



## Inflatables Pool Party

An inflatable obstacle course, inflatable volleyball and basketball – all these activities are part of a huge pool party to kick start Buloke's pool season and celebrate the arrival of the new water activities. The Inflatables Pool Party will take place at the Donald Swimming Pool from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on December 17, with food and drinks provided. Children under the age of 10 years will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Imogen Manifold, a student at the Donald Primary School, helped to choose the new inflatable toys, as the winner of a fiercely contested, design competition, held earlier this year. Thanks to Imogen, Donald was selected as the location for the pool party.

## Free Green Waste

Council has extended the free green waste period until Christmas this year. Buloke landfill and transfer stations will accept green waste at all sites, helping to ease the burden upon the community during a season of prolific vegetation growth, trying their utmost to maintain their residential yards.

## Nominations Closing

Nominations for Council's three coveted annual Australia Day Awards: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; and Community Event of the Year Award close this Friday at 5pm.

Nominations can be made by downloading the Australia Day Awards nomination form from Council's website.

## Fire Danger Period

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) will begin at 1am Monday 12 December in the Buloke Shire.

A reminder also that the new Fire Danger Rating System came into effect in September.

The semi-circle displaying the levels of risk has changed. Instead of displaying six Fire Danger Rating levels, the new signs will have just four categories, ranging from: **moderate-to-high-to-extreme-to-catastrophic**.

All states and territories in Australia are now operating under the same rating system.

There four levels of fire danger help us to decide what actions to take:

**Moderate** - Plan and prepare

**High** - Be ready to act

**Extreme** - Take action now to protect your life and property



## Roadside Slashing

Council's fire prevention program is well underway. Our team has been working hard to keep reserves and roadsides to an acceptable standard, whilst also managing the flood response and emergency road maintenance.

The increased rainfall has noticeably extended the peak growth season, with some areas needing a second swipe and some still too wet to cut. We will return to these areas as soon as we can.

Abundant roadside growth raises the risk of grass fires, and with warmer weather setting grasses to cure, reducing fuel on local roads and roadsides is important to reducing this risk. Council's Municipal Fire Prevention officers have begun the fire safety inspection program. Make your property fire safe for the safety and wellbeing of our community.

**For more information contact Customer Service on 1300 520 520.**

## Buloke's Best

'Buloke's Best Lawn' and 'Buloke's Best Before and After Residential Yard' photo competition is now open.

One entry permitted per household, however you can enter both categories:

- Best residential lawn photo competition; and
- Best before and after residential yard photo competition.

Application forms and terms and conditions of entry are located on Council's website, visit:

**[www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au). Entries close at 5pm 16 December, 2022.**

**Catastrophic** - For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

We all have a responsibility to reduce fire risk.

Fire Danger Ratings will be issued on days when there is a fire risk. Each fire danger rating will have a clear set of messages including the actions the community can take to reduce their risk.

Ratings are forecast using Bureau of Meteorology data for up to four days in advance, based on weather and other environmental conditions such as vegetation.

The rating is your trigger to take action to stay safe. Make sure you know what you can and can't do during the FDP, visit: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can).



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## Temporary Road Closures

**Sea Lake** – The public is advised of the following temporary road closures at Sea Lake from 3:45pm-10:00pm on Friday 9 December 2022, for the Sea Lake Christmas Party: Best Street, between Calder Hwy and Sutcliffe Street; Howard Lane and Cunningham Lane, between Education Lane and Fraser Lane.

**Donald** – The public is advised that Wood Street, Donald, between Camp Street and Campbell Street will be temporarily closed from 3:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday 23 December 2022, for the Donald Christmas Party.

The public is asked to adhere to detours and road closures that will be in place.

Wayne O'Toole

Chief Executive Officer



## 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:

### Administration Assistant - Casual

Looking to start your career in local government? Do you have a range of administrative skills that can be adapted to the various departments including Customer Service, Library Service and Records Management? If so, we may have a role suitable for you.

→ Closing date: 5.00pm Friday 9 December 2022.

### Development Services

#### Administration Officer - Permanent full-time

This position will provide efficient and effective administrative support to the Development Services Department, including the Building Surveyor office, Compliance Team Leader and Planning office. Flexible working arrangements may be available.

→ Closing date: 9.00am Monday 19th December 2022

### Lifeguards – Expression of Interest

We are always on the look-out for school leavers, uni students, sports people, mums, dads, uncles, aunties, and next-door neighbours to support Council's summer pools program.

We have re-opened the Expression of Interest for Lifeguard training and casual work, just in case you were looking for a cool job, by the pool like this, with free Lifeguard and First Aid training for all suitable applicants.

Without sufficient Lifeguards, pools in our community cannot open safely. Every member of our team makes a real difference delivering a great summer of fun.

→ EOI close 9.00am Tuesday 31 January 2023.

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 about this exciting role.