

COMMUNITY UPDATE



BULOKE
SHIRE COUNCIL



Animal Registration

We all love our furry best friends. Did you know registering your pets is necessary under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Victoria), and greatly improves the chances of your pets being returned to you if they become lost?

Council has sent out animal renewal notices to all owners of previously registered animals, this is a reminder only, and compliance with the law remains the responsibility of individual pet owners.

Remember your registrations must be renewed by 10 April 2020.

For more information on pet registration call Council on 1300 520 520 or visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/registration-microchipping

New Pool and Spa Regulations

Have you got a backyard pool or spa?

Pool and spa owners are required to register pools or spas with their local councils by 1 June 2020.

Owners will also be required to lodge a compliance certificate for their pool or spa barrier every four years.

These new laws have been introduced to keep young children safe.

In addition, owners will be required to engage a registered building surveyor or building inspector to inspect and certify the compliance of their safety barrier every four years.

These new pool and spa laws have been mandated by the State Government and Councils are bound to implement and enforce them. Registration fees are \$31.84 and there is an information search fee of \$47.24.

To register your pool or spa you can download the application form below or call Council's Building Department on 1300 520 520 or visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/new-pool-regulations



Employment Opportunities

Buloke Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply.

Independence Support Carers – Casual Positions

Council is seeking Independence Support Carers who have excellent interpersonal and communication skills to assist our clients to remain living independently within the community. Applications close Friday 20 March 2020.

Maternal Child Health Nurse

Council is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Nurse to provide high quality services to young families in the Buloke Shire. **Applications are now open.**

You can download a position description for these roles at www.buloke.vic.gov.au or call Human Resources on 1300 520 520

HOW TO APPLY: Send an email with a copy of your resume to recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au or forward to: Human Resources, Buloke Shire Council, P.O. Box 1 Wycheproof, Vic 3527.
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Be Aware of Sales Practises

There have been reports of dodgy solar sales practices taking place in the Buloke area.

Some of the issues arising include:

- Inappropriate or unaffordable finance being offered to purchase solar systems. These deals lock the customer in to high interest repayments or other unreasonable payment schemes.
- Misleading and high-pressure sales tactics that typically happen door to door; this can be a demand to make a down payment on that day or 'sign up now' to avoid missing out on rebates which are not in fact disappearing.
- Pretending to be a Council backed or community organisation program such as a solar bulk buy.

To protect yourself, never accept door to door sales or unsolicited phone calls from solar companies.

If you have a genuine interest in solar, and why wouldn't you, get three quotes. You can find a list of approved retailers at www.solar.vic.gov.au/find-authorized-retailer or you can talk to Solar Victoria for advice by calling 1300 376 393.

Remember, if you have any issue with a solar sales company that you think is illegal or unfair please get in touch with the Consumer Action Law Centre on 03 9670 5088.



Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at 518 Ingrams Road, Springfield.

The application is for a permit for the creation of a carriageway easement.

The applicant for the permit is Price Merrett Consulting. The application reference number is PPA 845/20.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at 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 26 March 2020.

If you object the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at 1914 Donald-Murtoa Road, Lawler.

The application is for a permit for the use and development of land for intensive animal husbandry (duck sheds, 65,000 birds).

The applicant for the permit is Gerard & Bronwyn McLoughlan.

The application reference number is PPA 846/20.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at 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 24 March 2020.

If you object the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.