

RECOVERY PLAN

The Buloke Shire Council acknowledges the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk people and the Dja Dja Wurrung people as the traditional owners of parts of the land now known as Buloke.

A major rain and flood event occurred in many parts of Northern and Western Victoria on and around mid-October 2022. Substantial rain fell in the Avoca and Richardson catchments that led to major flooding occurring throughout Buloke Shire. Mitigation efforts from Council, agencies and community lessened the impact for a majority of residential and commercial properties and critical infrastructure assets, however, significant impacts were still felt by the community, particularly our farming community. Council will continue to support the Buloke community through their recovery.

OUR VALUES:

Throughout recovery Council will continue to uphold our values:

- Transparency in decision making
- Taking responsibility
- Working collaboratively with partners
- Showing care and respect
- Accountability by actions
- Being responsive and timely

NATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR DISASTER RECOVERY:

Disasters can deeply impact lives and livelihoods. These principles guide our efforts, our approach, our planning and our decision making.

Understand the **CONTEXT**

Recognise **COMPLEXITY**

Use **COMMUNITY LED** approaches

COORDINATE all activities

COMMUNICATE effectively

Recognise and build **CAPACITY**

SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY

Planning and delivery of recovery efforts will be organised around five lines of recovery with the community at its heart to achieve truly community-led recovery outcomes.



RECOVERY OUTCOMES:

People are safe and secure
People are healthy and well
Communities are cohesive and people connected

Aboriginal culture is valued and respected
Aboriginal trauma is addressed and healing is supported
Aboriginal cultural safety is promoted
Aboriginal participation and ownership is promoted

Natural environments are healthy, resilient and biodiverse
Natural environments have high levels of amenity
Natural environments are productive and accessible

Industries and Businesses recover and are stronger
Employment opportunities are accessible
Local businesses and communities are resilient

Utilities and transport routes are restored and resilient
Commercial and agricultural infrastructure is rebuilt and improved
Residential property is rebuilt and improved
Public infrastructure is relevant and of high quality