



Brightening Broadway

All major works within the civic park are now complete as part of the Wycheproof Streetscape Renewal Project, funded by the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.

The civic park, opposite the Council Offices, was opened to the public over the New Year break and features updated footpaths and crossovers, furniture and shelter installations, greening of the street, artwork, signage, an EV charger and new lighting.

Disability Support Network

The Disability Support Network is a group dedicated to bringing together people with disabilities, carers and support services across Buloke.

The network offers people with a lived experience of disability to connect, interact and work with the Buloke Shire Council, and other Disability Support services in the area, to ensure that Council planning and activities are undertaken in an inclusive and accessible way.

The Network provides:

- Connection with other people with disability in Buloke;
- Input into Council planning, focusing on access and inclusion; and
- Links with disability service providers in the area.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 17 January at 10am**.

Meetings are conducted at different locations across Buloke, online and in-person. To become involved contact Rebecca on 1300 520 520, or to review the meeting schedule, visit: <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/buloke-disability-support-network>.

NOTICE OF INTERRUPTION TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES VICTORIA INTER LIBRARY LOANS SERVICE

The Buloke Shire Council Library services operates as a part of Public Libraries Victoria, utilising the Inter-library loans network from across the Victorian library network.

Since the end of October 2022, this service has been suspended for all libraries due to changes to the courier services previously utilised.

Unfortunately, a solution to resolve the issue and reinstate a courier service has not yet been reached, therefore library users within Buloke currently may NOT request any items from other external library services until further notice.

We encourage users to continue to utilise the local Buloke library resources as well as our online resources via Borrow Box.

Council apologises for the unfortunate impact to Buloke library users and encourage you to reach out to library staff for any further questions or alternatively visit the Library web page for more information and FAQs regarding the state-wide disruption to the holds service.

Buloke Sustainability Grants

Community Sustainability Grants are open to community groups needing financial assistance for a project which reduce their carbon footprint, improves the environment, conserves resource usage, or provides sustainability education.

This financial year, Buloke offers two types of sustainability grants: General Sustainability Grant program; and a new 'Quick Action' Sustainability Grant program.

The Quick Action program is for funding up to \$2,000, with no co-contribution, enabling community groups to undertake smaller sustainability projects easier.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis, until the funding pools are expended.

For more information, visit <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/community-grants> or contact Rebecca on 1300 520 520.

Small Business Help

The Business Victoria bus is coming to Wycheproof and Charlton.

Speak to the team about assistance you need to grow and develop your business and how to access grants and support.

Monday 13 February 10am-3pm, in front of Wycheproof Resource Centre, 280 Broadway, Wycheproof.

Thursday 16 February 10am-3pm, outside the Shire Offices and Grain Museum, 1 High Street, Charlton.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **73 Cumming Avenue, Birchip**.

The application is for a permit for a use and development of land for a residential building.

The application reference number is **PA23008**.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application on the **Buloke Shire Council website** or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, **Buloke Shire Office, Wycheproof**. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An objection form is available on the Planning and Building page of the Buloke Shire Council website.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before **3 February 2023**.

If you object the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

Flood Grants

One-off \$5000 grants are available under the Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Program or the Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program, to provide immediate support. Applications for these grants will **close on Tuesday 7 February**.

Further funding is available to eligible applicants under the Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grants program.

The Flood Recovery Grants provide up to \$50,000 (excl. GST) to help cover eligible expenses incurred from direct damage due to flooding. Funding received under the Small Business Immediate **Flood Relief Program**, or the Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program will be included in the total grant amount. Currently, applicants must first have been successful for the \$5000 one-off grant before applying for the \$50,000 grant. Applications for these grants **close on 1 May 2023**.

Concessional loans of up to \$250,000 are available to small businesses and not-for-profit organisations that have suffered significant damage to their assets and/or significant loss of income. The loans are for restoring or replacing damaged assets and/or to meet working capital expenses.

The free **Business Relief Service** provides confidential one-on-one support from local Business Relief Advisers via phone and on the ground. Businesses can register online, or call the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15.

Mental health and wellbeing support is available to sole traders, business owners and their employees can call the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline on 1300 375 330 for free and confidential advice, available seven days a week.



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:

Library Officer

Council is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to take on the role of Library Officer. This role will assist in the delivery of efficient and effective library service within the Shire.

→ Applications close: **5:00pm Friday 20 January 2023**

Lifeguards – Expression of Interest

We are always on the look-out for school leavers, uni students, sports people, mums, dads, uncles, aunties, and next-door neighbours to support Council's summer pools program.

We have re-opened the Expression of Interest for Lifeguard training and casual work, just in case you were looking for a cool job, by the pool like this, with free Lifeguard and First Aid training for all suitable applicants.

Without sufficient Lifeguards, pools in our community cannot open safely. Every member of our team makes a real difference delivering a great summer of fun.

→ EOI close **9:00am Tuesday 31 January 2023**.

Visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment or call Human Resources on 1300 520 520 for full details about this exciting role.



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