

Media Release

Buloke Lakes to Blossom

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Three of Buloke Shire Council's recreational lakes will undergo significant rejuvenation after it was announced on Wednesday 2 August that the Federal Government will partner with Council to deliver a \$980,000 project.

Tchum Lake, Watchem Lake and Wooroonook Lake will all be upgraded as a result of the \$735,000 funding announcement under the Building Better Regions Fund, with Council set to contribute \$245,000 to the three projects.

The project will see new and upgraded facilities at each of the lakes including new amenity buildings, upgraded walking trails and new interpretive signage.

"This rejuvenation project is going to see a range of upgrades at Watchem Lake, Tchum Lake, and Wooroonook Lake and will ensure these lakes remain in a great condition for locals and tourists to enjoy in the years to come', said Member for Mallee, Mr Andrew Broad.

Buloke Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Pollard was thrilled with the announcement and says Council will now turn its focus to delivering the projects for the community.

"We recognise the vital importance of our lakes and the part they play in the lives of our residents and in driving visitors to our region. We thank the Federal Government for their investment in Buloke and for their appreciation of our lakes as significant natural assets. Council will get to work delivering these upgrades to ensure our lakes are an even more attractive destination for everyone, whilst minimising impacts on the coming summer season", said Cr Pollard.



Buloke Shire Mayor, Cr David Pollard takes in the surrounds at Lake Wooroonook near Charlton following the Federal Government announcement.

The announcement is another big win for Buloke's lakes and tourism and comes on the back of the \$2.58 million funding injection into Lake Tyrrell announced in June.

Council also has plans for upgrades to Green Lake, with feasibility and business case studies underway on a water security project for the lake.

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