## **Media Release**

## **Council Plan Adopted**

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Buloke Shire Council has adopted its Council Plan 2017-2021 at a Special Meeting of Council on 21 June 2017. The plan has been a key activity for Councillors and officers since elections last year and is an important statutory requirement.

The plan is an important strategic document that sets out the goals and priorities for Council over the next four years as well as the strategies to achieve them. Council undertook a range of community consultation including online surveys, listening posts in the ten townships and a community forum summit in Wycheproof in preparation of the plan.

Central to the plan are five themes:

- 1. Deliver our service in a financially viable way.
- 2. Build a healthy and active community.
- 3. Diversify and enhance our local economy.
- 4. Responding to and enhancing our built and natural environment.

5. Support our Councillors, staff, volunteers and the community to make informed and transparent decisions.

These strategic objectives have a range of actions and methodology for monitoring Council's achievement against them. This will ensure accountable reviewing of the plan annually.

In addition, Council has incorporated the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan in to the Council Plan for the first time. This has meant an examination of Buloke health status and data along with goals and strategies for creating a community in which people can achieve maximum health and wellbeing.

"This is an exciting time for Buloke. The foundation has been laid for Council to continue to build upon. We now have new opportunities emerging in economic development and tourism within the Shire which we want to thrive and will continue to work towards that goal. These objectives are the building blocks for our success. Everything we do has to be accountable to this strategy. Council and staff look forward to working with the Buloke community as we all roll up our sleeves and go about shaping our future together", said Mayor Cr David Pollard.

You can view the Council Plan on Council's website or pick up a copy from Council's Wycheproof office.

## End release

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