

ARE YOUR REGISTRATIONS UP TO DATE?

A quick reminder for residents and business owners to make sure your registrations, permits and details are up to date.

These services help keep our community safe, support local businesses and ensure Council records remain accurate.

Street Furniture Permits

Reminder notices for street furniture permits are expected to be issued by post this week. Businesses that place items such as outdoor tables and chairs, advertising signs, planter boxes or other furniture in public spaces may require Council approval.

Renewing permits and keeping details current helps ensure footpaths remain safe, accessible and attractive for everyone.

Food Business Registrations

If you operate a food business, market stall, food van or community food event, your food registration may need to be renewed each year. Food registration requirements help protect public health and ensure food sold within the shire is safe for consumers. For more information, visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/registration-of-a-food-premises

Temporary Food Operators

If you operate a temporary or mobile food premises in Victoria where you sell food to the public, you are required to register with your local council and/or notify the municipality where you are trading through a state-wide registration/notification system known as FoodTrader. If you are attending any local markets to sell food, you must be registered with at least one Victorian council and have submitted a Statement of Trade through FoodTrader. To find out more, visit www.foodtrader.vic.gov.au.

Excess Animal Permits

Residents with more than the permitted number of dogs or cats may require an excess animal permit. These permits support responsible pet ownership, animal welfare and neighbourhood amenity, helping ensure animals have appropriate care and living conditions.

Update Your Details

Have you moved house, changed your contact information, transferred ownership of a pet, or sadly lost a registered animal? Please let Council know.

Keeping records up to date helps maintain accurate information and improves the chances of reuniting lost pets with their owners.

If you're unsure whether a registration, permit or licence requires updating or renewal, please contact Buloke Shire Council for assistance.

NEW TRIAL SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE PUBLIC AMENITIES - DONALD

A new disposal bin has been installed in the male public toilets at Donald Mall as part of a three-month trial.

The initiative provides an additional discreet and hygienic disposal option, helping to improve accessibility, dignity and inclusivity within our public facilities.

Council will monitor usage throughout the trial period to help inform future service delivery and any consideration of a permanent installation.

A community survey will be undertaken following the conclusion of the trial to gather further feedback and inform future service delivery considerations.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – JULY

The next Buloke Shire Ordinary Council Meeting will commence at the regular time of 7:00pm in the Wycheproof Hall Supper Room on Wednesday, 15 July 2026.

A Citizenship Ceremony will be held prior to the meeting.

Council meetings are ordinarily held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Residents can view meeting agendas on Council's website via the Agendas, Minutes and Attachments page: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/agendas-minutes-attachments.

NEW CANOPY TREE RULES NOW IN EFFECT

Residents are reminded that new Victorian planning rules now apply to the removal and significant pruning of large canopy trees.

Under Clause 52.37 – Canopy Trees, a planning permit may be required to remove, destroy or lop certain trees on residential land in the township zone.

A canopy tree is generally one that:

- Is taller than 5m
- Has a trunk circumference greater than 0.5m
- Has a canopy at least 4m wide

In many cases, a permit is required to remove a canopy tree on vacant residential land, or where the tree is located within 6m of a street frontage or 4.5m of a rear boundary.

Canopy trees provide important benefits by reducing urban heat, supporting biodiversity, improving neighbourhood character and enhancing climate resilience.

Before removing or heavily pruning a large tree, contact Buloke Shire Council's Planning Department on 1300 520 520 or planning@buloke.vic.gov.au to check whether a planning permit is required. For more information, visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/new-canopy-tree-protections-now-in-effect

Protecting canopy trees

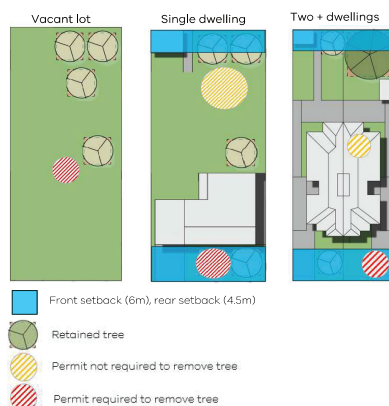
- New clause 52.37 (Canopy trees) introduced 15 September 2025
- Designed to protect and enhance urban tree canopy while facilitating housing
- Prevent moonscaping
- Works alongside other tree controls in overlays and residential development provisions (e.g. clause 55)
- If a permit is required to remove a canopy tree, a minimum tree canopy requirement should be met



A canopy tree is:
 > 5m tall
 > 4m canopy diameter
 > 0.5m+ trunk circumference (at 1.4m)

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Snapshot of permit requirements



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