

Media Release

December Meeting Wrap

15 December 2017

At its December Ordinary Meeting, Buloke Shire Council awarded the tender for the reconstruction of the Yeungroon Road pavement, adopted its updated Kerbside Waste and Collection Policy, endorsed the Mallee Regional Floodplain Management Strategy and awarded more than \$22,500 in community grants.

Council has awarded the reconstruction of the Yeungroon Road pavement to local business Greg's Digging. The rehabilitation will be delivered in two stages, funded under the Council's capital program (\$460,000) and the Flood Recovery Program (\$90,000).

Council will submit an application for \$500,000 to the Building Better Regions Fund for the Donald Multipurpose Community Facility. The facility is a major component Council's Major Project Pipeline and has attracted recent investment \$1.1 million from the State Government along with Council committing \$475,000 of its \$1.5 million allocation from the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program. Council has reconfirmed its commitment of \$500,000 from each of the next two annual budgets.

Council has adopted its updated Kerbside Waste Policy. The policy is designed to ensure the delivery of a safe, consistent, environmentally sustainable and economically viable kerbside waste and recycling collection service. The policy provides a clear framework for Council's collection process, an essential community service.

Also at the meeting, Council endorsed the Mallee Regional Floodplain Strategy. Buloke Shire extends across three catchment authorities (Mallee, North Central and Wimmera) and whilst the Mallee strategy is a stand-alone document, the tools and processes used in its development are the same as the other authorities to ensure a consistent assessment of flood risk.

The Draft Domestic Animal Plan has been endorsed and will be made available for public consultation. The plan guides Council in its management of dogs and cats. The plan will be open for community input throughout February 2018 via Council's website.

Finally, Council allocated \$22,509 from its Community Grants Program and its Sustainability Fund to projects at Tchum Lake, Donald Memorial Park, Charlton Lions Club, Donald Men's Shed, Charlton Golf Club, Charlton Club and The Rex Theatre. Council can allocate a total of \$70,000 from these funds each year, to learn more visit Council's website www.buloke.vic.gov.au.

This was the final meeting of Council for 2017. The next meeting of Council will be on Wednesday 14 February 2018.

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