

Media Release

Councils All Aboard For Passenger Rail

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Buloke Shire Council is banding together with neighbouring Councils Mildura Rural City Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council to advocate for the return of passenger rail services to the area following a meeting in Ouyen on Tuesday 13 February.

Mayor Cr David Pollard, Deputy Mayor Cr Daryl Warren and Director Works Technical Services Anthony Judd met with delegations led by Mildura Mayor Cr Mark Eckel and Yarriambiack Mayor Cr Graeme Massey.

The positive talks resulted in in-principle support from all parties for a joint advocacy campaign in the lead up to the 2018 Victorian Election, and a commitment to undertake a feasibility study into the return of a passenger rail service.

The meeting was the latest in an ongoing push to return passenger rail services to communities along the Mildura-Maryborough rail corridor. Advocating for accessible public transport and connections is a key strategy in the Buloke Shire Council Plan 2017-2021.



Cr Pollard was found the discussions positive and felt that the Councils shared the same ultimate goal.

“The meeting in Ouyen was a great step forward with all Councils unanimously in favour of the pursuing the return of passenger rail to their communities. The social and economic benefits are obvious and as a Council we must advocate for a better service for our area”.

“To keep the momentum going Council will continue to work with these Councils and seek feedback from other Councils along the rail corridor, specifically, Central Goldfields and Northern Grampians Shires. This is a key issue for the upcoming State Election for our community” said Cr Pollard.

The Councils plan to meet again in the near future in Birchip.

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