



MEDIA RELEASE

Council Adopts Draft Budget for 2016/17

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Council last night adopted its Draft Budget for the 2016/17 financial year at Special Meeting of Council held in Wycheproof.

Mayor, Cr Reid Mather described the Draft Budget as very much one of consolidation. For the first time, Council took the proposed budget to a Community Forum Summit for discussion on 19 April 2016. This strongly attended meeting provided plenty of informed discussion as Council finalised the Draft Budget.

“This proposed budget is very much steady as she goes. Similarly to our last budget our key target is financial sustainability that will propel our strong and viable future. This period of consolidation will prepare Council to then invest heavily in our biggest asset, our road network, as well as our other assets. This investment strategy will enable sustainability for Buloke. This budget was developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review. This is the path we have mapped from a tight financial position to a Council that controls its own destiny”, said Cr Mather.

The budget is based on a rates and charges increase of 2.99%.

Budget Highlights include:

- Numerous sporting facility upgrades
- \$3.7 million of road upgrade projects
- Playground safety works
- Continued investment in Swimming Pools
- Building safety works
- Total Capital Works program of \$7.97 million.

The budget now enters a period of public exhibition giving the chance for written submissions on the budget. The proposed budget can be viewed online at www.buloke.vic.gov.au or is available for inspection at the Shire Offices in Wycheproof.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Buloke Shire Council, P.O. Box 1, Wycheproof, 3527. Submissions must be received no later than 4.00pm Friday 3 June 2016.

Any person who wishes to be heard in support of their written submission must request this in their submission. Anybody who would like to be heard will be entitled to appear before the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 8 June 2016 at 7.00pm in the Wycheproof Supper Room.

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