



### Message from the Administrator

As we enter the sixth month of operations as a new Council I'd like to thank the community for its continued support and patience so far as we work through this process.

Congratulations to the organising committee and Council for the excellent work done in showcasing our region during the Taste Coly Food and Farm Festival. The positive feedback has been overwhelming.

The flood waters are now receding in Darlington Point and it's good to see that the levee did its job well. It's also encouraging to see tractors finally going and crops being put in around the region. Motorists will be happy to hear that the recent dry weather means we are starting to get on top of road repairs.

There are unsung heroes and organisations out there who give generously of their time and expertise to help others within the Murrumbidgee Council area.

I'd urge all residents to consider nominating worthy locals for the Australia Day Awards. These awards are a chance for us to recognise some of our quiet achievers; those people who help make our communities great.

Regards, *Austin*

## Nominate now for Australia Day Awards

Nominations for Murrumbidgee Council's Australia Day Awards are now open. The awards provide an opportunity to recognise the efforts and achievements of local residents, groups and organisations from across the community who contribute to making the Murrumbidgee Council region a better place. Australia Day Award recipients will be announced at local Australia Day celebrations in the three towns within Murrumbidgee Council on Thursday January 26, 2017. Australia Day Award-categories vary for each town and further details and nomination forms are available at Council's customer service offices and can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au).

## Council pools set to open

### New plans in place for swimming season

With summer just around the corner Council is ready to help locals beat the heat. An expression of interest form can be obtained by contacting Council.

The three Murrumbidgee Council pools located in Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie are scheduled to open on Friday November 4, 2016. The Darlington Point War Memorial Swimming Pool will be supervised and memberships/entry can be paid at the Swimming Pool.

The Jerilderie pool will continue to operate under the same procedure it has over the past few years, that is, all users are to sign a waiver and hire a fob to access the facility as the site is unsupervised. Memberships for the Jerilderie Swimming Pool are available to purchase now from the Jerilderie Council office. Coleambally Swimming Pool users will be able to purchase memberships and hire an access fob from Thursday November 3, 2016 at the Coleambally Council office.

The Coleambally Swimming Pool will operate the same way as Jerilderie this year, however Council is still seeking expressions of interest for a supervisor to manage the Coleambally Swimming Pool. For opening hours and membership/entry fees please visit Council's website [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

### Jerilderie office closure

Council's Jerilderie Office, Depot and Library will be closed for the annual Union Picnic Day on Friday 11 November, 2016. The Office, Depot and Library will re-open on Monday November 14, 2016. Please forward any enquiries to the Darlington Point or Coleambally Offices, telephone 1300 MRMBGE (676243).

### Notice of extraordinary meeting

An extraordinary meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 35 Jerilderie Street, Jerilderie on Tuesday November 8, 2016 at 11.30am.

This meeting will consider the report and recommendations of the Stronger Communities Assessment Panel to allocate part of the \$10M provided to Council as a result of the merger. Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting.



CATCH OF THE DAY: Steve Dalgliesh and Riley Belling show off the 84cm Murray Cod caught in Lake Jerilderie.

## Massive cod caught in Lake Jerilderie

When the Jerilderie Fishing Club-Kids Fishing Competition was moved to the town's Lake due to high floodwaters, no one expected big things.

But the catch of the day, made by Riley Belling, turned out to be a whopping 84cm Murray Cod.

It is the biggest fish caught so far in the four years the competition has been held. Three catfish, one yellow belly and three carp were also landed and released back into the lake.

The event was held in conjunction with the Department of Primary Industries Go Fishing Day and saw more than 40 kids take part.

Following the successful day, Fishing Club President Andrew Bell said they were considering running the competition at Lake Jerilderie from now on.



John Wood and his co-star Chris Pidd perform Carpe Diem in Coly.

## Coleambally serves up a tasty event

Congratulations to the hard-working Taste Coleambally Food and Farm Festival Committee for their fantastic three-day event showcasing all things Coleambally.



Locals show off their cooking skills during the festival.

## DID YOU KNOW?

It is an offence under the Local Government Act 1993 to allow stormwater from your property to run over a neighbour's land in urban areas.

Stormwater has the potential to damage other people's properties so please ensure that your stormwater, including overflow from rainwater tanks, is directed to the street gutter or Council drainage reserve.

Failure to do so can result in notices, orders and fines being issued by Council.

## Prepare now for fire season

Residents are being urged to tidy up their yards in preparation for the fire season.

Fire season has commenced and overgrown vegetation presents a significant fire risk to neighbouring properties for urban ratepayers.

The recent heavy rains and flooding mean that overgrown vegetation also poses a greater risk to neighbouring properties in the form of snakes and insects that transmit disease, such as mosquitoes.

Council will be monitoring properties over the fire period. If you would like to notify Council of an overgrown property or would like the contact details of local landscape companies please contact Council on 1300 MRMBGE (676243).



### Respite Group goes pink for a worthy cause in Darlington Point

The Darlington Point Respite Group painted the town pink for a good cause last Wednesday.

In a combined effort with Council staff, who held a morning tea of their own, they raised \$270 for Cancer Council NSW.

The group is pictured (right) enjoying the morning out at the club.

### Important survey attached

Council needs your help to prepare a new Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

All community members, particularly those with a disability and their carers, are encouraged to complete the survey attached to this newsletter.

This survey will help Council focus on the main issues affecting people living with a disability in our communities. Please return your completed survey to Council Offices in Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie by Wednesday November 30, 2016.

### New look on track for reveal before Christmas

In a few short weeks The Articulate Pear will reveal the new brand concepts to be considered by Council.

The team have now completed the community consultation phase of the branding project and are hard at work sifting through all of the information gathered.

Council would like to thank all of those people who have provided input to help them create a unique design that represents a positive future moving forward.

Pictured below are residents taking part in the three stakeholder sessions.

### Forever Diamond a coup for Coly

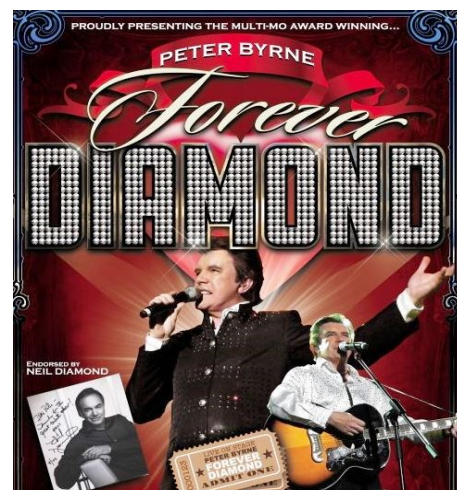
If you enjoy the smooth sounds of music icon Neil Diamond you'll love Forever Diamond.

Forever Diamond is a 40 year tribute covering albums from Hot August Night, Love at the Greek, Beautiful Noise and the Jazz Singer.

Multi award-winning performer Peter Byrne will present hits such as Cracklin' Rosie, Solitary Man, Sweet Caroline, Song Sung Blue and the Grammy award -winning duet You Don't Bring Me Flowers.

The Forever Diamond show will have you tapping your feet and singing along at the Coleambally Community Club on Saturday November 12.

For more information call the Club on 02 6954 4170.



Darlington Point Stakeholder Session



Coleambally Stakeholder Session



Jerilderie Stakeholder Session

## Another successful Monash Dinner held

This year's Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture has been hailed a huge success.

The ninth annual event, held at the Jerilderie Civic Hall, saw 135 people in attendance. Filmmaker, journalist and award-winning author Dr Jonathan King captivated the crowd, sharing his extensive knowledge of Sir John Monash.

Local Representation Committee (LRC) Chair Ruth McRae announced Alysha Knight as the winner of the \$2000 Sir John Monash Education Bursary after she impressed an independent panel with her essay based on the topic **"Give your Reasons for Supporting or Otherwise, the Jerilderie Proposition"**.

A special presentation of Service Awards was also made. John Hudson, 12 years of service and Timothy Sheed, 17 years. Laurie Henery received an Emeritus Mayor Certificate and 39 years Outstanding Service Award. Emeritus Mayor Terry Hogan, AM, received an Outstanding Service Award for 45 years Local Government service. A 12 year Service Award to former Councillor Ruth McRae. a portrait of Emeritus Mayor Mr Hogan, by artist Roslyn Lockhart, which will hang in the Jerilderie Council Chambers.

## Charles Sturt University Scholarships up for grabs

Murrumbidgee Council sees education as a key process in the development and growth of our residents, in particular our youth. In order to aid this development, as well as ease the transition and expense for rural students, Murrumbidgee Council offers a Foundation Scholarship at Charles Sturt University. 2017 scholarships have now opened on the CSU web site: <http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/fees-and-costs/help-with-costs/scholarships>

Commencing and continuing students are eligible to apply for this scholarship, with applications closing February 5, 2017. Applicants must be a long term resident of Murrumbidgee Council Local Government Area.



Dr Jonathon King, Alysha Knight and Ruth McRae.



Former Jerilderie Shire Councillor, Emeritus Mayor Terry Hogan with his portrait.



## Important advice during Asbestos Awareness Month

November is national Asbestos Awareness Month.

In the lead-up to Asbestos Awareness Day, which is Friday 25 November, all Australians especially homeowners, renovators, tradies and handymen need to learn how to protect themselves and their families from exposure to dangerous asbestos fibres.

Many wrongly believe only fibro homes contain asbestos. Asbestos products can also be found in any Australian home built or renovated before 1987, even brick, weatherboard, fibro and clad homes. It can be found in garages, kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, walls, eaves, fences and under wall and floor coverings: it could be anywhere.

Don't play renovation roulette. It's not worth the risk. To find out more visit [asbestosawareness.com.au](http://asbestosawareness.com.au)

## Contacting your Council

Murrumbidgee Council Service Centres:

**Darlington Point** - 21 Carrington Street  
**Coleambally** - Brolga Place  
**Jerilderie** - 35 Jerilderie St

**Phone:** 1300 MRMBGE (676243)

**E-mail:** [mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

**Web:** [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

## Bookings are now open for Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive program.

These learn to swim lessons deliver Royal Life Saving Society's national Swim and Survive program. Lessons cater for children aged 18 months to 12 years and provide everything from water awareness through to developing strokes and endurance.

The Learn to Swim Lessons will be held at all three pools within Murrumbidgee Council from January 9, 2017 through until January 19, 2017.

For more information, or to book, phone 13 13 02 or go to: [sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive)

**Prices for nine lessons are \$70 for school-aged children and \$50 for pre-schoolers, these prices exclude pool entry fee.**