

Media Release

May with the Mayor

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Buloke Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Pollard was again in high demand across a busy month of May.

Cr Pollard and CEO Anthony Judd led a strong contingent of Councillors, staff and community members at the Mallee Regional Partnership Assembly. Hosted by Gannawarra Shire Council and held in Kerang, the assembly was a great opportunity to hear what the partnership has achieved and importantly to have an input to further shape priorities.

The Mayor chaired Council's Community Forum Summit, held as part of the consultation period for the Annual Budget. These summits have become a vital cog in not just budget consultation but they also ensure successful relationships between Council and community leaders are fostered.

The Municipal Association of Victoria held its State Council Meeting with the hot topic being waste and the environment. Councils were very keen to discuss the implications of the current recycling situation on the recycling levy.

Cr Pollard along with the Mount Jeffcott Ward Councillors, staff as well as East Wimmera Health Services and the Centre for Participation were involved in a volunteer recognition event held at the Donald Community Centre. Attendees also got the chance to look over Donald's new community car under the guidance of centre volunteer Ray Walker.

The Calder Highway Improvement Committee road tripped between Bendigo and Mildura to inspect issue sites between the two regional centres. As part of the journey Culgoa Police Senior Constable Antoinette Coobs took the contingent on a tour of her area highlighting truck issues before the travelling party had a meeting in Mildura before further touring local highway sites of importance.

The latest Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee and Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee meetings were held in Charlton. The Bureau of Meteorology was present at the latter to discuss the implementation of early flood warning systems for Charlton and Donald.

There was also time to celebrate throughout the month at the Sea Lake Debutante Ball, graduation ceremony at Longerenong College and the CHARTSEC driver education 30th anniversary event held at their 1km training track. Council is pleased to report that Cr Pollard passed the course!

The Mayor attended a Youth Health Workshop held in Birchip which brought together students from each High School within Buloke to hear from industry leaders including Headspace and LGBTIQ health professionals.

Other important appointments included a Library Advisory Committee meeting, NCLLEN annual general meeting, and the gala opening of the new Bendigo Stadium extension featuring a 4,000 seat show court.

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