



### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS REVISITED Citizen of the Year 1997 – Bev Cook

Named Buloke Citizen of the Year in 1997, Nandaly's Bev Cook set the bar high as one of the early award recipients in the recently formed Buloke Shire.

Capturing an impressive trifecta that year, Bev was also named Sea Lake Citizen of the Year, as well as being honored with an OAM for her considerable work across many sectors of the community.

From local government – including Mayor of the Wycheproof Shire – to health, welfare, volunteer work and farming, Bev's vision and hands-on approach brought considerable benefits, not just to her own community, but to communities beyond the region.

A driving force behind the establishment of the Mallee Support and Development Group, Bev's desire to help farming families during the drought crisis of the early 1980's laid the foundation for creating one of the first rural counselling services in Australia.

Not one to rest on her laurels, Bev's passion and community work has not diminished over the intervening years. "I don't know whether people expected me to slow down" she said, "but I just kept on keeping on."

As part of a national lobbyist group trying to secure equal health rights for rural Australia, Bev has attended interstate conferences with the National Rural Health Alliance, and has been part of the Health Advisory Group at the Swan Hill Hospital. A member of the Advisory Group for the Sea Lake Hospital, Bev said her passion was about making sure rural Victorians had the same health advantages as people in the cities.

Bev is a Justice of the Peace, along with holding secretarial roles for the local RSL, Sea Lake Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and formerly held that position with the Progress Association.

The recipient of the Centenary Medal acknowledging her national contributions, Bev had the honor of carrying the Olympic torch in 2000 and the Commonwealth Games torch in 2006.

In 2005 her experiences of drought and perceptions of climate change were recorded for the Museums Victoria Mallee Climate Oral History Collection.

A significant accolade was conferred in 2010 when Bev was inducted onto the Victorian Honor Roll of Women in recognition of her work in championing rural health.

From her active involvement with the "Evergreens" Seniors Choir to driving change through to the highest level of government, Bev's desire to help others represents the Buloke spirit at its very best.

Nominations for Council's Citizen, Young Citizen and Event of the Year Awards are now. You can make a nomination by downloading the Australia Day Awards Nomination form from Council's website, with nominations closing on **Friday 20 November 2020**.

### Resealing Program Begins

Council's 2020-21 sealing program commenced in late October with works on the Berriwilllock – Birchip Road.

The Annual Budget includes an \$8.5 million investment into renewing the road network as part of one of Council's largest ever annual infrastructure spends. Keep an eye out for our crews when travelling.



### Current Tender

**CONTRACT No. C87 – 2020/2021  
PAVEMENT REHABILITATION WORKS – CULGOA  
LALBERT ROAD – CH 2.620KM TO CH 4.440KM**

The Buloke Shire Council invites tenders from competent and experienced contractors for road rehabilitation works at Culgoa Lalbert Road. Further details are available at [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tenders).

Tender documents are available for downloading from <https://portal.tenderlink.com/bulokeshire>.

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT Wednesday 25 November 2020.

### Working for Victoria Profile – Storm Garvey

The prospect of stable employment has been a strong motivational force for 21 year-old Storm Garvey.

The young Charlton resident was unemployed before applying for the Buloke Shire's Working for Victoria Program and since being accepted the initiative has had a marked effect on his life.

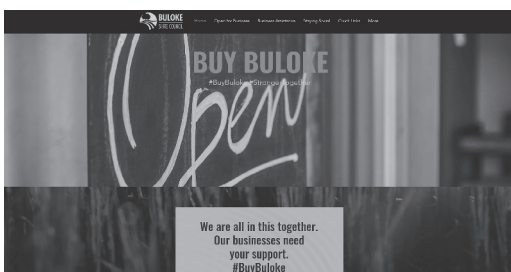
Thanks to connections through his older brother, Storm was alerted to the Shire's recruitment drive and has been engaged with the Building and Maintenance Team.

Recently Storm took part in the exterior repainting of Charlton's Golden Grains Museum, honing his skills on the intricate trim work across the building's façade.

With only intermittent and short-term employment bursts previously, Storm said he has now been motivated to work harder and build up a range of skills.

Moving across the Shire and working in various locations has created a greater appreciation for the region in which he lives, in addition to helping the region present in a fresh and tidy manner.

With support from his fellow Working for Victoria staff members, Storm is now establishing a work ethic to set him up for the future.



### Buy Buloke Website is LIVE!

Have you heard the news that Council has launched its very own Buy Buloke website to help support local businesses during the health crisis?

It's the latest initiative of Council to support the business community and whilst the site looks great and we are already hearing some great feedback, we know it still needs input to be fully representative of what is on offer across the Shire.

If you haven't taken a look head to [www.buybuloke.com.au](http://www.buybuloke.com.au). Consumers can explore our many businesses and local operators can link in with support services and the latest government measures.

If you notice anything that needs to be added or edited please use the use the 'Update Us' facility on the contact page of the website or call Council's Business Support Team on 1300 520 520.



### Employment Opportunity

Buloke Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply.

Council continues to recruit and we have implemented new processes that promote candidate and employee safety. As part of this we have moved to a virtual hiring and induction process until further notice.

### Economic Development and Tourism Lead – Permanent Full Time

Council is seeking applications from a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to take on the role of Economic Development and Tourism Lead on a permanent full time basis.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 20 November 2020.

HOW TO APPLY-Send an email with a copy of your resume to [recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au) or forward to: Human Resources, Buloke Shire Council, P.O. Box 1 Wycheproof, Vic 3527.

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