



Buloke Shire COVID-19 Update

Council has been communicating to you, we are operating in a slightly varied capacity as we continue to work in accordance with information provided by the state and federal governments.

Remember that Council is here for you during this health alert and that we remain committed to community safety and wellbeing. Council also has an obligation to look after staff, volunteers and Councillors.

Council has adopted a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy in response to the uncertainty created by the pandemic. Council's aim is to provide assistance to ratepayers through the COVID-19 event without creating additional financial stress when the pandemic has been resolved.

The policy supports residents and ratepayers who may be experiencing increased financial pressure during the health alert and applies to rates payments, interest on fees and charges and registration fees.

We encourage ratepayers who are facing this reality to contact Council and set up a payment plan which will reduce the amount of debt owing after the pandemic. A proactive approach now will decrease the burden that deferring all financial responsibilities would impose.

The policy and other measures have been put in place to support the community and assist Council in continuing delivering vital services.

Minimising disruption is a high priority, second only to the health and wellbeing of the community. Council will continue to keep the community updated and you can find a range of resources and a full list of affected services at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-health-alert.

For the latest updates on the COVID-19 from the Federal Government's Department of Health visit www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert.

Take Away Food Safety Tips

During the current COVID-19 pandemic many businesses are offering take away menus and solutions.

Food businesses have a responsibility to serve food that is safe to eat and Council is working with these businesses to ensure responsibilities are being met.

However, there are some basic measures you can take that will minimise the risk of food poisoning when buying take away.

When you have takeaway food, either eat it within a few hours or take it home and put it in the fridge immediately. Make sure that it is eaten within a couple of days. Throw out any high-risk food that has been left in the temperature danger zone of between 5 °C and 60 °C for more than four hours.

For more food safety information including high risk foods and hints for buying food visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/food-safety-when-eating-out



Landfills and Transfer Stations Update

All of Council's landfills and transfer stations remain open, but there are a couple of temporary changes to the service. There are no cash transactions being processed at these facilities. Card only.

Drumuster container collection has ceased until further notice.

Council thanks you for your patience with these change and all changes during the COVID-19 situation.

A full list of service changes is available at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/buloke-shire-council-service-changes

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Australian Tourism and Data Warehouse Workshop

Wimmera Mallee Tourism and Visit Victoria invite you to attend the Australian Tourism and Data Warehouse Workshop between **3.00pm and 4.00pm on Thursday 30 April 2020 via Skype**.

You can tune into the free webinar to learn how to boost your online profile by listening your business or event on the ATDW. The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) is Australia's national platform for digital tourism information. The function of the ATDW is to support tourism operators and events with their digital marketing, by connecting them with the audiences of key tourism websites.

You can have your business or event information published to visitvictoria.com, Australia.com and more websites, all from one central, self-managed listing.

Luke Medcalf, Web Content Manager from Visit Victoria, will be hosting the webinar to talk about the benefits of ATDW, give a step by step guide to creating or renewing a listing, and answer any questions.

Please RSVP to wmtofficer@gmail.com by **23 April 2020 to receive the Skype link details**.

Public Space Cleaning

To help combat the spread of COVID-19 Council has engaged TMC of Birchip to undertake cleaning and sanitising of public spaces.

The process uses high-pressure hot washers and disinfecting agents to ensure a thorough clean.

Cleaning has already taken place in Birchip and Donald and will continue across the Shire over the next few weeks.

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Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at **7 Donald Road, Charlton**.

The application is for a permit for a **carport**.

The applicant for the permit is **Jeff Cox**.

The application reference number is **PPA 853/20**.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application 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 **6 May 2020**.

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 **548 Gretgrix Road, Teddywaddy West**.

The application is for a permit for a **dog breeding and boarding**.

The applicant for the permit is **Ray Parker**.

The application reference number is **PPA 848/20**.

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