

Working Group Hatched

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.

NBN Works – Sea Lake

On behalf of NBN, Ventia has been engaged to build and rollout additional fibre deeper into the NBN network in Sea Lake. As part of the Regional Connectivity Program, a number of premises in Sea Lake have been selected to be included in a Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) technology switch. This project is supported with funding from the Australian Government and will provide a full fibre connection to your home or business, enabling a faster and more reliable NBN experience. In preparation, survey activities of the existing telecommunications network in your area will commence shortly. Notices should be sent to each household, and any questions can be answered by calling **1300 275 799**.

Wooroonook Works

The Wooroonook Lakes Campgrounds will soon undergo construction works, with excavation works set to begin on April 24, 2023, and continue for about two weeks. The public is advised to take extra caution when near the site due to the presence of machinery. However, the contractor will provide bunting and work areas to ensure the safety of everyone in the vicinity. Despite the construction activities, campers on site can expect no immediate interruptions to their power and water supply or the use of the amenities block. However, should any outage or closure be necessary, contractors will give prior notice to the affected parties. This announcement serves as a heads up to anyone who plans to visit Wooroonook Lakes Campgrounds during the specified construction period. It's a good idea to plan ahead and take extra precautions for the duration of the works.

On the bright side, the construction works aim to improve the facilities and services offered at the campgrounds, enhancing the overall experience for campers in the future.



Stock Disposal

As we move closer to another rainy season, it's a timely reminder about minimising environmental and health risks regarding stock disposal.

Where possible, disposal to landfill is your first and best option.

Flooding may result in large numbers of animal carcasses needing disposal. In areas or situations where dead stock cannot be moved to a landfill, limited numbers (less than 500 sheep or 150 cattle on the farm) can be composted or buried onsite.

Burial sites should be carefully chosen, to protect your groundwater, and surface waters from contamination, as well as protecting yourself and your neighbours and other surviving animals from disease spread, odour and possible health hazards.

To reduce environmental impacts, an on-farm burial site should be set up as follows:

- on elevated land with a slope of less than five per cent, to allow proper drainage and prevent pooling of water following a rain event
- at least two metres between the water-table and the base of the pit, considering site specific geology and impact into groundwater
- at least 200 metres from any surface waters
- at least 300 metres from neighbouring houses
- avoiding highly or moderately permeable soils.

You should also:

- cover the carcasses with at least one metre of soil
- where necessary, direct surface run-off away from the pit
- slightly mound the pit after backfilling.

You may want to install temporary fencing to assist reinstatement of the area. If left in paddocks, dead stock can be a potential disease risk and could contaminate land and water. Approval from EPA is required for more than 500 sheep or 150 cattle on the farm. **Contact Council's Environmental Health team on 1300 520 520 for advice.**

Flood Grants Extended

For information about farm support, visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods. A list of other grants and support networks are available at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/funding-available-for-those-affected-by-flooding>. The following grants have been extended until 13 July 2023.

- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grant
- Rural Landholder Grant
- Flood Recovery Transport Support Program
- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Concessional Loan.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service is available to assist primary producers to understand and apply for flood and storm support. Primary Producers can contact their local RFCS on 1300 771 741.

More information is available at Rural Finance www.ruralfinance.com.au/ or by calling 1800 260 425.

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:

Immunisation Nurse Coordinator

Council is seeking a highly self-motivated, flexible and enthusiastic Immunisation Nurse on a Permanent Part Time basis for 16 hours per week. This role would see you coordinating and conducting immunisation sessions and administration of vaccines in accordance with NHMRC guidelines. Applications marked "Confidential" need to include a cover letter, resume and address the Key Selection Criteria in their application.

→ **Applications close 9.00 am Monday 15 May 2023.**

Please contact Michelle Newman – Manager Environmental Health on 54780184 or 1300 520 520 with any questions.

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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