



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS REVISITED

Young Citizen of the Year 2018 and 2010 – Mikaela Christie

Honored twice with a Buloke Young Citizen of the Year Award (2008 and 2010), Mikaela Christie was an outstanding example of youth leadership and an enabler within her community.

The Birchip P12 student showed leadership qualities from an early age, readily assuming responsibility for driving big initiatives within both a school framework and in the wider community.

Holding school representative roles and contributing towards the advancement of the Birchip Youth Group and Buloke's FReeZa youth events, Mikaela was also a member on the Buloke Shire Youth Advisory Panel.

An instrumental contributor to the school's Grand Final entry at the Melbourne-based Rock Eisteddfod, Mikaela was invited to return as an assistant volunteer during the 2009 finals following a work experience stint earlier that year. She also played an important role in Birchip's application to host the Triple J national "One Night Stand Concert" – a juggernaut event with a projected audience of 10,000 people!

A passionate sports woman, Mikaela found her niche with hockey, playing across various levels locally, and leading the U17 North Central Hockey team as Captain at the 2010 Junior Country Championships in Melbourne. A mentor for the younger players, and a committed volunteer, she gained her Level 1 coaching credentials in 2008 through Hockey Australia's National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.

Recognised for her extensive sporting contributions, Mikaela was named the Young Person in Sport at a gala ceremony for the Victorian State Government's Community Sport and Recreation Awards in 2010.

Following her graduation from Birchip P12 School in 2011, Mikaela commenced a Bachelor of Health Sciences at La Trobe University, completing her Masters in Podiatry in 2015.

The recipient of the Helen Handbury Future Leaders Award (an initiative supporting Year 12 students in rural and regional Australia who have shown outstanding community leadership) the scholarship enabled Mikaela to participate in a volunteering program at a school in Momzono near Cape Town in South Africa. Undertaken during her final year of studies, Mikaela used her sports coaching experience to support teachers and build specific sporting skills for more than 1000 students at the ACJ Primary School.

Following her graduation Mikaela worked with Alfred Health at the Caulfield Health Centre out-patients clinic, and after a period of travel, she later joined the Ashburton Foot Clinic in 2018. She currently shares her time between Ashburton and Monash Health where she works with the High-Risk Foot multi-disciplinary team.

Intent on supporting those in need, Mikaela took part in the Oxfam Trail Walk and the Peter McCallum Walk to Cure Cancer as a podiatry volunteer in 2015.

During her time at University, she was Student Leader and Social Outreach Representative at the La Trobe residential college of Menzies in 2013, assisting students transition into university life and coordinating fundraising initiatives and building awareness for a number of charities.

Mikaela has continued to support her home community over recent years speaking at Probus about foot health and offering pop-up podiatry sessions.

Continuing to fulfill the potential recognized by her Buloke Awards, Mikaela is an inspiration to other young rural women who seek to make a mark on the world.

Nominations for Council's Citizen, Young Citizen and Event of the Year Awards have been extended. You can make a nomination by downloading the Australia Day Awards Nomination form from Council's website, with nominations closing on Friday 4 November 2020.

Do You Need a Reusable Mask?

Council has again received a number of reusable facemasks from the Department of Health and Human Services, to give to any vulnerable members of the community at no cost to the individual.

Council has so far given away more than 3,000 masks!

For more information on the program and a list of eligibility criteria for these reusable facemasks, go to www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/reusable-face-masks-covid-19

Across Victoria, there is also a new requirement that a fitted face mask, which covers the nose and mouth, is mandatory for all Victorians when they leave home, unless they have a lawful reason not to.

If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from one of our masks and would not otherwise be able to obtain a facemask, please contact Rebecca on 1300 520 520.

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Employment Opportunity

Buloke Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply.

Roads Coordinator – Permanent Full Time

Council is seeking applications from a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to take on the role of Roads Coordinator.

Reporting to the Manager Works, this position will assist Council in taking a proactive approach in managing Council's roads.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 4 December 2020.

HOW TO APPLY - Send an email with a copy of your resume to recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au or forward to: **Human Resources, Buloke Shire Council, P.O. Box 1 Wycheproof, Vic 3527.**

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It's Buloke Girls Can Week

VicHealth's This Girl Can – Victoria campaign has encouraged over 400,000 Victorian women to get active. Buloke are getting on board to celebrate the amazing women in our region who are breaking down their barriers and getting active.

Buloke Girls Can Week is running from 23 – 29 November 2020. Join us for a week of free fitness classes, empowerment events, a workshop for sporting clubs and more!

Buloke Girls Can Week is an initiative of the Buloke Shire Council and supported by VicHealth, Mallee Sports Assembly, Neighbourhood House and participating fitness instructors.

It is not too late to get involved, visit: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/this-girl-can

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