

Community Update

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Council Annual Plan Adopted

An important component of Council's strategic planning has been adopted with the Year 3 Annual Plan developed to deliver a range of key objectives set out in the Council Plan 2021-2025.

Some of the key actions/projects included in the Year 3 Annual Plan include the development and adoption of a Buloke Aquatic Strategy, completion of construction of Playspaces for Berrillilock, Donald, and Wycheproof, preparation of Buloke Drainage Plans, preparation of Community Plans, Recreation Reserve Planning projects for Birchip, Donald, and Sea Lake, development and adoption of an Integrated Community Planning Framework and Development and adoption of the Children, Youth and Families Strategy.

View the Annual Plan Year 3 at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/plans>

Community Grants Program Opens

Council is delighted to announce that its Community Grants Program is open for 2023/24.

Each year, Council allocates \$20,000 to the Community Grants Program and Sponsorship and \$50,000 to the Community Sustainability Grants Program.

Community Grants support the strengthening of the capacity and capability of local organisations, assist with the organisation and management of events, or help with the purchase of small capital items.

Sustainability Grants assist projects that contribute to reducing your community's carbon footprint, improve the environment or effectively conserve resource usage.

View the Community Grants Guidelines or apply for a grant now at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/community-grants> or call our Community Development team on 1300 520 520.

Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey

Council at its August Council Meeting noted its results in the 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey. Council's overall performance has fluctuated over time, but since achieving its peak in 2021, perceptions have significantly declined for consecutive years, returning to ratings seen in 2016 and 2017.

Results from the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey have been nationally trending downward over the last two years with many factors influencing how residents experience local government services including cost of living and affordability, as well as emergency events such as flooding.

Council is committed to working hard for our community on both our flood recovery efforts and normal operations and will use these results to inform future actions.

You can view the full results of the Community Satisfaction Survey at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/your-council>

Have Your Say - Customer Experience Charter

Council has endorsed its Draft Customer Experience Charter for consultation purposes. The Charter guides Council Officers' interaction with the community and is an expression of Council's commitment to providing a high standard of service and ensuring consistency and sustainability in service delivery.

You can have your say on the Draft Charter and help inform the fundamental service standards that the community can anticipate when engaging with the Council.

Visit <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/have-your-say> or call our Community Engagement team on 1300 520 520 to learn more. Submissions close 5pm 1 September 2023.

Emergency Management Sessions

Council has organised free training designed to equip community members with important information when responding to emergency situations and reflects the changes to Emergency Management structures following the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

Session 1 – Wednesday 16 August 5-8pm, Shire supper room, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof

To register – <https://shorturl.at/ELPR3>

Session 2 - Thursday 17 August 1-4pm, Donald Learning Centre, 32 Woods Street Donald

To register <https://shorturl.at/hGQVW>



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Buloke Tourism Board

Under brilliant blue skies, Buloke Tourism Board hosted a stand at the Mallee Machinery Field Days at Speed on 2-3 August. Congratulations and thank you to Cr Graeme Milne and community board members Sam and Mary Anne who organised the stand.

Counselling Support for Our Community

- Rural Financial Counselling Service: 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. Call 1300 363 788 or email wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au
- The National Centre for Farmer Health has excellent resources at <https://farmerhealth.org.au/buildingfarmspirit>. Free access to three online sessions with farmer trained psychologists at <https://farmerhealth.welysn.com/> until November 2023.

Business Grants 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>. Applications close 31 October 2023.

Community Grant Extended

Grants of \$1,500 are available for local groups or individuals who wish to boost farmer's mental health and wellbeing. Events must be held by mid-November. Go to <https://farmerhealth.org.au/buildingfarmspirit>. Applications close 31 August 2023.

Small Business/Employees – Help Line Support

Partners in Wellbeing helpline is a free and confidential service for small business owners and employees. Call 1300 375 330, 7 days a week or visit the website to connect on live chat, send an enquiry or make a referral.

Small Business Bus Coming to Buloke

The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus is returning to Buloke in September and sessions are FREE!

Book online or pop in to speak to the team about assistance you need to grow and develop your business and how to access grants and support.

The Bus will be located at the front of the Resource Centre, 280 Broadway, Wycheproof on 10am – 4pm Wednesday 6 September.

For further info or to book a session, go to <https://shorturl.at/nBPS3>. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Women in Small Business: Balancing Work and Home Life

Register for this 5-part webinar series run by Partners in Wellbeing, to connect with like-minded women. Starting 16 August 2023. For information and to register go to <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/women-in-small-business-webinars-august-2023>.

Employment with Buloke

Buloke Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity at Buloke Shire Council call Human Resources on 1300 520 520. You may lodge your application by Mail to PO Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527; or Email to recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au.

Information on all opportunities can be found at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment>

Immunisation Nurse Coordinator (permanent part time)

Council is seeking a highly motivated, flexible and enthusiastic Immunisation Nurse. This role coordinates and conducts immunisation sessions and oversees administration of vaccines in accordance with NHMRC guidelines.

Applications close → 5pm Friday 18 August 2023.

Senior Engineer Transport and Drainage (permanent full time)

Council is seeking an experienced engineer in drainage or transport, infrastructure looking to transfer expertise or a graduate engineer who is looking to make an impact. We would love to hear how you will support us to build a better Buloke.

Applications close → 9am Monday 28 August 2023.

Coordinator Road Services (permanent full time)

Council is seeking a proactive individual with great communication skills, a can do attitude, experience in the management and leadership of staff and a strong understanding of the principles of OHS within the workplace.

Applications close → 9am Monday 28 August 2023.

Senior Engineer Open Spaces (permanent full time)

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School Crossing Supervisor (casual relief)

We are seeking a friendly, reliable and responsible individual on a casual relief basis to assist children to travel safely to and from school and reduce their risk of being involved in accidents with vehicles.

Applications close → 9am Monday 4 September 2023.



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