



International Women's Day 2023

Happy International Women's Day to all the incredible women of Buloke Shire! We celebrate your strength, resilience, and achievements. Thank you for your countless contributions to our community.

Your voices, skills, and perspectives make a valuable difference in shaping our future. Let's continue to support, empower, and uplift one another every day, and strive for a more equitable and inclusive world. We were lucky enough to have some amazing staff share their journeys and talk about what International Women's Day meant to them.

Have Your Say – Home Support Service Provision

Home support service provision has been an important part of Buloke Shire Council's operations for nearing 40 years. Like many other Victorian Councils, Buloke Shire is reviewing the future of service provision for aged care and disability services as the Commonwealth government progressively implements reforms in the national aged care system. Last month Council made an in-principle decision to withdraw from the funded role of service provider. Council has been consulting heavily across the last few weeks with staff, clients, families, volunteers and contractors and you, our community.

This is an incredibly important decision for our community, and we need your input.

There will be no change to the employment status of affected staff or service to clients until the decision is confirmed and agreement with future transition arrangements. To learn more about the consultation and how you can get involved and to read our media release and Frequently Asked Questions document, please visit <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-future-of-home-support-service-provision>.

For more information contact Council on 1300 520 520 or email buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au.

Submissions can be made to Director Community Development, Travis Fitzgibbon by email to buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au or by mail to Buloke Shire Council, PO Box 1, Wycheproof Vic 3527.

Last days! Please submit your feedback by **Friday 17 March 2023**.

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. This Asset Management Implementation Plan has been developed in accordance with Council's Asset Plan, Asset Management Policy and principles of the Asset Management Strategy (Objectives). Have Your Say visiting Council's website: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say, calling 1300 520 520, or emailing buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au. **Extended closing date for submissions is 5pm 23 March 2023.**

Have Your Say – Road Management

The Draft Road Management Plan outlines Council's commitment to ensuring accessible, quality services and facilities are provided to its community.

The purpose of this Plan is to:

- Detail the management systems for the road management functions under the control of the Council;
- Set the relevant standards in relation to the discharge of duties in the performance of those road management functions; and
- Ensure the provision of a safe and efficient road network for use by road users and the community.

This Draft Road Management Plan complements the Long-Term Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-2025 by addressing specific elements of the maintenance and management of the road network, as well as the legislative responsibilities under the Road Management Act 2004 (Act).

Have Your Say by visiting: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say, by contacting Assets Management Team on 1300 520 520, or emailing buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au. Contact our Customer Service Team to post out a copy of the Plan to you. **Submissions close 5pm 23 March 2023.**

Grants Closing Soon

Please contact Council on 1300 520 520 if you have been flood affected and have not yet registered with a support agency, so that we can refer you for assistance. Many support grants close on April 30. For information about farm support, visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods.

\$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant: eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for up to \$75,000 to help with the costs of clean-up and recovery. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425. **Closes 30 April 2023.**

\$15,000 Flood Recovery Transport Support: eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for up to \$15,000 to support 50 per cent of costs for the transport of emergency fodder or stock drinking water, and the movement of livestock for agistment, sale, or slaughter. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425. **Closes 30 April 2023.**

Flood Recovery Concessional Loan: eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for concessional loans of up to \$250,000 to restore or replace damaged assets, and meet general expenses incurred while the clean-up is underway. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425. **Closes 4pm 30 April 2023.**

\$25,000 Rural Landholder Grant: if you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the \$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant, but operate a smaller scale Primary Production Enterprise, you may be eligible for a Rural Landholder Grant. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425. **Closes 30 April 2023.**

Flood Recovery Grants provide up to \$50,000 (excl. GST) to help cover eligible expenses incurred from direct damage due to flooding. **Closes 1 May 2023.**

Rural Financial Counselling Service: offers free and independent financial information and referral services to farmers and small, related rural businesses who are in, or at risk of, financial hardship. Call 1300 771 741.

The free **Business Relief Service** provides confidential one-on-one support from local Business Relief Advisers to connect them with support services. Call Business Victoria on 13 22 15.

Mental health and wellbeing support is available to business owners and their employees. Call the Wellbeing Helpline on 1300 375 330 for free and confidential support and advice.

Wooroonook Lake

High levels of Blue Green Algae have been confirmed in the lake and remains closed to the public. Amenities and camping sites remain open.



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

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?

→ Applications close 9am Monday 13 March 2023.

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

Immunisation Nurse

Council is seeking a highly self-motivated, flexible and enthusiastic Immunisation Nurse on a casual basis, conducting immunisation sessions and administration of vaccines in accordance with NHMRC guidelines.

→ Applications marked 'Confidential' will be received until 5.00pm Monday 27 March, 2023.