

COMMUNITY UPDATE



Buloke Bounce Back

Building on the great work done by our Buloke residents in keeping each other safe, it is time to re-connect and recover as Buloke Bounces Back from COVID-19.

The Victorian Government's COVID-19 Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative aims to help people maintain important connections with family, friends and community and to build new social connections and networks within their local communities.

We are pleased to announce that quick-action Community Activation Grants of up to \$2,000 are available to community groups working within the Buloke Shire.

These grants are designed to help activate projects which increase social connections in our communities.

- Do you have an innovative way to connect people who are finding it hard to get out and about again?
- Does your group need a little extra boost to get members back together?
- Will some financial support help to make your social connection opportunity COVID Safe?

To enable the quick-response nature of this program, applications will be assessed on a rolling basis, with the closure of the program on **Friday 11 June 2021**.

Call our Community Development team on **1300 520 520** to request your application form and begin the bounce back!

Housing Study Endorsed

Council endorsed the Wimmera Southern Mallee Housing Study endorsed at its April Ordinary Meeting.

Council partnered with West Wimmera, Hindmarsh, Northern Grampians, Horsham and Yarriambiack Councils as part of the Wimmera Development Association commissioned, Wimmera Southern Mallee Housing Review.

The review aimed to quantify and address the anecdotal challenges that exist across the Wimmera Southern Mallee Region. Whilst housing has been an ongoing concern for the region, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has seen the housing shortage exacerbated and having a planned and structured approach to addressing the challenge is important. The study was formed by a range of interviews with key stakeholders and analysis of historical and projected data.

Council will now partner with the Housing Sub-Committee of the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee to develop project proposals and incorporate into next review of Council's Advocacy Strategy and will continue to work with Wimmera Development Association and other regional Councils on the implementation of the study.



Help Us to Help You

Council operates under a Customer Service Charter which underpins our commitment to excellent customer service.

Excellent customer service outcomes are built on two-way relationships. Council staff are members of your community and whilst we endeavour to satisfy each customer inquiry, we also ask customers to consider the following when contacting Council:

- Treat Council staff with respect, honesty and courtesy
- Provide accurate and (where possible) complete information
- Respect the rights of other customers
- Inform Council of any change to your details

Let's continue to work together to build a better Buloke.



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. Council is recruiting for:

OHS Officer – Permanent Full Time

Are you an OHS practitioner with the skills set to deliver strong processes to support people and place? Council has a newly established role that can bring out your best whilst continuing to develop our workplaces as safe and compliant. **Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 30 April 2021.**

Visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment or call Human Resources on **1300 520 520** for full details on this exciting role.

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.**

Building a Better Buloke.

Animal Registrations Are Now Overdue

Animal registrations are now overdue. Registering your pets is necessary under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Victoria) and is due on 10 April each year.

Registration also greatly improves the chances of your pets being returned to you if they become lost.

Reminders are currently being sent to all pet owners who have not yet registered their pets to avoid infringement notices.

For more information on pet registration call Council on **1300 520 520** or visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/registration-microchipping



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