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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY COMES TO MURRUMBIDGEE

Over sixty people registered to hear about local Kate O'Callaghan's leadership journey and enjoy the Murrumbidgee Council's 2018 International Women's Day Event at the Darlington Point Services Club. Murrumbidgee Council Mayor and event MC, Cr Ruth McRae, noted the day was "all about advocacy and action, unity, celebration and reflection - and what that looks like globally at a local level. So, it is not just the women within Murrumbidgee Council area who are gathering today to share a meal and celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women, (and of course enjoy one another's company)."

The International Women's Day 2018 slogan #Press for Progress asks us to commit to a "gender parity mindset", which, simply put, means to achieve equality between men and women, a fundamental human right. Mayor McRae said "there have been major advancements and improvements achieving some of the Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations in 2016. However, for these Goals to be reached, everyone needs to do their part, Governments, the private sector, civil society and people like us. This sounds a bit daunting for our small rural community, but I refer back to the 2018 International Women's Day theme of "gender parity" as it ties in with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Gender Equality". And I say to you that there is a lot we can do."

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