



Media Release

August With The Mayor

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Buloke Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Pollard had emergency management, advocacy as well as rural and regional priorities on his agenda throughout August.

The month began in Mildura for the Northern Victoria New Energy Forum. The forum focused on regional investments into new energy systems and technologies and their social and economic implications.

The Mayor was on hand to advocate to Senator Bridget McKenzie in Donald for the last required funding for the completion of the Donald Community Precinct Redevelopment. The \$2,950,000 project still requires \$500,000 to be fully funded. Cr Pollard was also present when Member for Ripon, Louise Staley made her \$340,000 election commitment to Charlton childcare.

Cr Pollard attended the Municipal Association of Victoria Rural and Regional Forum with Chief Executive Officer Anthony Judd. The forum dealt with key sector issues with discussions based around road funding, the Local Government Act, recycling, the upcoming State Election and Pick My Project amongst a full agenda.

The forum also provided a great opportunity for both the Mayor and the CEO to catch up with their counterparts from the Friendship Aligned Hobsons Bay City Council in Mayor Cr Angela Altair and CEO Aaron van Egmond.

The Loddon Campaspe Councils met in Macedon, within its most southern member Council Macedon Ranges. Discussions centred on the Regional Priorities Document, Aged and Disability Services and Municipal Emergency Management. Minister for Regional Development, Jaala Pulford also spoke at the meeting.

The Mayor attended Regional Seasonal Conditions Meeting held in Horsham. The meeting was held before the forecast dry spring in preparation for what the weather may throw at our communities over the next few months.

Councillor Pollard also attended both the quarterly Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee and the Municipal Emergency Management Planning meetings held in Charlton, the Australian Livestock Saleyard Association Conference held in Melbourne and the Rural Councils Transformation Program information session in Horsham.

Finally the Mayor again tested out his radio voice catching up for his monthly spots on both ABC Western Victoria and Flow FM.

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