



# Media Release

## Buloke Residents to Move – It!

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Buloke Shire will benefit from the **Move- It Aus grant** as part of a partnership across the Loddon Mallee led by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Federal Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation, Bridget McKenzie today announced the Australian Government would provide \$1.838 million over two years. The successful funding application was made as a partnership with 10 councils across the Loddon Mallee region to fund new local and community-based activities for older residents that increase levels of physical activity.

The aim of the grant is to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents 65 years of age and over throughout the region.

Examples of activities that may be offered as part of the program include sports like swimming, soccer and volleyball. Other active recreation activities such as water aerobics, dancing, yoga, cycling and walking would likely also be offered.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council successfully applied for the Better Ageing Grant Program on behalf of Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Greater Bendigo, Gannawarra, Loddon, Mildura, Mount Alexander and Swan Hill councils.

There were more than 2000 applications and this was one of only 27 successful applications across Australia.

Buloke Shire Council Mayor, Cr Carolyn Stewart has welcomed the news.

“The partnership with other councils in the Loddon Mallee Regions led by Macedon Ranges will ensure that our shared aspirations for the positive health and wellbeing of residents in our community and across the region can be met”, said Cr Stewart.

“We are excited to have this opportunity to support people over the age of 65 to improve their health and wellbeing and many of the opportunities closely align to those recently adopted Buloke Shires ‘Inclusiveness Plan’.

“We look forward to working with Macedon Ranges, other councils, the Victorian Government, and local not-for-profit sport and recreation providers to implement activities in our communities”.

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