# COMMUNITY UPDATE



#### **Community Satisfaction Survey**

Buloke residents may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services, from 27 January 2022 to mid-March 2022. They have been commissioned to conduct a community survey on behalf of the council.

The Community Satisfaction Survey 2022 has been designed to assess the performance of the Buloke Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils in the coming months.

The survey will involve phone interviews conducted among a representative sample of residents.

We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Council.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Buloke Shire Customer Service on 1300 052 052.



#### Australia Day Award Winners Announced at Australia Day Eve Event

SOME of Buloke's outstanding contributors were recognised for their dedication to the community at Buloke Shire Council's Australia Day Eve Awards, presented at Berriwillock Community Centre on Wednesday 25 January.

Among them, Len Storey of Wycheproof, was named Citizen of the Year, Tessa Fitzpatrick of Charlton was named Young Citizen of the Year, and Event of The Year Award joint-winners; 'International Mountain Day' and Lions Club of Wycheproof 'Show n' Shine'.

For more information about our most worthy winners visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au.



## **Employment Opportunities**

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. Council is currently recruiting for:

#### **Pool Lifeguards**

Love to be outdoors during summer? We have the perfect role for you! Council is currently seeking Pool Lifeguards for the 21/22 swimming pool season across its three swimming pool regions.

**Applications are now open** for Pool Lifeguards for Council pools across Buloke. Council will provide training for suitable candidates who do not currently hold a Lifeguard Certificate.

#### Administration Assistant

Do you have a range of administrative skills that can be adapted to the various departments including Customer Service, Library Service and Records Management on a casual basis?

### Applications close 5:00PM Friday 11 February 2022. Maternal and Child Health Nurse

Council is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Nurse to provide high quality services to young families in Buloke Shire on a Casual basis.

Applications close 5:00PM Friday 25 February 2022.

Visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au or call Human Resources on 1300 520 520 for full details on these exciting

Building a Better Buloke.



#### Small Towns Big Difference Program - Register for Information Sessions

The Program aims to assist community organisations undertake smaller community-based projects, which champion social outcomes.

It was developed recognizing that many funding programs are more often geared towards economic development rather than the social benefits of small communities. Consequently, some community organisations find it difficult to attract funding for their smaller community-based projects.

This Program focuses on building community capacity, social inclusion, community pride, improved lifestyle and access to community services, along with projects that develop the local economy.

It recognises the importance of community groups and volunteers as an essential part of Buloke, in strengthening the community, and creating opportunities to continue to create meaningful change.

The \$120,000 fund is a collaboration between Council, the Mallee Regional Partnership, Charlton and Donald Community Banks and the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

To register for the information sessions being conducted at Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Sea Lake, Wycheproof or online between 15-21 February 2022, visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au.

#### Beat The Bite Campaign

Council has received reports of high insect activity throughout Buloke. It's important to remember to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne disease.

Mosquitoes need water to breed. Heavy rains and flash flooding coupled with warmer temperatures can bring mosquitoes. The best protection from mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.

Mozzies can bite through tight clothing, so it's best to cover up and wear long, loose-fitting clothing, as well as using mosquito repellents containing picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin.

Always check the insect repellent label for advice regarding application on children.



#### **Community Sustainability Grants**

Did you know that community groups that need financial assistance for a project that reduces their carbon footprint, improves the environment, or effectively conserves resource usage can apply for a Community Sustainability Grant?

Grants are up to \$10,000 and applications are considered on a rolling basis, until the funding pool is expended.

For more information, visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au or contact the Community Grants Team on 1300 520 520.



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