



ROLL UP – THE CIRCUS BRINGS THE FUN TO TOWN!

Buloke Shire has been buzzing with excitement this week as The Connected Circus brought its vibrant energy and playful spirit to five towns across the region.

The free school holiday workshops, designed for primary and secondary students, were an absolute hit with youngsters and families who attended at Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Sea Lake and Wycheproof.

Across two days, children learned circus skills including spinning plates, poi, flowerstix, dragonstaff, stilts and more, with each session tailored to suit all skill levels.

The Wycheproof session saw a fantastic turnout, with lots of laughter as kids mastered new tricks.

Parents and carers watched proudly as their children explored new talents and built confidence in a safe, inclusive environment.

FIVE WEEKENDS FOR FIRE SEASON

This year, Council is starting a new initiative to assist residents with preparation for the fast-approaching fire season.

Just as with Council's long-running Free Green Waste in October, residents will still get a period of free green waste at Landfills and Transfer Stations, but we're making an improvement.

We've been listening to you, and we know most people only get a chance to drop off at the tip on weekends. That's meant, depending on how the days fell each year, residents often only got four full weekends to take care of their fire season prep.

To improve the service we offer, Buloke Shire Council is introducing Five Weekends for Fire Season.

Free green waste at all sites will now start at the beginning of the first weekend in October and continue until the end of five full weekends.

That means, the 2025 free green waste period starts this Saturday, 4 October and will finish on Sunday 2 November.

Residents who are able can still drop off free green waste during regular opening times on weekdays until the end of the period, they'll just be guaranteed five weekends from now on.

You can check the opening times at all Council Waste sites on our website www.buloke.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling

And don't forget that we're always listening and love to hear your feedback and suggestions about how we can improve the services we offer, so don't hesitate to get in touch with your ideas.

REMINDER - HAVE YOUR SAY

The Draft Asset Plan 2025-2035, Financial Plan 2025-2035, Road Management Plan and Buloke Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2035 are currently on public exhibition and open for submissions.

Copies can be downloaded from the Have Your Say webpage council website at www.buloke.gov.vic.au

Hardcopies can also be viewed at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof.

Submissions must be received in writing no later than 5pm on **Thursday 9 October 2025** and can be provided in the following ways:

• **Email:** buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au

• **In person:** Place a hard copy submission in the box at the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof, VIC 3527

• **Mail:** Address your submission to – Buloke Shire Council - Submissions, PO Box 1, Wycheproof, VIC 3527.

To ensure your submission is valid please include your name, postal address, a contact phone number, email address (if you have one) and details of your submission.

Please indicate in your submission if you would like to attend a Submissions Hearing to discuss it with Council on Wednesday 8 October 2025 in Wycheproof.

Following the consultation and review period, the Asset Plan 2025-2035, Financial Plan 2025-2035, Road Management Plan and Buloke Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2035 will be recommended for adoption at the Council Meeting on **Wednesday 15 October 2025**.

For more information or assistance with making a submission, contact us on 1300 520 520.



ON THE ROAD WITH ABC NEWS

Council's advocacy efforts continue to push for urgent funding for repairs to flood-damaged roads, highlighting the safety risks and isolation faced by affected communities.

Mayor Cr Alan Getley was interviewed last week, and took the news team on tour of some of the most concerning roads in the shire. Council is working closely with government agencies to secure funding and accelerate restoration timelines.