COMMUNITY UPDATE

Buloke.

APPLICATIONS EXTENDED

Help shape the future of Buloke Shire's roads, buildings and community facilities.

Buloke Shire Council is seeking community members, stakeholders and facility users to join its Roads Advisory Group and Buildings Advisory Group. These groups will provide local insight and help identify priorities for future infrastructure investment, renewal and advocacy across the Shire.

Whether you're a road user, involved in a community organisation, regularly use Council facilities, or simply want to contribute to the future of your community, we'd love to hear from you.

Applications now close at 2.00pm on Friday 11 December 2026.

For more information and to apply, visit: **www.buloke.vic.gov.au/roads-and-buildings-advisory-groups**

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM – RESPECT STARTS WITH ALL OF US

Buloke Shire Council is supporting the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, a global campaign running from 25 November to 10 December 2026.

The campaign raises awareness of violence against women and girls and encourages everyone to play a role in creating safer, more respectful communities.

To mark the beginning of the campaign, a community-led walk will be held in Donald on Wednesday, 25 November, commencing at 11am from the Donald High School carpark, followed by a BBQ at 12pm. The walk is organised by Donald Learning Group, alongside North Central LLEN and East Wimmera Health Service. Everyone is welcome to attend and wear orange or purple to show their support.

For more information, visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/whats-on-in-buloke.

For confidential support, contact 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732.

ROAD REPAIR AND REHABILITATION WORKS ACROSS BULOKE

Following significant rainfall over recent months, road repair and rehabilitation works are underway across parts of Buloke Shire.

Northern Buloke Road Repairs

Local contractors will undertake grading, reshaping and replacement of road material over the coming months, with most works taking place in the Culgoa, Berriwillock and Willangie areas.

Berriwillock Road Rehabilitation

Works have recommenced on Berriwillock-Woomelang Road, with Berriwillock-Springfield Road to follow shortly.

Improvements include pavement reconstruction, road widening, upgraded shoulders and drainage, with completion expected by mid to late January 2027.

Works will generally take place Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm. Road users may experience reduced speed limits, access restrictions and delays, with detours where required.



MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR RE-ELECTED

At the November Council Meeting, Cr Graeme Milne was re-elected Mayor and Cr Bernadette Hogan was re-elected Deputy Mayor of Buloke Shire Council for another 12 months.

In his acceptance speech, Mayor Milne thanked his fellow Councillors for their continued confidence and acknowledged Deputy Mayor Hogan and Council staff for their support and dedication over the past year.

Looking ahead, Mayor Milne highlighted Council's ongoing focus on road improvements, essential services and advocating for investment in local communities.

Congratulations to Cr Milne and Cr Hogan on their re-election.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED

Buloke Shire Council has awarded over $34,000 in community grants to 10 organisations across seven Buloke communities through Round 1 of the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

A total of 18 applications were received, reflecting strong community interest in funding for local projects and initiatives.

The grants will support a range of community-led projects, including recreation, wellbeing, environmental and heritage initiatives that will benefit communities across the Shire.

Congratulations to the successful organisations, with Round 2 scheduled to open in February 2027.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **Back St Arnaud Road, Charlton VIC 3525.**

The application is for a permit for the **installation of a mechanical eight (8) horse walker at harness racing training facility.**

The application reference number is **PA26032.**

You may view the application and supporting documents on the **Buloke Shire Council Website** https://buloke.greenlightopm.com/planning or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, **Buloke Shire Office, Wycheproof** on 1300 520 520.

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be made to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected.

An online submission form is available at https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/planning-applications-on-exhibition

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before **10 December 2026.**

If you object to the application, the Responsible Authority will tell you it's decision.

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