

# Media Release

## September Meeting Wrap

**14 September 2018**

Buloke Shire Council at its September Ordinary Meeting awarded the tender for the construction of the Donald Multipurpose Facility Redevelopment, approved in principle its Financial and Performance Statements for the last financial year, adopted its Customer Service Strategy and set the dates for upcoming swimming pool season amongst a full agenda.

Onleys Holding Pty Ltd of Donald will construct the Donald Multipurpose Facility Redevelopment. The \$2.45 million project will provide an integrated community hub that will redevelop and extend the stadium and function room, improve the experience of users and also expand the operational potential for hosting private functions and community events.

Two other significant contracts were also awarded at the meeting. Inroads Pty Ltd has won the contract again for bituminous surfacing, after supplying this service to Council for the previous five years. Also Major Road Flood Restoration works (part of Cluster 3) worth around \$760,000 were awarded to Bitu-Mill (Civil) Pty Ltd.

Council has approved in principle its Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statements for the 2017-18 financial year. These statements are a legislative requirement and make up a significant part of Council's Annual Report which is currently being prepared for the Minister for Local Government.

Council has set the dates for the 2018-19 swimming pool season. The gates will open to the public at all seven of Council's swimming pools on Friday 9 November 2018 with the season to run until Monday 11 March 2019. As was the case last season, Council will once again use its Cold Weather Procedure to bank cold days during the season to potentially extend the season beyond the set closing date if warmer weather pushes in to autumn. Swimming will again be free for the season.

The adoption of Council's first Customer Service Strategy will set out the organisation's commitment to customer service excellence, both internally and externally, and outline the key actions to be taken to achieve related Strategic Objectives outlined in the Council Plan 2017-2021. The strategy is designed to provide a clear way forward in meeting the service needs of our customers now and in the future.

Significant applications were endorsed for the Federal Government under the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants program at the meeting. Donald Community Multipurpose Community Facility (\$500,000), Sea Lake Community Centre amenity redevelopment (\$375,000) and the Birchip Leisure Centre oval redevelopment (\$180,000) were key projects identified by officers for the program.

There were also endorsements for applications to the State Government Natural Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme of \$85,000 for the progression of planning for the Charlton Levee Project and \$110,000 for the upgrade to the Charlton Weir.

Council has approved that all its landfills and transfer stations accept green waste free of charge for the entire month of October. This will help residents prepare their properties for the upcoming fire season and clear potential fire risks.

You can view the minutes from the September Ordinary Meeting at [www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au). Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 October 2018.

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