



MEDIA RELEASE

Maitreya Festival

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Late Wednesday afternoon, the Buloke Shire Council received a notice from VCAT for a directions hearing in Melbourne on Friday. Council welcomes this opportunity for judicial review of its decision. The promoter of the Festival has asked VCAT to review Council's decision to issue a notice to refuse a planning permit for the festival. The directions hearing is a short meeting where the Tribunal will determine if it should or can proceed to list the matter for an urgent hearing and/or mediation. As most residents of Buloke, especially those in Charlton and districts, are aware, Council had no choice but to make its ruling following the failure of the promoter to provide the normal and required information for their planning permit. Any other decision would not have met the legal requirements. Council will continue to keep you updated whenever it can as the VCAT hearing unfolds.

End release

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