Community Update

Buloke.



Faster Charging – increasing visitation

Fast chargers for electric vehicles (EV) in **Wycheproof** and **Sea Lake** are steadily increasing in use, with longer distances to destinations like Buloke no longer a problem for suburban EV owners. Over 300 charging sessions were measured up until June 30 this year, since they became operational on 3 September 2021.

Vehicles stopping to use chargers allow passengers time to explore local shops and surrounds, bolstering visitor numbers. The two double-charging stations took an average of 42 minutes to top-up battery powered cars.

The Centenary Park charger in Wycheproof identified 76 individual vehicles using the service, while Sea Lake's Best Street charger recorded 81 different vehicles. The busiest user month was in April 2022. Sea Lake also has an alternative charger on private property at a local motel.

For further information about electric vehicle charging stations visit: www.energy.vic.gov.au or call 136 186.



Pool of Ideas

Budding artists of primary school age in Buloke are invited to develop a concept design of their perfect swimming pool, as part of Buloke's Aquatic Strategy.

Suggestions for inclusion in the design could be more toys, shaded areas, plants and trees, play equipment – whatever young people would like. Design Competition winners will be invited to help the Aquatic Team choose our new pool inflatables, plus be offered the special privilege of launching them at a pool party next season. To enter, simply print out the template and start designing.

Entry forms can be downloaded at: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools.

Submit entries by emailing: buloke@buloke.vic. gov.au, or post entries to PO Box 1, Wycheproof, VIC, 3527. Entries close Wednesday 3 August 2022.

For further information contact our Youth Project Officer on 1300 520 520.



Glass Recycling

Buloke's progressive plan to improve the quality of recycled waste including the separation of glass for collection, has been delayed due to a shortage of the required equipment.

In the meantime, glass can be disposed of in yellow-lid recycling bins. Residents are asked to remove lids from glass items. A reminder that waxed paper cartons, 'tetra-packs', greasy cardboard (such as pizza cartons) and soiled paper towel should now be disposed of into red-lid, general waste bins.

Separating glass will greatly improve the value of the recycled material in future, for example finely crushed glass can be used to replace clean sand in bitumen roads and paving. In partnership with the community, Council recently completed the upgrade of the Charlton Community Centre car parking area. The works included an initiative of the Charlton Park Committee to acquire funding from Sustainability Victoria by using the new hybrid bitumen containing recycled glass.

The glass drop-off service is expected to be operational by the end of 2022.

Winter Protection

Changes to Victoria's pandemic orders on July 12, now includes a reduced temporary exemption period from isolation, if you have recovered from COVID-19. After 4 weeks, if you get new symptoms, you must follow the relevant advice depending upon the type of contact you are.

Positive cases in isolation are now permitted to provide transport for household members to obtain essential food, provided the infected person remains in the vehicle and wears a mask.

A reminder that Council can still provide emergency food relief to those without the means to provide for themselves when in isolation.

For further information contact the Community Services Team on 1300 520 520, or visit: https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-health-alert.

Astro Fest

The Astronomical Society of Victoria is now offering tickets to Sea Lake Astro Fest 2022. A huge event for star gazers (and the starry-eyed) over the Melbourne Cup weekend, tickets to many events will be popular and are limited.

The program includes night sky tours at Lake Tyrrell, astrophotography, solar astronomy, silo art nightscapes, keynote speakers and science for kids. Several events are free and all events can now be booked online.

For the full program and further information visit: www.sealakeastro.asv.org.au or phone 0499 026 567.



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 - Casual

Become a part of preventative health in a beautiful part of Victoria.

→ Applications close 5:00pm Friday 29 July 2022.

Manager Children and Youth – Permanent Full Time

Develop and deliver effective initiatives to engage and support children and youth services in the community.

-> Applications close 9.00am Monday 8 August 2022.

Manager Community Services – Permanent Full Time

Are you ready to lead? Are you passionate about the opportunities that exist in rural communities?

→ Applications close 5.00pm Friday 12 August 2022.

Team Leader Maternal & Child Health Nurse

Flexible working conditions, excellent remuneration, fleet vehicle, work life balance and a role that is both challenging and rewarding for a suitably qualified nurse.

→ Applications close 5.00pm Friday 19 August 2022.

Visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment or call Human Resources on 1300 520 520 for full details on these exciting roles.

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