

expand
your impact

Series Two
Tuesdays 6pm-7:30pm | From 21 Feb to 28 Mar 2023

Expand Your Impact

Last call to sign up before 21 February, 2023.

This is the last round of the Expand Your Impact series offered to the Buloke Community. You will be meeting together online with community members from other municipalities, sharing ideas, learning new skills to assist you to be more active and have greater impact in your community.

Do you know someone or are you working tirelessly to implement your projects? Do you need more volunteers, with new ideas and support to make it easier? Workshops are held online, and you can register via this link: <https://bit.ly/3IPM8W3>.

Phone Survey In Buloke

You may get a call! Independent market research agency, National Field Services, have been commissioned to conduct a Community Satisfaction Survey on behalf of Buloke Shire Council. Council would like to inform resident that from 30 January through to mid-March, your household may receive a call. Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils and are designed to assess the performance of the Buloke Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents. We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback. Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with the Buloke Shire Council. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to **contact Customer Service at 1300 520 520**.

Single Use Plastic Ban

From 1 February 2023, single-use plastic drinking straws, single-use plastic drink stirrers, single-use plastic cutlery, single-use plastic plates, single-use plastic cotton buds, foodware, and cups made from expanded polystyrene are banned from use. **For more information head to www.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics**.

Donald Levee

Council is awaiting final instruction to remove the earthen levee at Donald. Council expects to receive direction by close of business Friday 10 February, 2023.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **100 Cheetham Salt Road, Bimbourie**.

The application is for a **permit for earthworks to replace a septic system**.

The application reference number is **PA23011**.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application on the **Buloke Shire Council website** or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, **Buloke Shire Office, Wycheproof**.

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An objection form is available on the Planning and Building page of the Buloke Shire Council website.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before **23 February 2023**. If you object the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

Rate Payment Reminder

Residents are reminded that rates paid in full are due on **February 15, 2023**.

For rates paid by instalments, the third-rate payment is due on **February 28, 2023**.

We are introducing a new system for secure payments via an online portal.

Payments can be made using debit or credit cards, direct debit and eventually PayPal and PayID. Additional payment frequency options will be available providing more flexibility in meeting obligations at your convenience. All payment types can be found at **www.buloke.vic.gov.au/make-a-payment**.



Have Your Say – Transport Management

Council's transport assets (roads) contribute to the community by allowing people to move safely and conveniently around and through the municipality, enabling the transport of goods and services and connecting people to service centres and other key destinations.

The Transport Asset Management Implementation Plan outlines the management approach to achieving these outcomes, by identifying future demand, planning for optimising the life of these assets and maintaining financial sustainability when planning over a 10-year period.

The plan also addresses continual improvement in the management of the assets and performance monitoring.

Have Your Say on our Transport Asset Management Implementation Plan by visiting Council's website:

www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-more, by contacting Dan McLaughlan on 1300 520 520, or emailing buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au.

Flood Support

The Flood Recovery Grants provide up to \$50,000 (excl. GST) to help cover eligible expenses incurred from direct damage due to flooding. Funding received under the Small Business Immediate **Flood Relief Program**, or the Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program will be included in the total grant amount. Currently, applicants must first have been successful for the \$5000 one-off grant before applying for the \$50,000 grant. Please note, receiving a Small Business Immediate Flood Relief grant doesn't automatically guarantee eligibility for a Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grant. Businesses and organisations that receive a \$5000 grant will be provided with information about eligibility and how to apply.

Applications for these grants **close on 1 May 2023**.

Concessional loans of up to \$250,000 are available to small businesses and not-for-profit organisations that have suffered significant damage to their assets and/or significant loss of income. The loans are for restoring or replacing damaged assets and/or to meet working capital expenses.

The free **Business Relief Service** provides confidential one-on-one support from local Business Relief Advisers via phone and on the ground. Business Relief Advisers can help businesses with grant applications and connect them with relevant support services to help with their next steps towards recovery. Businesses can access this service by registering online, or calling the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15. If the caller needs a translator, the operator can contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on their behalf.

Mental health and wellbeing support is available to sole traders, business owners and their employees can call the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline on 1300 375 330 for free and confidential advice, available seven days a week.

Trained financial counsellors, business advisers and wellbeing coaches are available to provide confidential one-on-one support.

If people are feeling overwhelmed or concerned about their wellbeing, there are Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs providing free support and can be accessed by calling the same number: 1300 375 330.

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 Officer Maternal and Child Health

→ Closing date: 9am Monday
20th February 2023

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



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