

Reconciliation Week

In recognition of Reconciliation Week, Buloke Shire Council raised the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, symbolising their commitment to reconciliation, cultural respect, and unity. By hoisting the flags, Council honours the heritage and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples while acknowledging past injustices. The gesture fosters a sense of belonging and pride for local communities, encouraging dialogue, education, and collaboration towards a more inclusive society. Council's act serves as an invitation for all residents to engage in meaningful conversations and learn from the rich cultural heritage of Australia's First Nations peoples



Buloke Playspaces

The long-awaited construction of the Buloke Playspaces Trail is set to begin in June! This project will enhance our beloved parks and create new opportunities for fun and adventure for everyone.

Over the next six months, staged works will be staggered across Centenary Park Wycheproof, Tynan Park Berrivillock, Memorial Park Donald, and Soldiers Memorial Park Birchip.

Please note that sections of these parks will be temporarily closed during the construction period to ensure the safety of our community and the staff involved.

In Birchip, the project will also include the demolition of the old kindergarten and a storeroom at the pool. These enhancements will pave the way for a more modern and vibrant recreational space that we can all enjoy together.

We understand that the anticipation for the Gordon Park Charlton works has been high, but unfortunately, they have been delayed due to the recent flood event in October 2022.

However, this delay presents us with an opportunity to conduct an in-depth flood study, ensuring that our park design is resilient and caters to the needs of our community.

Additional community consultation will be carried out before the works can commence, allowing everyone's voice to be heard.

This project is a testament to our community's commitment to creating inclusive and engaging spaces for people of all ages.

We are grateful for the support and patience shown by everyone involved.

Additional Council Meeting

Council will conduct an additional Council Meeting at **5pm Tuesday 27 June, 2023** at the Wycheproof Supper Room, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof.

Free Green Waste Month

We know we have a lot of residents in Buloke who enjoy spending time in their gardens keeping their yards neat and tidy. Recognising that we have had good opening rains to stimulate growth Council is offering another free green waste month in June 2023.

Temporary Road Closure

The public is advised that Boundary Road, from Nandaly Tyenna Road to Prange Road near Nandaly and West Pier Milan Road, from Boundary Road to Calder Highway near Nandaly will be temporarily closed for the Camel Capers enduro off-road racing event. The road closures will be effective on **June 10 and June 11, 2023**. The public is asked to take notice of detours and road closures that will be in place.

Flood Grants Extended

For information about farm support, visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods. A list of other grants and support networks are available at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/funding-available-for-those-affected-by-flooding>. Eligible primary producers now have until **4pm local time on Thursday 13 July** to apply for the:

- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grant (up to \$75,000);
- Rural Landholder Grant (up to \$25,000);
- Flood Recovery Transport Support Program (up to \$15,000); and
- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Concessional Loan (up to \$250,000).

Business Grants Now Open

Business Groups Flood Recovery Grants are now open. Chambers of commerce, trader groups, industry associations and more, can apply for grants of \$20,000 or \$50,000 (excl GST) to reactivate businesses in flood-affected regions.

More information: <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-groups-flood-recovery-grants>

Support for Business

The Partners in Wellbeing helpline is a free and confidential service for small business owners and employees.

Get support from trained wellbeing coaches, financial counsellors and business advisers, as well as information in languages other than English.

Call 1300 375 330 or visit the website to connect on live chat, send an enquiry or make a referral.

Farmers Counselling Support

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- Rural Financial Counselling Service: the Rural Financial Counselling Service offers free and independent financial information, options, decision making support and referral services to farmers and small, related rural businesses who are in, or at risk of, financial hardship. Call 1300 771 741.
- The Royal Flying Doctors Service Wellbeing is a free mental health and wellbeing service for people in rural and remote Victorian communities. Make an appointment by calling 1300 363 788 or email wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au

Flood Response Support for Victorian Primary Producers

The National Centre for Farmer Health provides support to primary producers affected by the devastating floods in Victoria.

To view the available resources, head to farmerhealth.org.au/buildingfarmspirit

Have Your Say: Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan

The Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) Plan will ensure that the Buloke Shire Council is well-placed to facilitate positive outcomes for younger residents and their families. It will guide planning, advocacy, and Council's delivery of services, programs, events, and spaces for children, young people, and their families over the next ten years. Complete the survey online at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say-young-people-and-families-cypf-plan.

Submissions close **5pm, Friday 23 June**.



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:

Grader Operator

The position is responsible for the undertaking road grading maintenance and construction on Council roads, within townships across the Shire through, undertaking programmed and preventative grading works for the delivery of safety improvements on Council's road network.

→ Applications close **5.00pm Friday 9 June 2023**

Urban and Parks Maintenance Operator

We are seeking a suitable person who likes to positively influence the protection and enhancement of the natural environment through maintenance and effective risk management of open space areas.

→ Applications close **5.00pm Friday 9 June 2023**.

Works Maintenance Operator

The position is responsible for the undertaking civil maintenance and construction on Council roads, and within townships across the Shire.

→ Applications close **5.00pm Friday 9 June 2023**.

If you would like further information in relation to these positions, please contact Lori Mills, Senior Human Resources Officer via lmills@buloke.vic.gov.au **Visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment or call Human Resources on 1300 520 520 for full details about this exciting role.**