



# Media Release

## September Ordinary Meeting Wrap

15 September 2017

At its September Ordinary Meeting, Buloke Shire Council adopted its Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the previous financial year, nominated the members of the Library Advisory Committee and endorsed the Major Projects Pipeline amongst a full agenda last Wednesday night. A notice of motion to reaffirm Council's commitment to Marriage Equality was also heard.

Council's Financial Statements and Performance Statement demonstrated a stronger financial position and performance from previous years, a result of the hard work of Council and the community to improve the long term financial sustainability of the Shire.

Council has appointed Zelma Warne, Cheryl Kemp, Sharon Lewis, Averyll Loft and Geoff Brown to the Buloke Library Advisory Committee. The committee will provide input into the roll out of library services across the Shire under the new self-management model. . The committee will meet regularly over the next twelve months ensure the library service meets community needs. Also appointed to the committee last night were Cr David Pollard, Cr Graeme Milne and Cr Ellen White.

The Major Projects Pipeline 2017/18 has been endorsed by Council. This document is now Council's key tool in advocating for government investment in significant projects within the Shire. In 2016/17 Council attracted \$5.1 million in state and federal government investment in projects to be delivered over the next 18 months.

Council allocated funding from the 2017/18 \$20,000 Community Grants and Sponsorship Program to some well deserving community projects. The 2017 Charlton Rotary Arts Show (\$500), Charlton Forum (\$2,000), Birchip Community Forum (\$745) and the Charlton Cricket Club (\$2,000). The Rotary Arts Show continues to provide an excellent opportunity for local artists to display their talent. It has become one of Buloke's key arts and culture events. Charlton Forum will use funds to undertake their Gordon Park Fencing Project. The Birchip Community Forum will support the Birchip Choir and The Chocolate Sundays project by purchasing an amplifier and an outdoor speaker, whilst the Charlton Cricket Club will invest in renovating their cricket pitch.

Council have also taken the opportunity to acknowledge its commitment to marriage equality from March 2015. Buloke Shire Council was the first LGA in Victoria and one of the first in Australia to lend its support to marriage equality. Council also affirmed its position of equality for all people regardless of age, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, disability, education or background.

Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 October from 7.00pm in the Wycheproof Supper Room.

### End release

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