Isio-fo Map 37 Exhibition
3. Attachment 8.2.1.3 - Buloke C 47 blok 002 zn Map 40 Exhibition

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil.

8.4 ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

8.4.1 BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SATISFACTION REPORT 2026

Author's Title: Director Infrastructure and Delivery

Directorate: Infrastructure and Delivery

File No: CR/19/01

Relevance to Council Plan 2025 - 2029

Strategic Council leadership and engagement

Objective: Responsible leadership and decision making
Consulting with and informing our community

PURPOSE

To note the results of the Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026.

SUMMARY

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is held annually and co-ordinated by the Department of Government Services on behalf of the Victorian councils. This year is the first year the survey has been conducted by new contracted provider Klein Research, having previously been undertaken by JWS Research. The results of the survey undertaken inform the Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes the results of the Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026.
2. 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

CARRIED.

(R/26/46)

DISCUSSION

The Local Government Victoria (LGV) Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) is a state-wide program that measures how residents rate the performance of their local council. It provides councils with an independent, consistent and comparable view of community perceptions across key service and performance areas, helping them to:

1. Understand strengths and areas for improvement
2. Benchmark against similar councils and the wider sector
3. Track performance over time
4. Support planning, service improvement and community accountability.

The LGV CSS program provides a common framework for understanding and benchmarking council performance from the community perspective.

Fieldwork for the CSS was conducted in February and March of this year. 406 surveys were completed by residents of which 301 were by telephone and 105 were conducted online. Participants were residents of Buloke Shire Council aged 18 and over.

Minimum quotas of gender within age groups were applied during fieldwork. Post-survey weighting was then conducted to ensure accurate representation of the ABS age and gender profile of the council area.

Buloke Shire Council achieved an overall score of 51, a significant increase of +10, but still trails the State benchmark.

Every core measure has improved markedly year-on-year, with general direction up 17, and customer service up 14.

General Direction of Council has risen by a significant 17 points. Sentiment increased significantly amongst residents aged 35+, with the largest increase amongst 35-49-year-olds.

A Local Government Victoria Core Summary is demonstrated in the graphic below:

		Buloke SC 2026	Chg vs 2025	State 2026	Chg vs 2025	Small Shire 2026	Chg vs 2025
Overall Performance <i>Overall Performance of Council</i>		51	+10	58	+4	53	-
Spending Public Funds* <i>Spending public funds... in ways that benefit the community</i>		46	+9	51	+4	47	-1
General Direction <i>Views on direction of council's performance</i>		46	+17	48	+2	46	-
Customer Service <i>...on most recent contact, rate Council for Customer Service</i>		65	+14	68	+2	65	-
Opportunities to Give Feedback* <i>Opportunities offered by Council to give your feedback on key local issues</i>		53	+10	55	+5	54	+2
Waste management* <i>Waste Management including garbage, recyclables and green waste</i>		69	+6	72	+6	71	+5
Making decisions* <i>Making decisions in the interest of the community</i>		51	+11	52	+3	51	+1
Sealed local streets* <i>Condition of sealed local streets</i>		41	+5	54	+9	45	+1

Changed questions are marked with an asterisk.

Top performing areas

Waste management

Waste management was the overall best scoring area. Waste collection and management was identified as a positive theme raised by residents.

The appearance of public spaces

The appearance of public areas is one of the highest-scoring service areas measured and rated 67 and up 4 points year-on-year. Open-ended feedback cited the upkeep of parks, gardens and town presentation, and this performance gives Council a visible, well-regarded foundation to build from.

Recreational facilities

This was the first time that Recreation Facilities was tested as a service area and returned a strong score of 65 points, the third highest ranked area overall.

Lower performing areas

Whilst Council's road and footpath networks continue to be identified as one of the lower-performing service areas, it is important to note that satisfaction levels have improved compared to last year, and in the case of the sealed roads and footpaths quite significantly.

Maintenance of unsealed roads

Whilst this is still a low rating area it has improved by 1 point. Council's preventative maintenance program that has been rolled out across the network is delivering strong results and this may be resulting in improving community perception.

Condition of sealed roads

Recent flood events may have contributed to deterioration in road conditions for many of these assets. However, these roads remain safe and serviceable for traffic and the result reflects a strong 5-point improvement.

Condition of footpaths

This result, although one of the lower scoring areas this also represents a strong improvement of 4 points.

Key strengths of Buloke Shire Council identified in the survey were:

- Customer Service
- General direction of Council
- Advocating for the community
- Appearance of public spaces

RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council has noted this report in a timely manner each year, at its July Ordinary Meeting of Council.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Results from the Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026 may be used to inform decisions around sustainability.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Fieldwork for the CSS was conducted in February and March of this year. 406 surveys were completed by residents of which 301 were by telephone and 105 were conducted online. Participants were residents of Buloke Shire Council aged 18 and over.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

In noting the Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026, Council may consider future opportunities for innovation in response to the results as well as develop initiatives for continuous improvement.

COLLABORATION

Council's Executive Management Team collaborated with Klein Research on the development of the survey, and Councillors received a briefing from Klein Research on the report.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The cost of conducting the survey was as per the budget allocation made in Council's Annual Budget 2025/26.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Local Government Act 2020.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

Councils participating in the Community satisfaction Survey have various choices each year as to some of the content of the questionnaire and the sample size to be surveyed, depending on their individual strategic, financial, and other considerations.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

Attachments:

1. Attachment 8.4.1.1 - Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report 2026

8.5 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Lower Avoca Ward

Name: Cr Stephen Barratt

Date: 4 June 2026 to 1 July 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
10/06/2026	Renewables Update with Proud Mary Consulting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
10/06/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
11/06/2026	Nandaly Biggest Morning Tea – <i>Nandaly Hall</i>
15/06/2026	Information Session on the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia, and Jupagulk People's (WJJWJ People) Land Use Activity Agreement – <i>Online</i>
17/06/2026	Councillors Technology Update – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
17/06/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
22/06/2026	Buloke Tourism Board Meeting – <i>Charlton</i>
26/06/2026	Coffee with a Councillor – <i>Wycheproof Resource Centre</i>
01/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Charlton Council Chamber</i>

Name: Cr Bruce Stafford

Date: 4 June 2026 to 1 July 2026

Meetings Attended:

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16/06/2026	Charlton Forum Meeting – <i>Charlton</i>
17/06/2026	Councillors Technology Update – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
17/06/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
22/06/2026	Charlton CWA Biggest Morning Tea – <i>Charlton</i>
22/06/2026	Coffee with a Councillor – <i>Charlton Neighbourhood House</i>
22/06/2026	Buloke Tourism Board Meeting – <i>Charlton</i>
01/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Charlton Council Chamber</i>

Mallee Ward

Name: Cr Alan Getley

Date: 4 June 2026 to 1 July 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
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09/06/2026	VNI West - CRG Meeting – <i>Charlton</i>
10/06/2026	Northern Grampians Shire Council Transmission Forum – <i>Online</i>
10/06/2026	Renewables Update with Proud Mary Consulting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
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11/06/2026	Nandaly Biggest Morning Tea – <i>Nandaly Hall</i>
17/06/2026	Councillors Technology Update – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
17/06/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
23/06/2026	Coffee with a Councillor
26/06/2026	Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group – <i>Horsham</i>
01/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Charlton Council Chamber</i>

Name: Cr Bernadette Hogan

Date: 4 June 2026 to 1 July 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
04/06/2026	Swan Hill Police District Medal Presentation – <i>Swan Hill</i>
09/06/2026	Nullawil Progress Association Meeting – <i>Nullawil</i>
10/06/2026	Renewables Update with Proud Mary Consulting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
10/06/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
10/06/2026	Birchip Leisure Centre Meeting – <i>Birchip</i>
11/06/2026	Nandaly Biggest Morning Tea – <i>Nandaly Hall</i>
11/06/2026	CEO and Councillor Only Time – <i>Online</i>
15/06/2026	Birchip Forum Meeting – <i>Birchip</i>
16/06/2026	NCLLEN Board Meeting – <i>Online</i>
17/06/2026	Councillors Technology Update – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
17/06/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
23/06/2026	Rail Revival Alliance Meeting – <i>Birchip</i>
01/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Charlton Council Chamber</i>

Mount Jeffcott Ward

Name: Cr Charmaine Delaney

Date: 4 June 2026 to 1 July 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
09/06/2026	Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee Meeting – <i>Online</i>
10/06/2026	Northern Grampians Shire Council Transmission Forum – <i>Online</i>
10/06/2026	Renewables Update with Proud Mary Consulting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>

10/06/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
11/06/2026	CEO and Councillor Only Time – <i>Online</i>
15/06/2026	Information Session on the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia, and Jupagulk People's (WJJWJ People) Land Use Activity Agreement – <i>Online</i>
17/06/2026	Councillors Technology Update – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
17/06/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
01/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Charlton Council Chamber</i>

Name: Cr Graeme Milne

Date: 4 June 2026 to 1 July 2026

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting / Event
09/06/2026	Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee Meeting – <i>Online</i>
10/06/2026	Northern Grampians Shire Council Transmission Forum – <i>Online</i>
10/06/2026	Renewables Update with Proud Mary Consulting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
10/06/2026	Councillor Briefing: Planning and Related Matters – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
10/06/2026	MAV Pre-briefing – National General Assembly – <i>Online</i>
15/06/2026	Information Session on the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia, and Jupagulk People's (WJJWJ People) Land Use Activity Agreement – <i>Online</i>
15/06/2026	Birchip Forum Meeting – <i>Birchip</i>
16/06/2026	Dr Webster and BSC – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
16/06/2026	Dr Anne Webster and Northwest 9 Council Alliance – <i>Warracknabeal</i>
17/06/2026	Councillors Technology Update – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
17/06/2026	Council Meeting – <i>Wycheproof Supper Room</i>
19/06/2026	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism Board Meeting – <i>Birchip</i>
23/06/2026	National General Assembly (Day One) – <i>Canberra</i>
24/06/2026	National General Assembly (Day Two) – <i>Canberra</i>
24/06/2026	Senator Lisa Darmanin and BSC – <i>Canberra</i>
24/06/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Meeting with the Hon. Chris Bowen MP - Resource Ready Strategy – <i>Canberra</i>
24/06/2026	Meeting with Dr Anne Webster MP – <i>Canberra</i>
25/06/2026	National General Assembly (Day Three) – <i>Canberra</i>
25/06/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Meeting with Senator Jana Stewart, Chair of Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs - Resource Ready Strategy – <i>Canberra</i>
25/06/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance – Meeting with Chris Hancock, Advisor to the Office of Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm, Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – <i>Canberra</i>
30/06/2026	Second Information Session on the WJJWJ People Land Use Activity Agreement – <i>Online</i>

01/07/2026	Northwest 9 Council Alliance - Office of Minister D'Ambrosio - Resource Ready Strategy – <i>Online</i>
01/07/2026	Councillor Briefing – <i>Charlton Council Chamber</i>

9 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1.1 JOINING THE MULTI-COUNCIL GLASS ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

Author's Title: Cr Alan Getley

File No: GR/17/01

Relevance to Council Plan 2025 - 2029

Strategic

Council leadership and engagement

Objective:

Responsible leadership and decision making

Advocacy and partnering to deliver priorities

PURPOSE

This Notice of Motion seeks Council's support to join the multi-council advocacy campaign and formally request that the Victorian Government reconsider the mandatory implementation of a separate glass kerbside recycling service.

The Victorian Government's *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* requires all Victorian councils to introduce a separate kerbside glass recycling service (purple-lidded glass bin) by 1 July 2027 as part of the State's four-bin waste system. A growing coalition of more than 30 Victorian councils has raised concerns regarding the cost, practicality and effectiveness of the mandatory service, particularly in rural and regional areas. These councils have advocated for a review of the policy, the release of the Government's business case, and consideration of alternative approaches such as expansion of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS).

This coalition of Victorian councils has formally sought to postpone the mandatory rollout and reconsider the legislative requirement for a glass-only kerbside collection service. Participating councils have argued that the costs to local government and ratepayers may outweigh the benefits, particularly where existing recycling and CDS arrangements are already achieving strong resource recovery outcomes.

Buloke Shire Council rejects the mandatory roll out of an additional kerbside bin for glass. For rural municipalities such as Buloke, the introduction of an additional kerbside bin service will present significant operational and financial challenges, including increased collection and processing costs, procurement of new bins and, and additional burdens on ratepayers. Councils involved in the advocacy campaign have also called for greater flexibility to allow local governments to implement waste and recycling solutions appropriate to their communities. In Buloke this is highlighted by the successful collection points for glass across our communities.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes the Victorian Government's requirement for all councils to implement a separate kerbside glass recycling service by 1 July 2027 under the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*.
2. 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.

3. Resolves to join and support the multi-council advocacy campaign calling on the Victorian Government to:
 - a. Release the business case supporting the mandatory kerbside glass recycling service;
 - b. Review the economic and environmental merits of the proposed service;
 - c. 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;
 - d. 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
 - e. Provide greater flexibility for councils to determine the most appropriate glass recovery solution for their municipality.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Undertake a local communications campaign to raise awareness of the existing free glass recycling service, promote the environmental and 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)

Attachments: Nil

9.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Charmaine Delaney:

Raised community concerns regarding the Give Way sign at the intersection of McCulloch and Houston Streets, Donald, noting feedback from residents who regularly use the road that it may need to be upgraded to a Stop sign due to increasing safety risks. The matter was referred to staff for further investigation.

Cr Bernadette Hogan:

Requested the installation of directional signage to the Birchip Silo Art, noting that visitors frequently ask for directions and that improved signage would enhance the tourist experience.

Cr Stephen Barratt:

Sought clarification on the status of the public toilet at the Wycheproof Post Office, which is currently closed. Councillor Barratt requested information regarding any existing arrangement for the facility's operation and maintenance.

Cr Graeme Milne:

Requested that Council continue to advocate to VicRoads regarding safety improvements at the Five Ways intersection in Birchip, following another reported near-miss incident. The Mayor emphasised the importance of maintaining the intersection as a high-priority advocacy item and ensuring near-miss incidents are recorded to support future safety improvements.

9.3 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

9.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

9.5 MATTERS WHICH MAY EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Nil.

10 MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7:45pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held in Wycheproof Hall Supper Room on Wednesday, 19 August 2026 at 7:00pm.