



WALKLATE LANE UNVEILED IN HONOUR OF DR BRIAN WALKLATE

Buloke Shire Councillors Cr Alan Getley and Cr Bruce Stafford joined members of the Walklate family and community

representatives last Thursday to officially unveil Walklate Lane in Charlton, recognising the remarkable legacy of the late Dr Brian Walklate.

Council endorsed a proposal from the Charlton Forum at its May meeting to rename part of Davies Street as Walklate Lane in recognition

of Dr Brian Walklate's outstanding service to the Charlton community.

The unveiling ceremony gave family members the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the positive impact he had on generations of Charlton families.

Throughout his career, Dr Walklate dedicated himself to caring for local residents and played a significant role in community life for many years.

Council selected the new name in accordance with state naming principles. The lane's location adjacent to Dr Walklate's former medical practice provides a strong historical connection and reflects his lasting contribution to the area.

As part of the formal naming process, Council submitted the proposal to the Registrar of Geographical Names and awaited completion of a 30-day public appeal period before receiving approval.

Council remains committed to recognising local people who have made exceptional contributions to their communities and ensuring their achievements and service are remembered by future generations.

HARD WASTE COLLECTION TRIAL

Council will trial a new Hard Waste Collection Service in **Birchip** and **Watchem** this September, making it easier for residents to dispose of bulky household items without travelling to a transfer station.

The trial will allow township residents to place approved hard waste items on their kerbside for collection, while helping Council assess the feasibility of introducing a permanent hard waste collection service across Buloke Shire.

The service is available only to occupied residential properties within the Birchip and Watchem township boundaries.

Residents are asked to separate items into four kerbside piles and to leave 1m between piles:

- **E-waste:** TVs, computers, monitors, printers, small electrical appliances and cables (batteries removed).
- **Furniture and general hard waste:** Couches, chairs, tables, timber furniture and rugs.
- **Mattresses:** Maximum of one mattress per household, kept separate from other items.
- **Scrap metal and white goods:** Fridges and freezers (doors removed), washing machines, microwaves, metal bed frames, bicycles and BBQs.

When: Put items out from **4 September 2026**

Collection: **9 to 16 September 2026**

Limits: Up to 3m³ per household

For more information on accepted and non-accepted items, visit Council's website www.buloke.vic.gov.au/hard-waste-trial or contact Buloke Shire Council on 1300 520 520. Please note that items not accepted as part of the collection may be left behind and disposal will remain the responsibility of the resident.



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OPEN

Council is inviting community groups and organisations to apply for Round 1 of the Community Grants Program, with grants of up to \$5,000 available to support projects that strengthen local communities.

Council is seeking applications for projects that address an identified community need, increase participation, enhance community facilities and contribute to the wellbeing, vitality and resilience of Buloke communities.

Applications open: **1 September 2026**

Applications close: **13 October 2026**

Successful applicants notified by: 30 November 2026

Community groups are encouraged to review the grant guidelines and submit their applications online at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/community-grants.

For assistance, contact Council's Grants Team on 1300 520 520 or email grants@buloke.vic.gov.au.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

Date: **Wednesday, 16 September 2026 at 7.00pm**

Location: Wycheproof Supper Room, Wycheproof Shire Hall

Residents can view meeting agendas and reports prior to the meeting at: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/agendas-minutes-attachments

Unable to attend in person? The meeting will be livestreamed online: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/ordinary-meetings. Council encourages community members to stay informed and engaged with local decision-making by attending in person or online.

RATES REMINDER: FIRST INSTALMENT

Ratepayers paying by instalments are reminded that the first rates instalment is **due on 30 September 2026**.

Residents experiencing difficulty making payments are encouraged to contact Council to discuss payment arrangements or hardship support options.

For more information call Council on 1300 520 520, or visit Council's website: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/rates



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