

Buloke Shire Council announced its Australia Day Award winners at its inaugural Australia Day Eve event held in Wycheproof on Friday, January 25.

Alison McClelland, Citizen of the Year, had her amazing contributions to the Buloke community acknowledged by winning the prestigious award.

Alison is Administration Officer at St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake and has given many years of service to the Sea Lake community. She has been a long time contributor to the Sea Lake Off Road Club, filling the pivotal role of Secretary for the Mallee Rally. She is also the Chair of Advance Sea Lake and it was through this position she launched one of Buloke's great success stories. With Alison's efforts and those of the Green Lake Committee, water has been returned to the popular lake. This undertaking cannot be underestimated, the lobbying and crafting of the successful campaign was arduous but ultimately satisfying for Alison and importantly the whole community.



"Alison is a champion of her community. Hard working, passionate and determined, when you think back across the last 12 months in Buloke Shire and all that has been achieved, Alison is central to a lot of wonderful outcomes. Seeing water returned to Green Lake has brought so much joy to so many people and without Alison, the lake bed would probably still be sitting dry right now. Alison is always looking to broaden the economic and social base of Sea Lake and despite her busy lifestyle continues to move the town forward", said Mayor Cr Carolyn Stewart.

Congratulations Alison, well done.

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Top: Alison with Mayor, Cr Carolyn Stewart

Left: Alison with her mum, Maureen Conlan

Right: Alison and her family