

COMMUNITY UPDATE



BULOKE
SHIRE COUNCIL



FREE Green Waste Month is Here!

To help make Buloke Fire Ready for the upcoming season, Council is accepting green waste FREE OF CHARGE through the month of October at all landfills and transfer stations.

Every landowner in the Shire has a responsibility to minimise the threat to life and property from fire.

There are a number of steps that you can take to make your property "fire safe".

Mowing up to fence and building lines, trimming trees and hedges, removing accumulated rubbish and removing flammable materials such as tyres.

Rural landowners with property adjacent to town boundaries can also help through rubbish removal and putting firebreaks within their property boundary.

Let's clean up and be Fire Ready this season.



Hardship Policy Is There If You Need

It is a tough time, the likes of which we may not see again in our lifetimes. Ratepayers can apply to Council for assistance relating to any unpaid rates under Council's Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy.

Council's Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy provides a number of options for ratepayers who are in genuine financial hardship to help manage liability.

The policy provides such options as deferment of rates and charges or the granting of a waiver of interest on rates or charges to ratepayers experiencing demonstrated financial hardship.

Ratepayers will start receiving notice soon, which are due for payment in full by 15 February 2022, additionally ratepayers can elect to pay by quarterly instalments.

We're working to help ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic or whatever life may be throwing at them.

You can view Council's Rates and Charges Financial Hardship Policy at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/payment-difficulties.

Ratepayers are encouraged to contact Council's Rates Officer on **1300 520 520** if they are having difficulty paying part, or all, of their rates, charges or Fire Services Property Levy.



Make a Splash This Season!

Get ready to grab a towel! Council has set the dates for the upcoming swimming pool season.

The gates will open at all seven of Council's pools on Friday 12 November 2021 with the season scheduled to conclude on Sunday 20 March 2022.

The Cold Weather Policy will again apply across the season, seeing pools closed on days of low temperature and 'banked' to extend the season should warmer weather continue beyond the scheduled season.

For those looking for casual employment across the season, our popular Pool Lifeguard positions are now open.

See you at the pool!

Have Your Say - Mount Wycheproof Emu Management Plan

Buloke Shire Council engaged Southern Fauna & Ecology to provide an Emu Management Plan for a group of eight emus currently residing within a fenced enclosure on Mount Wycheproof. This included a brief site visit, data and literature searches, and community consultation.

The objective of this plan is to provide Buloke Shire Council with options for the long-term sustainability, welfare and wellbeing of the emus currently residing on the mount. This document is intended to be dynamic and subject to improvement during the course of implementation.

The plan can be viewed online at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-mount-wycheproof-emu-management-plan

Council has extended the submission deadlines and now invites feedback on the plan until **5.00pm Friday 22 October 2021**.



Nominate Now for Australia Day Awards

Council is once again looking to recognise outstanding contributions to the community by presenting the following awards for the whole of Buloke Shire.

- **Citizen of the Year** (for persons 25 years or older on 26 January 2022)
- **Young Citizen of the Year** (for persons aged 15 to 24 years on 26 January 2022).

The basic criterion for the awards in these two categories is persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the local community during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

- **Community Event of the Year Award** (Presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year).

Nominations for these award are now open and can be made by downloading the Australia Day Awards Nomination Form from Council's website.

Nominations are to be received by close of business **Friday 19 November 2021**.

Council will announce the winners of the awards at its Australia Day Eve Event on Tuesday 25 January 2022.



Employment Opportunities

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:

Manager Customer Engagement – Permanent Full Time

Council is looking for a media and communications professional that can bring strong management skills to deliver an all of organisation customer first approach.

Applications close Friday 15 October 2021.

Capital Projects Officer – Temporary Full Time

Council is looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to deliver projects, plan and co-ordinate the development of capital works projects for the period of twelve months.

Applications close Friday 22 October 2021.

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

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