COMMUNITY UPDATE Buloke.

JOIN THE BULOKE YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (YAG)

Buloke Shire Council is inviting young people aged 14 to 25 to apply to join the **2027 Buloke Youth Advisory Group (YAG)** and have a say in their community.

The Youth Advisory Group provides an opportunity for young people to share their ideas, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and gain hands-on experience planning and delivering community projects, events and initiatives.

Members also have the chance to connect with other young people, meet with local government representatives and contribute to decisions affecting young people across the Shire.

Being part of YAG is a great way to build valuable skills and experience that can support future employment, study and scholarship applications.

Young people who live, work or study in Buloke Shire and are passionate about making a positive difference in their community are encouraged to apply.

Applications open Friday, 6 November and close Friday, 18 December 2026.

For more information and to apply, visit the Youth Services page on Council's website at **buloke.vic.gov.au/youth-services.**



FIVE FOR FIRE SEASON EXTENDED UNTIL 15 NOVEMBER

Buloke Shire Council has extended its **Five for Fire Season** free green waste period until **Sunday, 15 November 2026**, giving residents additional time to prepare their properties ahead of the fire season.

With several wet weekends throughout October limiting opportunities for outdoor works, Council has extended the initiative to ensure residents have every chance to undertake property maintenance and dispose of green waste free of charge.

Residents can continue to dispose of green waste free at Council landfill and transfer stations during regular opening hours, including weekdays, until 15 November.

The extension provides an additional opportunity to mow or slash long grass, clear overgrown areas and remove garden waste that could increase fire risk around properties.

Residents are encouraged to make use of the extended period and complete their fire season preparations early.

For opening hours of Council's waste facilities, visit our website at **buloke.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling**

ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING IN BULOKE SHIRE

Council is reminding residents of the importance of disposing of waste responsibly to help protect our environment and keep roadsides and public spaces clean.

Illegal waste dumping can cause environmental damage, create hazards for road users and result in additional costs to ratepayers. Council staff and resources used to clean up illegally dumped waste are also diverted from other planned works.

In Victoria, it is illegal to dump or bury waste at locations not authorised to accept it, including roadsides, public land and private properties.

Residents are encouraged to make use of Council's landfill and transfer stations for the safe and legal disposal of waste. Fees charged at these facilities help cover the costs of waste management and keeping services available to the community.

By disposing of waste correctly, residents can help protect Buloke's natural environment and keep our towns and roadsides clean.

For information on Council's waste facilities, visit our website at **buloke.vic.gov.au/waste-and-recycling**

Suspected illegal waste dumping can be reported to the EPA on **1300 372 842** or online at **epa.vic.gov.au/report-illegal-waste-dumping.**





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