



Media Release

A New Page for Libraries

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Buloke Shire Council will ensure a comprehensive and fulfilling library service into the future for residents by moving to a direct management model from 1 July 2018.

The decision was made at Council's May Ordinary Meeting on the back of a review into Buloke's library services and extensive community consultation.

Buloke library services had been provided by three separate organisations since amalgamation back in 1995. The withdrawal of Central Goldfields Library Service in December 2016 from Charlton prompted a review into how Council was delivering its library services.

"With mobile services being largely phased out across the state, Council has seized the opportunity to provide not only a better library service but to take control of providing other programs, such as literacy programs for early years", said Mayor Cr David Pollard.

Council's move to the direct management model will create a full time librarian position with Buloke. It would also mean the withdrawal from the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation in line with the corporate agreement.

The new library service model will see the equivalent of one day per week in the five townships of Sea Lake, Wycheproof, Charlton, Donald and Birchip and one hour per fortnight in Nullawil, Culgoa, Berrillock and Watchem. Council will ensure that locations are suitable for users to access and consult with communities to identify their individual needs.

An advisory committee will be established to work through the implementation of Direct Management and ensure that communities are supplied with information about the transition and also to ensure the library model reflects the needs of users.

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