COMMUNITY UPDATE

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NEW NETBALL COURT AND LIGHTING FOR WYCHEPROOF RECREATION RESERVE

Local netball players, families and sporting clubs will benefit from a new netball court and improved lighting at the Wycheproof Recreation Reserve, following the successful securing of $500,000 in Victorian Government funding.

The project will deliver a new netball court and competition-standard lighting on the eastern side of the existing court precinct, providing a safer, more modern playing surface and greater flexibility for evening training and competition.

The $900,000 project is supported by contributions of $500,000 from the Victorian Government, $200,000 from Council and $200,000 from the Calder Lions.

The redevelopment is an important step in delivering the Wycheproof Recreation Reserve and Racecourse Reserve Master Plan, which identifies future improvements to sporting and community facilities across the precinct.

The new facilities will support greater participation in local netball, provide improved opportunities for players and volunteers, and help ensure the reserve continues to meet the needs of the Wycheproof community for years to come.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD RESTRICTIONS NOW IN PLACE

The CFA Fire Danger Period commenced on **Monday, 9 November 2026**, with fire restrictions now in place across Buloke Shire.

Residents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with what they can and cannot do during this period and continue preparing their properties for fire season.

For more information, visit **www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can.**

VICSWIM ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER 2027

Enrolments are now open for the 2027 VICSWIM Summer Holiday Program, with swimming and water safety lessons available at Donald, Sea Lake and Wycheproof swimming pools.

VICSWIM is a low-cost, five-day intensive program designed to teach children aged four years and over essential swimming and water safety skills.

Each program includes five 30-minute lessons, held at the same time each day throughout the week.

2027 VICSWIM Sessions:

- **Wycheproof Pool:** Monday, 4 January to Friday, 8 January, commencing at 2.00pm.
- **Donald Pool:** Monday, 11 January to Friday, 15 January, commencing at 2.00pm.
- **Sea Lake Pool:** Monday, 18 January to Friday, 22 January, commencing at 2.30pm.

Families are encouraged to book early to secure a place in their preferred program.

For more information and enrolments, visit www.vicswim.com.au.



WYCHEPROOF SHEEP SALES DELIVER STRONG RESULTS

The Wycheproof Saleyards continue to go from strength to strength, with two highly successful sheep sales held in late October attracting strong buyer demand and delivering outstanding results for local producers.

The sale held on 23 October saw approximately 7,000 sheep sold, with a top price of $462 per head. This was followed by another strong sale on 30 October, with approximately 6,230 sheep sold and a top price of $547 per head.

The strong turnout and competitive bidding across both sales reflect continued confidence in the livestock market and the high quality of stock coming through the yards.

Council continues to play an important role in the ongoing success of the facility through the maintenance and operation of the saleyards, while also supporting the delivery of livestock sales in partnership with agents and industry stakeholders.

Council's ongoing investment in maintaining the saleyards ensures the facility remains safe, functional and attractive for both vendors and buyers.

The success of these sales reinforces the Wycheproof Saleyards' reputation as a key regional livestock hub, supporting local producers, driving economic activity and contributing to the strength of the agricultural sector across the region.

The next scheduled sale will be held on Friday, 27 November 2026.



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