

Media Release

McLean in Queen's Birthday Honours

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Former Buloke Shire Council Mayor Stuart McLean's contribution to the Buloke community and beyond has been recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours.

Mr McLean has been awarded the MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA in the general division for his service to the community and local government.

Mr McLean, who now resides in Hamlyn Heights in Geelong, served as a Councillor between 1997 and 2016 including two terms as Mayor between 1998 and 2000.

Alongside his long and distinguished service to Buloke his service to the community is equally significant.

Mr McLean has been Vice-Chair Regional Development Australia's Loddon Mallee Region since 2010 and is also currently on the Mallee Regional Partnership Committee.

He has been an executive member of the Australian Livestock Saleyards Association since 1996, serving as President since 2011 as well as being a board member of the North Central Catchment Authority between 2000 and 2015.

In addition to these he has given his time and expertise to many community, environmental and agricultural groups for in excess of 30 years including being a member of the Wycheproof Lions Club since 1980.

"I am both quite honoured and humbled to both receive the award and that somebody acknowledged my contribution by nominating me. In a broader sense, no matter how good you may be at what you do, recognition like this is also a very real reflection on those who you work with within organisations", said Mr McLean.

A proactive approach to life has been the driving force behind Stuart's community work. "I am a solution based character rather than focusing solely on the problem. I have always taken a view of the best way to learn is to work in with people. I like to get involved in a process, get out there and make a difference rather than sit back and hope somebody makes that difference for you. I like to see equality in the system and work towards it, I am a passionate supporter of the Rural Living Campaign", he said.



“On behalf of Council and the community, I would like to congratulate Stuart on his much deserved recognition. Stuart has always been a tireless worker for his community and this award is testament to that. He will always be regarded as a champion for Buloke by all the groups that he represented his community on and was always of great support to me during the terms we served together as Councillors”, said Mayor, Cr David Pollard.

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