

# Community Update

# Buloke.

## Reach Out For Support

We've had some great feedback about the Rural Financial Counselling Service – Victoria West, who have visited local farms and provided support to businesses and farmers to fill out Flood Recovery grant forms. The application process was less onerous than they first thought, so give them a call on 1300 735 578, as many support grant applications close on April 30.

The **Flood Recovery Hotline** is a single state-wide number for Victorians affected by the October 2022 floods.

The hotline is open from 7:30am to 7:30pm every day. Need an interpreter? Call the hotline on 1800 560 760 and press 9. More support: If you or someone you know is in need of crisis support call triple 000.

### Your local health professionals:

**Lifeline** 131 114

**MensLine** 1300 789 978

**Parent Line** 13 22 89

**Beyond Blue** 1300 224 636

**Kids Help Line** 1800 55 1800

## Working Group Hatched

As Council continues to work alongside other stakeholder groups and the community in the implementation of the Mount Wycheproof Emu Management Plan, a working group is being developed to move the plan forward in a truly harmonious way. A recent on country meeting involving representation from Council, Traditional Owners, State Government, Friends of Mount Wycheproof, Landcare and community members has resolved to put together a group representative of all interested parties to ensure the welfare of the emu population is met and appropriately funded. If you have an interest in being involved in this dynamic working group please contact Director Community Development, Travis Fitzgibbon by email to buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au or by mail to Buloke Shire Council, PO Box 1, Wycheproof Vic 3527.

Expressions of Interest in joining the Mount Wycheproof Emu Management Working Group close 5:00pm 24 April 2023.

## Wycheproof Emu Working Group



## Cast your vote now! Go Buloke!

The Paddock Run flood initiative driven by the Buloke community has been nominated in the 2023 National Awards for Local Government in the category of Disaster Preparedness, which recognises outstanding innovations that have enhanced local communities. The Paddock Run was initiated by Council and provided information about flood response and recovery support to the community, particularly the agriculture and business sectors - getting information to "where they are" during what was a challenging time for everyone.

The Paddock Run also reminded us that in supporting our local businesses we are also investing in our futures.

The award winner is judged by the highest number of peer votes received. Whilst our population may be smaller than some of the municipalities also nominated in this category, collectively our voice has always been mighty. To cast a vote, go to <https://bit.ly/3l8AoEV> and click the green vote button.

**Voting is now open until 11:59 PM on 14 April 2023.** The initiative involved our Council staff visiting grain delivery sites in Buloke during harvest season, delivering 1000 packets of Kookas Country Cookies Pty Ltd to our hardworking harvest workforce and distributing over 8000 postcards to our amazing local businesses, who passed on the message. It was a fantastic effort by our whole community and something we should all be proud of.

## Easter Operating Hours

The Wycheproof Office Customer Service will be **closed from 5pm on Thursday 6 April until 8.30am on Tuesday 11 April 2023**, during the Easter Holiday period. If you have any urgent matters that require immediate attention, please do not hesitate to call 1300 520 520, for the duty officer.

## Tune into The Paddock: The Goals

The Paddock Podcasting Series is kicking off at the North Central football league's opening round streaming **LIVE from Birchip 15 April 2022**.

Join us as we witness the 2022 Premiers, Birchip-Watchem at their home ground, take on league newcomers Nullawil, who were also 2022 Premiers in the Golden Rivers League.

What better way to start the season than by tuning in to The Paddock for a run down about the round and hearing firsthand about the resilience and determination on display in Buloke, as we explore the strategies for effectively navigating impacts on our community and creating a brighter future.

This is an unmissable opportunity to engage with our community and discover the power of podcasting as a communication tool for emergency management.

So, join in game day to be part of the action as we kick off The Paddock: The Goals in style.

Let's cheer on our teams in the NCFL and inspire each other to achieve our goals, no matter what challenges come our way!

### Find us at:



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[twitter.com/BulokeShire](https://twitter.com/BulokeShire)



[www.buloke.vic.gov.au](https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au)

Note: A summary of the podcasts will be printed to improve access and inclusion for everyone.

## Landfill and Transfer

As we approach the Easter holidays, we would like to inform you that all landfills and transfer stations will be operating, **except for Good Friday (April 7)**, when they will be closed for the day. We kindly ask that you plan your waste disposal accordingly. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Have Your Say – Wycheproof Wetlands

The Wycheproof Wetlands Project has opened to public submissions for the Draft Concept Plan. This is your chance to provide your valuable input towards a project that aims to create a sustainable and thriving environment for our local wildlife, improve recreational opportunities, enhance the overall health of our ecosystem and create a new outdoor space for placemaking.

The Draft Concept Plan includes a wide range of exciting features such as a pump/skate track, picnic areas, artificial beach spaces, and places to watch wildlife. Have Your Say by visiting Council's website: [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say) or emailing [buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au). The closing date for submissions is **5pm 14 April 2023**.

## Annual Report

Hard copies of the Buloke Shire Council Annual Report are now available. The report contains some insightful information such as an overview of our achievements and challenges throughout the year, financial statements and performance highlights, projects and initiatives we have undertaken, a breakdown of our services and activities the shire provides, and more! Drop into the Wycheproof Customer Service Office at 367 Broadway, Wycheproof to grab your copy!

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## Annual Report



## Women Leading Locally

Women Leading Locally will build a pathway for participants to stand for local government elections through a combination of face-to-face peer support events and online workshops spanning campaigning, leadership, and governance. Speciality content and mentoring will be provided by Women for Election, a non-partisan not-for-profit with a mission to inspire and equip more women to run for public office, and other key partners.

View the full details here: <https://communitydirectors.com.au/training/women-lead>

## Buloke Pools Survey

As the pool season has finished, we want to make sure that we are meeting the needs and preferences of our valued users. To do so, we kindly ask you to complete our survey regarding the 2022/23 pool season. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us and will help us improve our services. To complete the survey, simply scan the QR code provided or head to <https://forms.office.com/r/MwMrTCdASX>



END OF YEAR  
POOL SURVEY

## ANZAC Day Services

Reflecting and commemorating ANZAC Day is important to honor the sacrifice and service of our veterans and to remember the impact of war on our communities. Please find below the schedule for your town this ANZAC Day.

- **Berriwillock**, 11.30am, 23 April at the Cenotaph, Berriwillock memorial
- **Birchip**, 11am, 25 April at the ANZAC Park (Memorial Park) then, light refreshments at Birchip RSL on completion of service followed by Social Bowls beginning at 1:30pm.
- **Charlton** service to start at 8.40am, 25 April at Charlton Cenotaph, followed by march at 9.00am to Charlton Hall.
- **Coonooer Bridge**, 9am, 25 April, memorial to be held at Coonooer Bridge Hall.
- **Curyo**, 8am, 25 April, memorial to be held at the front of the Curyo Fire Shed.
- **Donald**, 25 April, Dawn Service – Donald Memorial Park, followed by breakfast at the Hall. There will also be a later service, starting at 10am, which includes the march from Cenotaph at Donald Memorial Park to lay wreaths.
- **Nullawil**, 9.30am, 25 April, commemorative service to be held at O'Brien Park Nullawil.
- **Sea Lake**, 5.45am, 25 April, corner of Best Street and Calder Highway - Kiley's Memorial Park. There will also be a later service starting at 10.30am at the Travellers Rest which will incorporate a march to the Cenotaph at Kiley's Memorial Park.
- **Watchem**, 9.30am, 25 April, assemble at the hall at 9.15am. This will be followed by a march to monument for 9.30am service. Morning tea will be provided in the hall after the service.

## Tourism Business Grant

Buloke Shire Council in partnership with the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions will be supporting new and innovative tourism business ideas in Buloke. We are offering a grant of up to \$15,000 to further encourage and support tourism business pilots within the Buloke Shire.

Applications for Round 3 Grants close 2:00pm Wednesday 12 April 2023.

## NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **27-31 Donald Street, Charlton**. The application is for a **permit for the use and development of land for a store (domestic shed)**.

The application reference number is **PA23017**

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 **21 April 2023**.

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

## NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **5 Messines Street, Nandaly**. The application is for a **permit for the installation of roof-top solar PV system**.

The application reference number is **PA23018**

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