

## By-Election Timeline

Voters who were correctly enrolled for the Buloke Shire Mallee Ward as at 4pm on Friday 19 August will receive a ballot pack, which must be completed and returned by mail as soon as possible using the reply-paid envelope provided.



Ballot packs will be mailed from Tuesday 27 September and voters can vote by mail or can also hand-deliver their completed ballot papers to the election office located at 370 Broadway, Wycheproof on weekdays from Monday 10 October to Friday 14 October 2022. Office hours are from 9am to 5pm, with extended hours on Thursday 13 October (9am to 8pm) and Friday 14 October (9am to 6pm).

Voting closes at 6 pm on Friday 14 October, with results available from Monday 24 October 2022. Election Manager John Lyons advised voters to vote well ahead of the closing time.

For further information visit: [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au) or call 131 832.

## Snake Season

With warmer weather snakes are re-emerging across Buloke Shire. When leaving hibernation, they will tend to sun themselves motionless on rocks, pathways or in clearings. The most common species in Buloke are:

- Eastern Brown snakes
- Red-bellied Black snakes
- Tiger snakes

Although common snakes in Buloke are venomous and can be dangerous (especially to small children and pets), snakes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975 and it is illegal to harm, capture or kill them. Commonly incidents occur when people interfere with snakes or attempt to capture or kill them.

If you encounter a snake:

- Leave it alone. They represent very little danger.
- When you see a snake, keep calm and move everyone including your pets away.
- Do not attempt to capture or harm the animal
- Maintain yards and clean up around houses, as snakes are attracted to piles of rocks or timber, sheets of metal or building materials.
- If someone is bitten, call 000 immediately.

If you encounter a snake, call 136 186 for advice.



## Sports Grounds

Lighting upgrades continue across Buloke, with football ovals at Charlton, Nullawil and Wycheproof now commissioned.

Hockey and netball facilities will soon follow, while redundant infrastructure such as old lights and towers will be removed in coming months.

The Lighting Up Buloke Project is supported by the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.



## Bridging the Gap

Scilleys Island Bridge in Donald now has new, safer handrails installed with new decking to follow. Construction works underway are expected to be complete in October. The popular island access bridge was closed two years ago due to safety concerns.



## Watchem Facilities

The amenities block rectification work at Watchem Lake Camping Ground is ongoing, with new concrete now laid and awaiting curing. The block remains closed, except for the laundry and disabled amenities.

To bolster the campsite during the September school holidays, Council has temporarily installed four portable showers (2 male/2 female) and four additional toilets (2 male/2 female) last week. These units have been plumbed into the septic system in case of high usage.

Completion of the works is expected by the end of October.



## Pool Season 2022-2023

Preparations have commenced for the opening of the pool season, kicking off 12 November 2022.

All seven pools across Buloke will remain free for entry, with operating hours unchanged.

Council will also be purchasing new inflatable pool toys, to be chosen by Imogen Manifold of Donald Primary School, who recently won the pool design competition.

For enquiries about pool hire or further information, contact the Aquatic Team on 1300 520 520.



## 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 currently recruiting for:



## Jobs in the Spotlight:

### Aquatic Officer

Are you a fantastic organiser? Love planning events? A community doer? Prefer an office job to the outdoors? Then the Aquatic Officer role is for you!

This newly re-developed role will co-ordinate the operations of Council pools, leading a group of committed lifeguards and letting your creative ideas flow to develop innovative ways to connect with local communities to increase participation and attendance.

This is a full-time position preparing for the pool season, operations during the season, and winding down of the season in 2023 with the opportunity for an immediate start. There is flexibility to share the position between two people and the opportunity for on-going employment for the right person. This year's season is from Saturday 12 November 2022 until Monday 20 March 2023.

Remuneration is Band 5A, \$1220.52 per week, plus superannuation. Experience in leisure services or aquatic recreation is desirable, but not mandatory. A team focussed attitude and good communication skills are what we are looking for.

→ Applications close 5.00pm Friday 30 September 2022

### Media and Communications Officer

Buloke Shire Council is looking for a media and communications professional to continue to promote and tell the stories of the Shire.

Council has built an excellent reputation with our approach to our communication and now is the time to bring your expertise to continue to develop that connection with the community.

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Visit [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment](http://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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