



Media Release

October Ordinary Meeting Wrap

13 October 2017

At its October Ordinary Meeting, Buloke Shire Council endorsed; the AFL Central Victoria Regional Facilities Strategy, allocated more than \$18,000 from its Community and Sustainability Grants Funds, set its 2017/18 swimming pool season, received the 2016/17 Annual Report, adopted the Roadside Weed and Rabbit Control Plan and lent its support to the 2030 Greater Victoria Commonwealth Games Bid Project.

The AFL Central Victoria Regional Facilities Strategy was launched on 1 September and was developed to drive targeted investment by local governments, AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria along with the state government to increase and support participants in football and netball. The strategy will provide guidance to Council on future needs for its facilities and will be a valuable tool in securing future funding.

Council has allocated funding from the 2017/18 \$20,000 Community Grants and Sponsorship Program to some well deserving community projects. The Donald Learning Centre (\$1,000) will purchase a high definition projector to help support their Easy Steps for Donald Youths project. Birchip Business and Learning Centre (\$500) will be putting their funds towards coordinating a community Christmas event for Birchip and Donald 2000 (\$1,050) will construct a portable dance floor for use at functions in the area such as Cuisine in the Crop.

Council also allocated its first funds of the financial year from its Sustainability Grants Fund. Gordon Park Caravan and Camping Ground (\$7,993) will install 2.5KW solar panels and an inverter, Charlton Lions Club (\$3,933) will install a 5KW solar panel and inverter as will Charlton Bowling Club (\$4,000) with funding from this innovative program.

The 2017/18 swimming pool season will kick off on Friday 10 November this year and conclude on Monday 12 March 2018. Council also endorsed a cold weather procedure which will effectively allow Council to bank days where the temperature does not exceed 21 degrees to extend the season beyond 12 March 2018 if the weather is warm into the early part of autumn. Entry to all seven of Council's pools will again be free this season.

Council adopted its Roadside Weed and Pest Program Control Plan 2017/19. This plan assists in preventing the spread and introduction of invasive plant and animal species across the region and was devised with community consultation and input from local Landcare groups.

Council has lent its weight to Greater Shepparton City Council's campaign for the 2030 Greater Victorian Commonwealth Games bid. Council will contribute \$1,000 to a prefeasibility study to help determine the validity of the Greater Victorian Commonwealth Games bid.

Finally, Council received its 2017/18 Annual Report. The Annual Report will be available in hard copy from Council's Wycheproof office and on Council's website.

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