

Media Release

Buloke's Big Builds

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Buloke Shire Council is rolling up its sleeves to start delivering on the projects funded over the last few months. Council currently has a growing list of tenders open as it looks to realise many exciting projects Shire wide.

The Charlton Park Multi-Purpose Facility project reached its funding goal in October last year when Minister for Regional Development Jaala Pulford announced \$1.5 million dollars of State Government funding for the project. The Charlton Park 2020 committee has been working on the project since 2006 and now tenders are open for the construction of the ambitious multi-purpose facility within the town's recreational precinct.

Three of Buloke's iconic recreational lakes are also getting amenity upgrades to both ensure and grow their popularity with locals and tourist alike. The works at Tchum Lake, Watchem Lake and Wooroonook Lake will see the construction of new or heavily renovated fully accessible toilet blocks and shower facilities to modern standards at each destination.

These four projects alone represent more than \$5 million of investment in community recreation facilities with substantial funding from Council and communities alongside Federal and State Government grants.

All of the projects are key priorities of the Council Plan 2017-2021 and were advocated successfully through use of the Council's Major Projects Pipeline document.

These projects are in addition to the funded projects in the north of the Shire at Lake Tyrrell (\$2.5 million) and Green Lake (\$2.0 million) and the Yeungroon Road Rehabilitation (Stage 1 \$550,000) project in the south. There is also a substantial contract out for tender for flood road reconstruction and more to follow in the coming months.

Council is also close to completing the Berriwillock Synthetic Bowling Green project (\$460,000) and the Donald Levee project (\$1.0 million) and has recently completed the Wycheproof Pool Change Rooms Redevelopment (\$600,000) and the Nullawil Drainage project (\$100,000).

"It certainly is a very exciting time in Buloke. There has been so much work undertaken by communities and Council and it is all coming to fruition. Whilst it is always great to attend funding announcements I am sure, like me, everyone would rather be attending openings of new facilities or upgrades and in Buloke there will be plenty of opportunity to do that in the near future. The time is now for Council to continue to deliver these projects for all our communities and truly build a better Buloke", said Mayor Cr David Pollard.

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