



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **August Ordinary Meeting Wrap**

**15 August 2016**

At its August Ordinary Meeting, Buloke Shire Council released its external review into library services to the public. Council will now form reference groups in its ten townships as it works with the community to work through the options to improve the service.

A temporary arrangement with the Wimmera Regional Library Corporation will be implemented for Charlton library services from 1 January 2017. This will address the Goldfields Library Corporations withdrawal of their mobile library service.

The proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C27 which proposes to implement the results of the Charlton Flood and Drainage Management Plan (2013) and the Donald Flood and Drainage Management Plan (2013) will be referred to Planning Panels Victoria after Council received twenty-three objections. The planning panel will provide for public participation in the planning amendment process.

Council will submit a grant application for the development of a kindergarten and childcare facility at the Birchip P-12 School. Success would see the development of an integrated education precinct in Birchip which would cater for children aged 0 – 18 years. The current building is licensed for eighteen children, the proposed development would see that number rise to thirty-three.

Council also endorsed a submission for the draft Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan. The Plan has been under development over the past twelve months with Council involved in consultation. The plan aims to identify local waste needs over the next ten years. Council has now lodged a submission addressing some inconsistencies regarding life expectancy and future developments at some of Council's waste receipt sites. Council's submission will also cover a range of other points including funding, site rehabilitation, advocacy and asbestos receipt.

Finally, Council adopted the draft Domestic Waste Water Management Plan. The plan has been developed to assist Council's Environmental Health Officer in the assessment of waste water issues. The draft plan is now on public exhibition.

Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be on Wednesday, 14 September in the Wycheproof Supper Room.

**End release**

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