



# Media Release

## April Meeting Wrap

16 April 2018

Buloke Shire Council at its April Ordinary Meeting appointed Anthony Judd as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), awarded around \$4.0 million worth of contracts, ruled on the use of the land at Lake Wooroonook, adopted its Procurement Policy for 2017/18 and its Planning Scheme Review 2013-2017 and adopted its draft Buloke Volunteer Strategy for exhibition amongst a full agenda.

Council has appointed Anthony Judd as its new Chief Executive Officer commencing 23 April 2018. Anthony has been at Buloke Shire Council since 2006 and has held his current position, Director Works and Technical Services since 2013. Born and raised in Charlton, Anthony is now raising his own family in his home town. He holds a Master of Business Administration (Deakin University) and a Bachelor of Management/Bachelor of Applied Science degree (Federation University).

The good news continued when Council awarded just under \$4.0 million worth of contracts to be spent across projects to upgrade amenities at Lake Tchum, Lake Watchem and Lake Wooroonook, and flood road rehabilitation projects. The contracts were awarded to local and regional contractors.

Council outlined the decision by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to refuse consent to use the land at Lake Wooroonook for the purpose of a commercial Place of Assembly. Council is the Committee of Management for the Lake Wooroonook area and on 7 March 2018 received a request to license the land, as well as a planning permit application for the Maitreya Arts & Music Festival. The covering letter of the planning permit application sought approval from Council for two events to be held each year, across a five year period. Council will continue to work with promoters of potential cultural events to have them staged at appropriate venues.

Council has noted the receipt of a petition expressing support for the construction of a Skate Park in Donald. The covering letter submitted with the petition notes the hard work of the young people in Donald to garner support for the proposal. A report will be tabled at Council's 9 May Ordinary Meeting.

Council has adopted its Procurement Policy and its Planning Scheme Review. The Procurement Policy is reviewed on an annual basis and encompasses the principles, processes and procedures applied to all purchases of goods, services and works undertaken by Council to ensure these are procured at a competitive rate and in a transparent manner. The Planning Scheme is a living document and is updated every four years, within twelve months of the adoption of the Council Plan. The review is primarily a desktop assessment of the scheme between 2013 and 2017 and sets out the strategic work plan over the next four years.

Council's draft Volunteer Strategy has been adopted for public exhibition. The document outlines Council's commitment to volunteers outlined within the Council Plan. Council is involved with volunteers in a range of areas and functions and this strategy a commitment to continue and strengthen that support.

The minutes for the 11 April 2018 Ordinary Meeting are available on Council's website. Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 May 2018.

**End release**

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