



# Media Release

## Technology Sessions for Buloke

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Buloke Shire Council will host a series of iPad and idevice sessions from the beginning of November, with a focus on helping those with additional needs.

Council's RuralAccess program will host the sessions, in partnership with the Regional Communication Service, a part of the state-wide Communication Access Network (CAN). The sessions will take an informal approach and will try to help build peer support among users.

"We often share our apps and experiences with friends and family, and go to them when we are unsure or need help," RuralAccess Co-ordinator Clinton Hucker said.

"With these sessions we are trying to mimic this experience for people who might have a more select use for their device, or those who might not have the chance to find people who have similar needs," he said.

The introductory session will help people become familiar with an iPad and basic user operation, and will explain apps and how to obtain them.

Participants are welcome to come for 10 minutes or stay for the whole hour and a half. They can bring their own device or try one out while they are there.

"An iPad can be a large investment for some families. This is a great chance for those people who have been thinking about it, but are unsure if it would be appropriate for their needs," Mr Hucker said.

The first session will be held on Friday 3 November from 10.00am until 11.30am at the Birchip Business and Learning Centre. There will be five follow up sessions on the first Friday of each month until April excluding January, at the same time and location.

The program will then continue in another Buloke community.

To find out more, contact Council's RuralAccess Co-ordinator Clinton Hucker on 0457 801 180.

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