



COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Commencing at 5:00pm

**Birchip District Office
Cumming Avenue
Birchip**

**Wayne O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer
Buloke Shire Council**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. COUNCIL WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME

The Mayor Cr Alan Getley will welcome all in attendance.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor Cr Alan Getley will acknowledge 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 maybe here today.

2. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 130 (2) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors who have a conflict of interest in respect of a matter being considered at this Meeting, must

- a) Disclose the conflict of interest in the manner required by the Council's Governance Rules 2020; and
- a) Exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to that matter, including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee, and any action in relation to the matter.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

4.1 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS - DRAFT 2024/25 ANNUAL BUDGET

5. MEETING CLOSE

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN WYCHEPROOF SUPPER ROOM, 367 BROADWAY, WYCHEPROOF ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2024 AT 5:00PM.

Wayne O'Toole

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

4.1 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS - DRAFT 2024/25 ANNUAL BUDGET

Author's Title: Acting Manager Financial Strategy

Department: Corporate and Organisational Performance **File No:** FM/05/02

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Council and Community Leadership

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of submissions in relation to the Buloke Shire Council Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget.

SUMMARY

At the Council Meeting on 20 May 2024, Council resolved that the Draft Annual Budget 2024/25 be publicly advertised in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy. On 21 May 2024, the community was invited to make budget submissions over the three-week advertisement period, which ceased on the 11 June 2024.

Council has received four submissions to the Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget, two of which were received prior to the advertisement period.

Submitters have been invited to attend the 19 June 2024 Council Meeting to present on their submissions.

Council will consider the adoption of the 2024/25 Annual Budget at the Council Meeting to be held Wednesday, 26 June 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the submissions made in relation to Buloke Shire Council's Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget as endorsed for advertisement on 21 May 2024.

Attachments:

- 1 Budget Submission Summary
- 2 Buloke Tourism Board
- 3 BTB Project Details
- 4 LEAD Loddon Murray
- 5 Rex Theatre
- 6 Charlton Hall Committee

DISCUSSION

Prior to and over the course of the community engagement period for the Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget, four submissions were received from members of the Buloke community. A summary of these

submissions is tabled below and further detail is included in the attachments to this report. All of the submissions will have budget implications if they are to be pursued by Council.

Submissions

Submission date, person, presentation preference	Description of request	Officer comment
13 March 2024 Buloke Tourism Board (BTB) (Carolyn Oliver) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> No.	Additional financial support for proposed Buloke Mounted Machinery Museum Trail. Budget implications: Unspecified other than noting a cost of \$2,000 for soil testing and drawings at each of 10 sites.	BTB currently receive \$7,500 annually from Council. This additional request could potentially fall under the Community Grants Program however BTB would need to specify that the funding is for something that is not already underway to be eligible.
6 June 2024 LEAD Loddon Murray (Brett Thompson) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> Yes.	Contribution to the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP). Budget implications: Sponsorship is \$8,000 plus a personal contribution from participants.	Council has previously supported this program for several years.
4 June 2024 Rex Theatre (Hayden McKinnon) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> No.	Creative partnership through various incentives ranging in scope from focus group activities to marquee performers. Budget implications: \$10,000 (or near offer)	Deliverables are unclear but could be reviewed following the development of a shire wide Creative/Cultural Strategy that we are hoping to develop next FY.
5 December 2023 Charlton Hall Committee of Management (Garry Larmour) <i>Elected to present at Council Meeting?</i> No	Construction of a Hall Storage Shed as its first preference to address the need for a storage facility at the hall. The Committee's fall-back position is the installation of a 40 foot shipping container as a short-term solution. Budget implications: Unknown	Council has previously drawn up plans for a storage shed which was smaller than required. However, at this stage Council has no plans for additional storage at the hall.

All submitters to the Draft Budget have been invited to address Council with one electing to take up this opportunity. It is proposed that presenters will be allowed 15 minutes for their presentation, consisting of 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for any questions from Councillors.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council resolved to advertise the Draft 2024/25 Annual Budget for community consultation at the Council Meeting on 20 May 2024.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

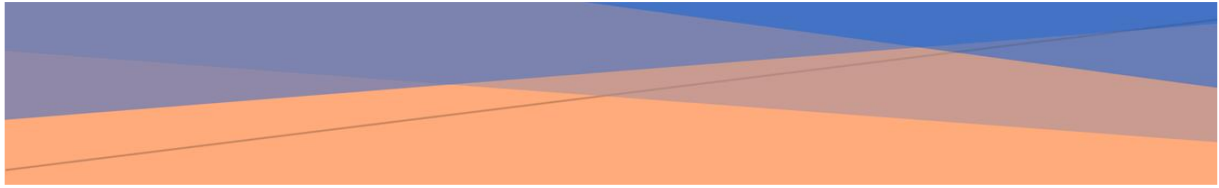
The Draft Budget engagement process comprised media information across print, social and radio media. A copy of the Draft Budget was placed on the Council's website. The process of community engagement is consistent with the Council's community engagement policy.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council's engagement approach provided for receipt and consideration of submissions to the Draft Budget at the 19 June 2024 Council Meeting which is open to the public. Private information has been excluded from this report and attachments.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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



BUDGET SUBMISSIONS 2024/25 INFORMATION PACK

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Submission 1: Buloke Tourism Board

Date submitted	13 March 2024
Submitted by	Buloke Tourism Board – Carolyn Olive
Summary	<p>The Buloke Tourism Board (BTB) would like to thank Buloke Shire Council for their financial support and make a formal request that it continue.</p> <p>BTB would also like to request additional financial support for the proposed Buloke Mounted Machinery Museum Trail.</p>
Budget implications	<p>\$7,500 per annum, ongoing</p> <p>Budget implications unspecified</p>

Detailed Submission Attached

Submission 2: LEAD Loddon Murray

Date submitted	9 April 2024
Submitted by	LEAD Loddon Murray – Brett Thompson
Summary	<p>Request for participant sponsorship in LEAD's 2025 Loddon Murray Community.</p> <p>Now in its 26th year, the LMCLP facilitates community leadership training with an aim to build community capacity in self-determining and resilient regional communities.</p> <p>Buloke Shire Council has previously sponsored the participation of an emerging community leader in the LMCLP. The current cost of participant sponsorship is \$8,000 excl. GST. LMCLP require participants to invest between \$500 and \$750 to assist with costs and to make a personal investment in their development.</p>
Budget implications	\$8,000

Detailed Submission Attached

Submission 3: Rex Theatre Charlton

Date submitted	4 June 2024
Submitted by	Rex Theatre Charlton – Hayden McKinnon
Summary	A funded partnership providing annual funding of \$10,000 (or near offer) to be utilized across the Buloke region through various incentives ranging in scope from focus group activities to marquee performers.
Budget implications	\$10,000 annually

Detailed Submission Attached

Submission 4: Charlton Hall Committee

Date submitted	5 December 2023
Submitted by	Charlton Hall Committee of Management – Garry Larmour
Summary	The Committee has asked that Council include in its capital works program the construction of a Hall Storage Shed as its preference to address the need for a storage facility at the hall. The Committee's fall-back position is the installation of a 40 foot shipping container as a short-term solution.
Budget implications	Budget implications unknown

Detailed Submission Attached



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Re: Budget 2024 Submission

The Buloke Tourism Board (BTB) would like to thank Buloke Shire Council for their financial support and make a formal request that it continue. We would also like to request additional financial support for the proposed Buloke Mounted Machinery Museum Trail.

Buloke Tourism Board meets monthly in different locations. In the warmer months we incorporate a visit to one of our local tourist attractions. At BTB meetings, each representative reports on what is happening in tourism in each of their towns and we discuss the various BTB projects we are working on. We provide letters of support for tourism projects when requested.

In the last 2 years BTB have:

- Produced the Buloke Official Visitors Guide of which 10,000 were printed.
- Created a Buloke Tourism Website (www.visitbuloke.com.au)
- Hosted an information booth at the Speed Machinery Field Days
- Run a 12-month (2022 & 2023) promotional campaign with FLOW FM (five different advertisements airing several times per day.
- Produced Buloke Tourism Trail brochures for Art, Op-shops, Walking Tracks, History and Pubs.
- Provided Letters of Support for:
 - Tiny Towns (Mallee Creative Arts Space)
 - VRFish Appeal for Action
 - Buloke Music Festival Submission
 - Lake Tyrell Salt Company

Our current projects include:

- The Mounted Machinery Museum (MMM Trail) – concept and plans under development.
- Continuing development of tourist trail promotional material (military, lakes, parks).
- Production of Buloke Tourism voucher booklets.
- Continue to liaise with Buloke Shire and provide support on tourism related projects.
- Provide support to the Sea Lake Visitor Information Centre including volunteering to work there.
- Continue to liaise with WMT (and GWMT Board)

Buloke Mounted Machinery Museum Trail

We are in the process of obtaining soil tests and engineering drawings for each of the proposed locations for the mounted machinery displays. The cost for each site is approximately \$2000 (soil test and drawings). We are using existing funds to make a start on these initial stages with two sites earmarked to be completed shortly. Our ability to obtain funding from external sources is dependant on completing these initials tests and drawings for each site. We are then in a position to obtain

quotes for the actual project construction. We strongly believe that this project is unique and will provide a long-lasting tourism attraction that will fit well with the existing silo art trail. We therefore ask that Council consider providing additional funds, if possible, to help us further progress the essential early stages of this project. I have attached a draft of the Project Summary for your information.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Olive'.

Carolyn Olive
Secretary/Treasurer
Buloke Tourism Board

Buloke Mounted Machinery Trail Proposed Project Details

The proposed Buloke Mounted Machinery Trail would entail each of the ten towns in the Buloke Shire mounting a historical piece of agricultural equipment either on a platform or raised up on a pole. Each display would be accompanied by interpretive signage with details on the machinery and the story of its ownership and use. The project is designed to create a trail through the towns of the Buloke Shire that would encourage travellers to stop and visit each town. This trail would also complement the silo art trail and other Buloke tourism attractions. The ultimate goal is to create a series of attractions that will have a long lifespan and require little maintenance. Below is a summary of the proposed mounted machinery displays for each town.

Berriwillock:	Sunshine Harvester
Birchip:	Delvers—platform & poles
Charlton:	Fitzpatrick truck—pole(s)
Culgoa:	Twin City Tractor—platform with roof
Donald:	Grey Fergie Tractor—pole
Nandaly:	Scrub Roller—pole
Nullawil:	Stump jump ploughs—poles
Sea Lake:	Buggy—pole
Watchem:	Twin City Tractor & implement - poles
Wycheproof:	Austin timber tray truck— platform



Berriwillock—Sunshine Harvester

Description: Sunshine Harvester

Proposed Location: Berriwillock Hall site—Calder Hwy Berriwillock.

Display Type: Pole(s)

Notes: The **Sunshine Harvester works**, was an Australian factory making agricultural equipment founded by industrialist H. V. McKay, and with engineering development headed by H.B. Garde. Having established an agricultural implement works in Ballarat he moved his factory and many of his employees to Braybrook Junction, in 1906, where he had earlier purchased the Braybrook Implement Works (1904). He named the new enterprise the *Sunshine Harvester Works* after his Sunshine Harvester, which was one of his major products. The name "Sunshine" is assumed to have been given by McKay to his harvester works after he attended a lecture by the American evangelist Reverend Thomas De Witt Talmage who visited Victoria in 1894. Another account holds that the name was suggested by James Menzies, who painted the first model.

Through a revolutionary piece of marketing, this had gained a reputation as the first successful combine harvester in Australia. The factory became the largest in the Southern Hemisphere, and, in its early stages, McKay successfully increased the concentration and efficiency of the workers: 'between 1907 and 1910-11, McKay's workforce expanded from just over 400 to around 1500'. McKay rapidly expanded the factory to become the largest manufacturing plant in Australia and, at its peak, it employed nearly 3,000 workers. In 1907, following a residents' petition, the locality was officially renamed Sunshine in honour of the factory. Housing for the Sunshine Harvester Works' employees swelled the local population and the town of Sunshine was touted as the "Birmingham of Australia".

In the 1950s, the McKay family sold out to the newly-formed agricultural implement conglomerate Massey Ferguson, which was a combination of the Canadian and American interests of Massey Harris, and the British tractor firm of Harry Ferguson. However, from the 1970s, when

many Australian-based manufacturing industries were experiencing financial difficulties, the business progressively contracted, and most of the factory was demolished in 1992, to make way for the development of the Sunshine Marketplace. The former bulk store, factory gates and clock tower, the pedestrian footbridge, factory gardens, and head office complex are all listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.



Birchip—State Rivers Trenchers/Delvers

Description: State Rivers channel ditcher (QBM) & 2 farmer channel ditchers

Proposed Location: JE Taylor Sunset Park, Sunraysia Hwy, Birchip

Display Type: Platform (large ditcher), 2 poles (smaller ditchers)

Dimensions (WLH): QBM is 5m wide.

Weight: QBM is 5m wide and 17 tonnes 17 tonnes

Notes:

Birchip plans to exhibit three former channel ditchers which were used to construct channels to deliver water for the pioneers and the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Without the channel system, the Mallee as we know it would not exist. The exhibits include two smaller ditchers used by farmers to construct their farm channels (displayed on poles) and the larger Q.B.M. (Queens Bridge Motors) used on the Waranga Channel (displayed on a platform).

Lack of Water was a constant problem alleviated somewhat by the construction in drought years by the channels bringing water from the Grampians area. The QBM machine is why Birchip is still here as until the Pipeline a few years ago, farm catchment dams and channels provided a more constant water source than the often unreliable rainfall.

There is space for all at the J.E.Taylor Sunset park on Sunraysia Highway south of the town which already houses a mallee roller and other early farm machinery.

J.E.Taylor Park is dedicated to the man who once owned Bando Station in the district and in his will left a bequest for trees, the basis of which has been used for trees in and around the town for many years and has recently provided part of the amount to help obtain the grant for the "Greening the Town" trees for shade along nature strips and walk ways. The Park was created in the centenary year 1982 which was also The Year of the Tree. John Taylor worked for some time with a timber company and eventually became a large landowner in our district, in a company known as Sharp and Taylor .He was a bachelor benefactor whose interest in timber and replacement of trees saw his bequest set up as a Trust.



Charlton—Fitzpatrick truck (pole/s)

Description: Truck—stripped of seat, engine etc.

Proposed Location: On land owned by Fitzpatrick's adjacent to service road, 700m east of Charlton on Calder Highway.

Display Type: Mounted on 1-2 poles, 3-4 metres high.

Notes:

Fitzpatrick's trucks have been a familiar sight on the roads around Charlton and further afield for over 50 years. Starting with Bill Fitzpatrick and one truck, the business has survived many challenges over the years and grown into a successful family business.

Born to farmers, Michael & Lucy Fitzpatrick, Bill used to help his father cut and cart wood to fuel the steam engines at the quarry. Once Bill got his endorsed driver's license at age 19, his passion for trucks began and he soon bought his first truck, a Maple Leaf Chev, to which he later fitted a 24 foot stock crate and trailer. When Bill first began to drive trucks the railways monopolised the carting of grain and you could only cart bulk grain to the local silos. However you could cart interstate and Bill would cart oats to Sydney and backload sheep. The trip would take 20 hours and in those days you could be booked for exceeding the 30mph speed limit in NSW.

Grain was first carted in bags until the 60s and 70s when flat top trailers took over. The trailers were fitted with 5ft stock gates and would be lined with a 'curtain' of tarp. The grain would empty through trap doors in the bottom and the residue was swept out. Although this could be done in a few minutes, when tipplers arrived it was considered too slow and flat tops were discouraged.

Trucking life could be difficult with Bill spending lengthy periods away from wife Marie and their children. This however did not deter their sons Billy and Paul from eventually joining the family business. Son-in-law Brendan Bourke also drives for the Fitzpatrick's.

Over the years Fitzpatrick's Transport has carted anything and everything including livestock, wool, bulk grain, fuel, general freight, beer, groceries and salt.

Since Bill bought his first truck they have owned and operated over 130 trucks and employed many men from the local district. They currently have 6-7 trucks on the road mostly carting livestock. Their fleet of trucks varies depending on the work available. At one stage they operated 16 prime movers and 30 trailers but have been known to drop down to 1 or 2 in Bill's early days when times got tough and he had to sell trucks. In addition to their working trucks, Bill is also a keen collector of vintage trucks.

Bill was inducted into the National Road Transport Wall of Fame at Alice Springs in 2005. He was commended for his many years in the trucking industry including his role as one of the main leaders in the 1979 truckies blockade to abolish road taxes. He is also noted as the first owner of a Kenworth truck in Australia.



Culgoa—Twin City Tractor

Description: Twin City Tractor—UTS Model 1945

Proposed Location: David Barry Park Culgoa—Buloke Shire Council land

Display Type: Low concrete platform - preferred with shelter (to preserve pneumatic tyres).

Dimensions (WLH): Length - 3.420m; Width – 1.910m; Height – 1.49m

Weight: 2,721kgs

Notes: Tractor purchased by David Barry (Jnr). Used on family farm in Culgoa & Springfield until the early 1970s. It is believed to be one of the earliest tractors with pneumatic tyres in the district. It was operational when put on blocks in current location.



Donald—Grey Ferguson Tractor

Description: Grey Ferguson Tractor

Proposed Location: Apex Park, Sunraysia Hwy, Donald

Display Type: Pole

Dimensions (WLH): 1.61m x 2.92m x 1.32m

Weight: 1250kg

Notes: The **Ferguson TE20** is an agriculture tractor designed by Harry Ferguson. By far his most successful design, it was manufactured from 1946 until 1956, and was commonly known as the *Little Grey Fergie*. It marked a major advance in tractor design, distinguished by its lightweight, small size, manoeuvrability and versatility. The TE20 popularised Harry Ferguson's invention of the hydraulic three-point hitch system around the world, and the system quickly became an international standard for tractors of all makes and sizes that has remained to this day. The tractor played a large part in introducing widespread mechanised agriculture. In many parts of the world the TE20 was the first tractor to be affordable to the average farmer and was small and light enough to replace the 'draft horse' and manual labour. Many TE20s remain in regular use in farming and other work and the model is also a popular collector's item for enthusiasts today.



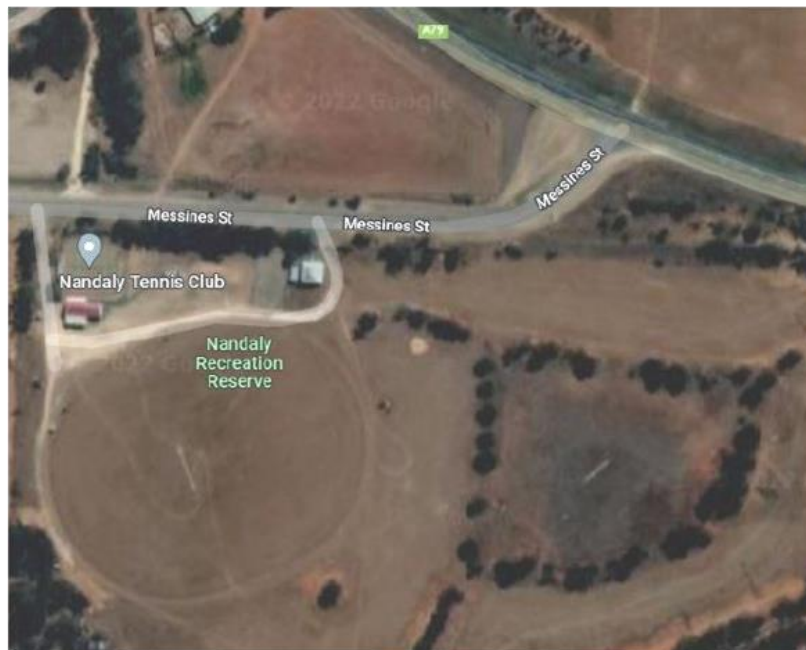
Nandaly—Scrub Roller

Description: Scrub Roller

Proposed Location: Nandaly Recreation Reserve

Display Type: Platform/Pole (TBC)

Notes: Mallee scrub originally covered large parts of southern Australia, and because of its growth habit, the trees were difficult to remove completely because the tree would shoot again after burning, cutting down or other kinds of damage. The large roots, known as lignotubers, remained in the ground, making it very difficult to plough the soil. The invention of the **scrub roller**, or **mallee roller**, was one solution. This was a heavy roller which was dragged over roughly cleared ground by horses or bullocks, crushing small trees, undergrowth and new shoots. After leaving the field to dry, the flattened vegetation was burnt. This process was known as **mullenising**, as the invention of the device was attributed to an Irish-born farmer from Wasleys called Charles Mullen. Mullen devised a contraption which included a heavy roller dragged behind a pair of logs fixed together to create a V-shape. A team of horses pulled the device at the pointed end of the V, dragging the roller behind it over a field covered in stumps. There is a memorial commemorating Mullen's invention at Wasleys, which describes the mullenising process slightly differently: "With Mullenising a forked log with spikes was used to cultivate the ground between the stumps, bringing the land into production much earlier than previous methods. The original forked log worked around the stumps...". The fields could then be sown after running a spiked log across the ground, but the scrub roller still left the mallee stumps in the ground, making ploughing difficult, and the process had to be repeated each year until the mallee died, although the stumps remained. The method continued to be used into the early 20th century.



Nullawil—Stump Jump Ploughs x 3

Description: Stump Jump Plough x 3—showing progression of plough designs

Proposed Location: 12 Quambatook Road, near Fire Station

Display Type: Poles x 3

Notes: The **stump-jump plough**, also known as **stump-jumping plough**, is a kind of plough invented in South Australia in the late 19th century by Richard Bowyer Smith and Clarence Herbert Smith to solve the particular problem of preparing mallee lands for cultivation. Mallee scrub originally covered large parts of southern Australia, and because of its growth habit, the trees were difficult to remove completely, because the tree would shoot again after burning, cutting down or other kinds of damage. The large roots, known as lignotubers, remained in the ground, making it very difficult to plough the soil. Grubbing the mallee lands was laborious and expensive £2–7 per acre, and the government offered a £200 reward for the invention of an effective machine that would remove the stumps. In June 1876 a special plough was invented by agricultural machinery apprentice, Richard Bowyer Smith, and later developed and perfected by his brother, Clarence Herbert Smith, on the Yorke Peninsula (where the problem was particularly acute). The plough consisted of any number of hinged or pivoting ploughshares or blades (originally three), which worked independently of each other when the blade encountered an underground obstacle like a mallee stump, it would rise out of the ground. Attached weights forced the blade back into the ground after the root was passed, allowing as much of the ground to be furrowed as possible. Although a little unorthodox, the plough in action appearing "like a ship in a storm", it proved remarkably effective, and was dubbed the "stump-jump" plough.



Sea Lake—Mallee Rally Buggy

Description:

Proposed Location: Decommissioned water tower site or the Recreation Reserve

Display Type: Pole

Notes: Until recently, the Sea Lake Mallee Rally was the oldest currently running off road event in Australia. The track, 7 km north of Sea Lake, runs around Lake Tyrrell (the second largest salt lake in Victoria) and is 85 km long. The competitors endeavoured to complete four laps of this gruelling track (five for National status competitors).

The challenge lies in the way in which the surface of the track varies, from high-speed grass to sand, salt and clay, not to mention the numerous gates and trees that the competitors must navigate to finish.

The Mallee Rally was held annually during the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. It started with the Friday Night Spectacular at the Sea Lake Recreation Reserve consisting of live band, jumping castle, merry-go-round, a static display of off-road vehicles and fireworks.

On Saturday the event moved out to the track (travel north on the Robinvale Road), for the prologue (time trials) and a 'dash for cash'.

Sunday was race day – four or five laps of grueling racing around the 85 km track!

A plinth, honouring past directors and winners, stands at the eastern side of the Recreation Reserve in Sea Lake.



Watchem—Twin City Tractor & seeder

Description: Twin City Tractor & Massey Ferguson 20 row combine (seeder)

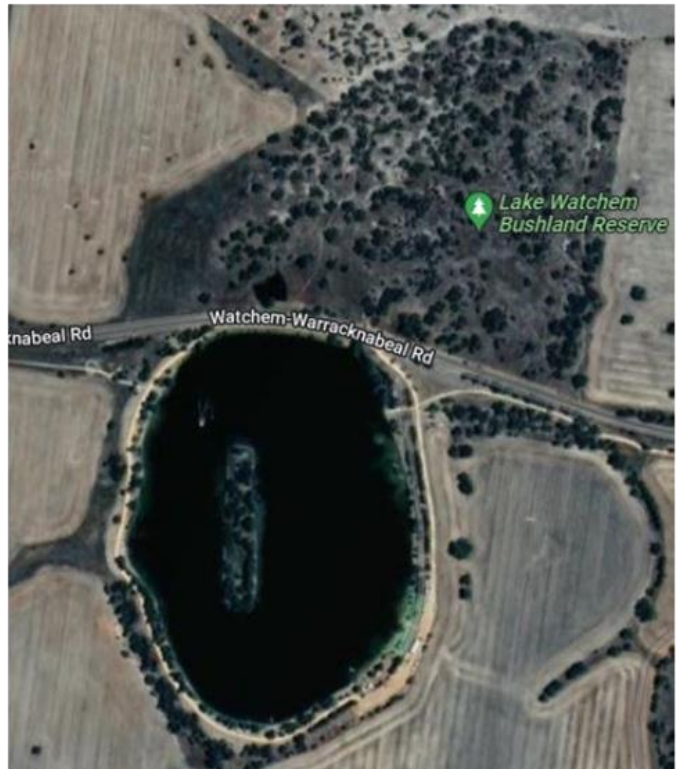
Proposed Location:

Display Type: Poles

Notes: Twin City tractors were built by the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company until 1929 when it merged with the Moline Implement Company of Illinois and the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company of Hopkins, Minnesota. Twin City tractors were dark grey in colour, and had a logo much like the "TC" that the Minnesota Twins baseball club uses.

In 1847, Daniel Massey established the **Newcastle Foundry and Machine Manufactory** in what is now Newcastle, Clarington, Ontario, Canada. The company made some of the world's first mechanical threshers, at first by assembling parts from the United States, but eventually designing and building its own equipment. Daniel Massey's son, Hart Massey, subsequently renamed the enterprise as the **Massey Manufacturing Co.** In 1879, the company moved to Toronto, where it soon became one of the city's leading employers. The huge complex of factories, consisting of a 4.4-hectare (11-acre) site with plant and head office at 915 King Street West (now part of Liberty Village), became one of the best-known features of the city. The company expanded further and began to sell its products internationally.^[2] Through extensive advertising campaigns, it became one of the most well-known brands in Canada. A labor shortage throughout the country also helped to make the firm's mechanized equipment very attractive.

In 1930, the H.V. McKay Pty Limited was granted exclusive Australian distribution of Massey-Harris machinery. The company was then renamed H.V. McKay Massey Harris Pty Ltd. Throughout World War II, H.V. McKay Massey Harris exported over 20,000 Sunshine drills, disc harrows and binders to England to facilitate the increase in food production.



Wycheproof—1952 Austin Timber tray truck

Description: Austin timber tray truck.

Proposed Location: 35 Milburn's Rd—Calder Highway. In front of dam bank. This land is owned by Baden Durie and we have his permission.

Weight: 5 tonne

Display Type: Mounted on a platform. May need a fence. Site may require a pedestrian path.

Notes: Purchased in 1952 off Taggart Motors. Was T.T. Allan's first truck. Used right up until 1964 as their main truck. Father of Neil & Graeme Allan. Would still go if you got a new distributor as the spark advance doesn't work. One of the first Austin Models with tipper. 90 bags capacity. Wooden Bulk.

Owner would like to advertise business on side of truck. Agreed in principal if advertisement design is sympathetic to the age of the truck (e.g. hand painted).



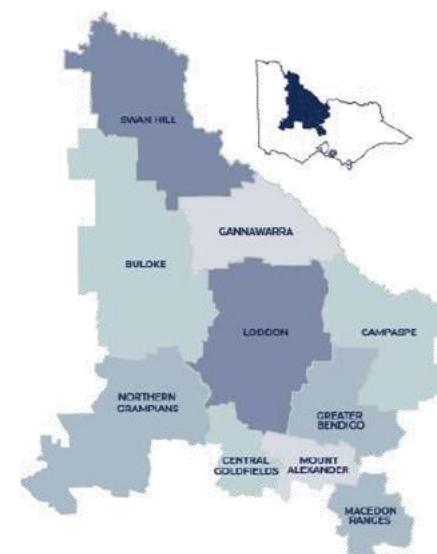


We started in 1998 with the first Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP).

Core funding for the LMCLP consists of participant scholarships/sponsorships from Local Government, Statutory Bodies, community organisations and Private Enterprise.

We have over 600 leadership program graduates across the region as at the end of 2023.

Our Vision is to grow inspiring, capable servant leaders to deliver a wave of change for our region, influencing systematic change that values self-determined communities

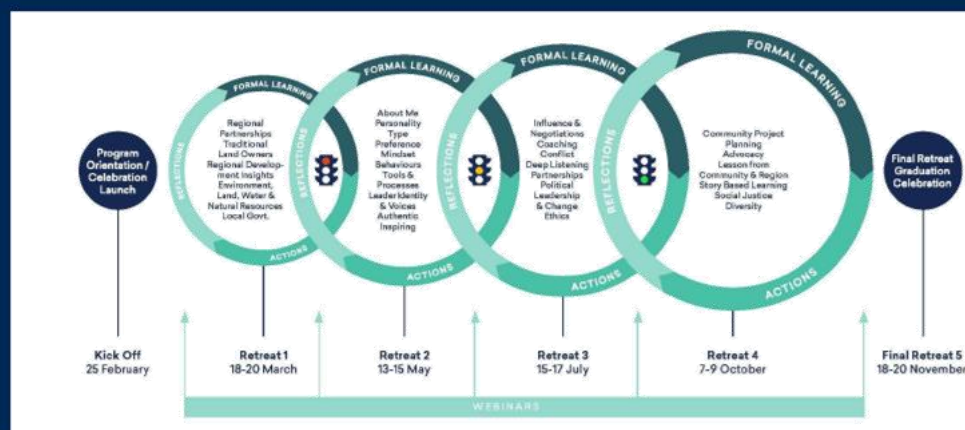


The Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP) is our core program, which has run every year since 1998.

The LMCLP runs from February to November each year and puts 20 to 25 local grassroots aspiring leaders through a deeply reflective and impactful program structure.

The program currently includes five multiple-day residential retreats, plus on-line (Zoom Webinar) learning sessions to supplement those face-to-face retreats, as well as participant-led community asset mapping exercises in participant's home communities.

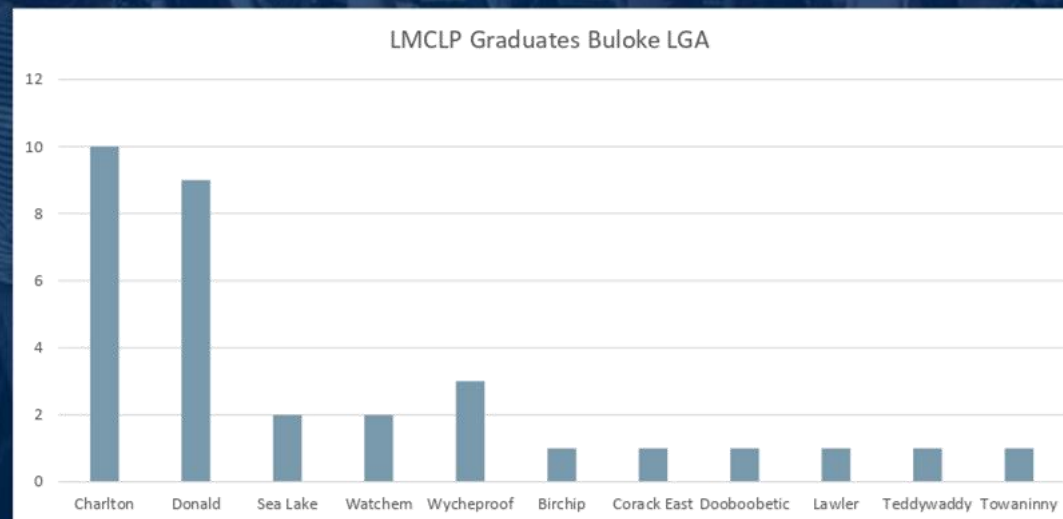
It also involves all participants in developing, planning, mapping and delivering on a community project.



Buloke Shire has provided scholarships for community members since 2006, and now has 20 directly sponsored graduates.

We also have other broader sponsorships that provide opportunity for local participants.

Overall, there are 33 residents of Buloke LGA who are program graduates.



Our Goals for the next 5+ years

Continue to develop and evolve the core LMCLP program to enhance its value and impact for both participants and partners/sponsors.

An expanded offering with short, single-topic courses, and tailored programs for specific user organisations (e.g. LGA's, Statutory Bodies, Community Organisations, Private Companies).

Develop an expanded and more flexible mix of delivery options including on-line and on-demand training opportunities.

More effectively engage the program graduates (alumni) in post-program community-focused leadership activities and link them to community projects/programs beyond the program year.

Improved measurement and evaluation of programs to build the evidence base for the program's outcomes (this is being developed in conjunction with the 8 other community leadership programs across the state).

Deepen the relationships with existing program partners/sponsors to have a more interactive and responsive relationship.

Broaden the partnership/sponsorship base.

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BULOKE SHIRE BUDGET 24 /25 Submission

Attn: Mr. Wayne O'Toole
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4 June 2024

Dear Mr. O'Toole,

The Rex Theatre, Charlton wishes to make the following submission in reference to the Buloke Shire Council's Draft Annual Budget 24 / 25.

INVESTING IN CREATIVITY

A noticeable deficit in coordinated support for creative and cultural growth across the region has prompted the Rex to make this submission.

While arts management and cultural incentives may be on the periphery for Council – better left to individuals or groups with specific interests – the absence of a coordinated investment in this sector is a lost opportunity given the region's natural attributes and desire to attract a growing and diversified population.

A means of encouraging vision and interpretation of the unique environment of this area, as well as addressing recreational pursuits additional to sport, is an incentive which will not only enhance local lives, but provide leverage for attracting newcomers.

While the Rex is cognizant of many of Council's limitations, we believe that a funded partnership with our organization would enable the delivery of creative opportunities which would both enrich and reveal this region's latent and emerging talents, while complimenting the drive to boost tourism.

The Rex presentation of world-renowned pianist, David Helfgott in February 2020 proved there does not have to be a city / country divide, and that by re-focusing on the resources at hand, possibilities exist to capitalize on the evolving changes resulting from the turmoil of Covid.

Our proposition is annual funding of \$10,000 (or near offer) to be utilized across the Buloke region through various incentives ranging in scope from focus group activities to marquee performers. As a fledgling concept the specifics of this partnership would require further discussion and exploration of ideas, but as an entrepreneurial opening it is rich with possibilities.

As stated in the Buloke Shire's Draft Long-Term Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-2025 addressing the "cultural" is as much an obligation as addressing Council's other areas of authority. As strands of economic growth are investigated the Rex believes there is potential in this proposal for building pathways to bolster the Buloke aesthetic.

Yours sincerely,



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Mr. Wayne O'Toole,
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Dear Wayne,

Some years ago the Hall Committee asked the Shire of the day to include on its wish list a Storage Shed for the Hall for which the Shire agreed to get Plans Drawn so the shed would be a ready to-go situating should fund become available.

The Plans were drawn, I have a copy and I am sure Council will also have a copy in its files and I have to admit to being a little bit tardy in checking the Plans and did not release the shed size in the plan is smaller then we suggested was needed, so that is something we would need to look at if the purpose of this letter is to progress.


At the last meeting of the Hall Committee it was emphasised that there is a growing need in the Charlton Community to have somewhere to store community owned assets such as table cloths, table centre pieces, cutlery and crockery and so on. The potential of a Toy Library was also mentioned as was Library equipment which was seen as an issue now that is likely to grow over time.

The storage of Hall tables and chairs and the difficulty of the current under stage storage also got a mention. All of this discussion led to the Storage Shed, its size and so on with the added though that if a Storage Shed is not possible what about a large 40 ft Container installed at the back of the Hall.

The Storage Shed is obviously the best option given that it is to be attached to the Hall with direct access into the Hall, its increased width would make manoeuvring of Hall furniture much more efficient and indeed easier and its access to the hall would be a real bonus for the Library and the Toy Library should it eventuated. We may need to consult with Council's engineers regarding the size of the shed however.

The committee have asked that I write encourage Council to include the Hall Storage Shed as the committees first priority in Councils forth coming Capital Works Budget with a fall back position of a 40 foot Container in lieu of the shed to be purchase and installed at the back of the Hall preferable as a shortish term fix.

Yours Faithfully


Garry Larmour
Hon Secretary

5. MEETING CLOSE