



Media Release

June with the Mayor

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June was again a busy month for Buloke Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Pollard which took him from Watchem to Melbourne to Canberra.

Cr Pollard and CEO Anthony Judd attended the National General Assembly of Local Government held in Canberra. The assembly program included key note speakers such as Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull as well as panel sessions all designed to get a good cross section of input from local governments about the challenges and circumstances they are currently faced with.

Cr Pollard found the three day event an excellent networking experience and an invaluable opportunity to get both sides of government looking to better work with local government.

The Mayor and the CEO also hosted the Minister for Local Government Marlene Kairouz for a meeting in Wycheproof. The meeting was part of the Minister's tour of Regional Victorian Councils and was an excellent opportunity to personally outline the issues faced in Buloke.

Cr Pollard was also in attendance at the opening of the Watchem playgroup. The newly formed playgroup gets together each Monday morning between 10.00am and midday and is a great local initiative benefiting children and families in their area.

The Mayor attended the Municipal Association of Victoria Emergency Management Committee meeting which featured guest speaker Emergency Management Commissioner Craig Lapsley. Cr Pollard raised the loss of access to water during power outages and the health implications of smoke caused by burn offs as issues for consideration.

Cr Pollard took part in the Victorian Mayors Networking event held in Melbourne. David Hodgett Shadow Minister for Roads and Infrastructure spoke to the group about his portfolio amongst the agenda.

GWMWater are looking to put together an Integrated Water Management Planning Committee. This was discussed at their Customer and Stakeholder Workshop attended by the Mayor. The committee would look at things like the capture and use of storm water in our communities.

Cr Pollard attended the Wycheproof Lions Changeover Dinner which marks the changing of office bearers for the important voluntary organisation.

Amongst all this there was also time to assist in getting 900 Merino ewes shorn at home. Just.

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