Media Release Book Your Place on Advisory Committee



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Buloke is transitioning to a new Library Service from 1 July 2018. The service will be fully delivered directly by Council.

Council is seeking community members' input through a Buloke Library Advisory Committee. The key role of the committee will be to assist with the identification of local matters likely to impact on direct management of library services and the best solutions for these issues.

Council is seeking up to five members to join the committee. Ideally applicants would include a representation from a range of our communities who hold an interest in one or more of the following areas:

- Early Years and Children
- Older people and active ageing
- Financial and organisational operation skills
- Cultural and community development
- Literacy and education
- Supporting vulnerable communities

"Libraries are a vital service provided by Council. Not only does it provide books and other literary programs to all ages, it is also of great benefit to the social connectedness of our community. Council made the decision to assume direct provision of the library service at the Ordinary Meeting in May. To make this service the best it can be we need to work again with the community. I invite anybody with a passion for libraries from anywhere in Buloke to get involved in the advisory committee and help shape the future of this important service for Buloke", said Mayor, Cr David Pollard.

Once formed, the committee will meet several times over the next twelve months as we develop the library service to commence on 1 July 2018. Following the commencement of the service the committee will continue to meet at least twice a year to ensure that Buloke's library service is providing the best possible service to our community.

If you are interested in being on the committee please let us know by emailing <u>buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au</u> or by mail to PO Box 1, Wycheproof, VIC 3527. Please include in your application a short explanation of why you would like to be involved and what skills you would bring. Applications will close 30 August 2017.

For more information contact Council's Coordinator Community Services, Mark Remnant on 1300 520 520.

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