



# Murrumbidgee COUNCIL *Community Newsletter*

 **SPRING 2023**

## Message from the Mayor

Spring has well and truly sprung across the Murrumbidgee, with our community and visitors enjoying many events and community gatherings, as well as sporting finals in action.



The Darlington Point Spring Festival and the Jerilderie Gold Cup were both a great success.

In other news, I have been re-elected Mayor and Robert Black has been re-elected Deputy Mayor. Councils must elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor from among their numbers every two years unless they have a popularly elected Mayor. This term of council will run until September next year when local government elections will be held across NSW.

It was an honour to officially receive my OAM on Tuesday 19 September. It was a very special occasion and I again thank everyone for their good wishes.

It is pleasing to see lots of projects underway across the local government area and it was great to hold our last Council meeting at the recently completed Coleambally Community Hall. Costing around \$550,000, the extensive redevelopment means the hall can now be used for many events and occasions. Sitting on the rise that overlooks Broлга Place, it has pride of place in the centre of town. I note that the redevelopment of Broлга Place is progressing well.

I recently attended a 2 day Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC) Forum in Deniliquin. With over 90 attendees from across the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) it was a great opportunity to hear about the initiatives and many significant challenges of the health sector - the greatest of which

is their workforce. As a member of the local LHAC, we find it difficult to attract people to be part of our Advisory Committees. Applications for LHAC's are currently open and I encourage you to put your hand up. You don't need to have experience in the health industry, just a desire for better health outcomes for our community. You can find out more at [www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/getinvolved](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/getinvolved)

I've recently attended meetings with the Coleambally Community Club, the Monash Statue Committee, the Country Mayors Health Forum, Murray Darling Association Conference and the Rural Fire Service Murrumbidgee Captains Meeting. These are all vital to keep our community thriving and safe. As most of you are aware, the bushfire season is now officially upon us and we all need to make sure our properties are well prepared.

A new initiative happening in November is a series of New Resident Welcome BBQ Events across Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie. These are a great chance to mingle and welcome those who have come to live in our beautiful area. Be sure to look on the What's On page of our website and register your attendance, as well as what else is on in the area.

A reminder the Sir John Monash Education Bursary of \$2,000 is open for applications and will close on Friday 3 November. The Murrumbidgee Council Charles Sturt University Foundation Scholarship is also currently open, with more information available on our website.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Council employee, Mr John O'Hara. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and work mates.

Regards,

*R.K. MyRae*

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**SWIMVAC 2024**

**Swim and SURVIVE**

Enrol your kids for summer!  
Bookings now open!  
[www.drowningprevention.org.au](http://www.drowningprevention.org.au)

 **ROYAL LIFE SAVING**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

*Australia Day Awards*

**Nominations now open**

*Recognise someone amazing in our community!*



## *Congratulations* to Mayor and Deputy Mayor on Re-election

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor positions at Murrumbidgee Council will remain the same, with Cr Ruth McRae re-elected unopposed as Mayor and Cr Robert Black re-elected as Deputy Mayor, also unopposed.

Cr McRae said it had been a great honour to serve the Council and community since Murrumbidgee Council was formed in 2017.

"One of the highlights in my role as Mayor has been our success in securing government investment that has allowed us to proceed with a diverse range of major capital projects across the whole Murrumbidgee Council area".

"These projects have made an enormous impact on the daily lives of our community. They have been instrumental in driving growth in our area and building on the qualities of our area as an exceptional place to live, work and play," Cr McRae said.

Cr Black said the role of Deputy Mayor is a rewarding one that he has undertaken since Council's inception. He looks forward to continuing to build on the progress already made in achieving community goals and expectations.

Cr McRae and Cr Black will hold their position until the next ordinary election of Councillors, but not exceeding two years.

### NEW REQUIREMENTS for food businesses from 8 December 2023

- ✓ cafes
- ✓ restaurants
- ✓ takeaways
- ✓ caterers
- ✓ supermarkets and delis
- ✓ coffee vans
- ✓ childcare services
- ✓ school canteens



[foodstandards.gov.au](http://foodstandards.gov.au)

## Jerilderie Water Supply & Restrictions

Jerilderie has permanent raw water restrictions as follows during Daylight Savings.

- Residential – 6.00am to 11.00am and 6.00pm to 11.00pm daily (automated sprinklers or sprinklers on timers set to no more than 120 minutes or hand held)
- Commercial (including Council) – 11.00pm to 6.00am (automated sprinklers), 6.00am to 11.00am daily (handheld or sprinklers on timers set to no more than 120 minutes).

Residents with automated sprinkler systems will be allowed to water outside the advertised times only with the permission of Council. Please contact Council by calling into the Jerilderie Office or telephoning 03 5886 1200.

### 10 Water Saving Tips

1. Before watering your garden, check the weather forecast!
2. Only water your plants in the morning or evening and use a trigger nozzle!
3. When brushing your teeth or washing your hands, turn off the tap and save 5 litres of water per minute!
4. At laundry time, always use a full load in the washing machine!
5. When washing your car, use a bucket and a trigger nozzle on the grass, not the driveway!
6. At shower time, use a timer to keep showers to a minimum!
7. Think before you pull the plug! Could you rinse recyclables in that water or use the greywater safely on your garden?
8. When buying new products, look for the Smart Approved WaterMark or a WELS star rating!
9. Look out for leaks! Check that your water meter stops overnight!
10. Fix dripping taps! A drip a second wastes 12,000 litres a year!

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**YOUR PET. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.  
KEEP THEM SAFE!**

**For both dogs and cats:**

- ✓ Microchipped by 12 weeks (or before if being sold/given away)
- ✓ Registered by six months of age
- ✓ Up to date registration details (in case your pet is lost)
- ✓ Not allowed to stray

**Doggie do's:**

- ✓ Under control at all times, whether on or off your property
- ✓ On a lead and under the control of a competent person when in public (except in a leash-free area)
- ✓ Not allowed to bark excessively

**Some useful tips for cats:**

- ✓ Identified with a collar, tag and cat bell
- ✓ Kept indoors at night to prevent hunting, cat calling and fighting
- ✓ Desexed to reduce straying, antisocial behaviour and unwanted kittens

**SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023-24**

*The monthly Ordinary Meetings of Council will commence at 2.00pm on the following dates (excluding December):*

Tuesday 24 October 2023	Jerilderie Chambers
Tuesday 21 November 2023	Darlington Point Chambers
Friday 8 December 2023 (start time 11am)	Coleambally Community Hall
Tuesday 27 February 2023	Jerilderie Chambers
Tuesday 26 March 2023	Darlington Point Chambers
Tuesday 23 April 2023	Coleambally Community Hall
Tuesday 28 May 2023	Jerilderie Chambers
Tuesday 25 June 2023	Darlington Point Chambers
Tuesday 23 July 2023	Coleambally Community Hall
Tuesday 27 August 2023	Jerilderie Chambers
Tuesday 24 September 2023	Darlington Point Chambers

*Members of the public are welcome to attend.*

**2023  
SIR JOHN  
MONASH  
EDUCATION  
BURSARY**



**Value: \$2,000**

Eligible applicants are invited to submit an essay of not less than 1000 words explaining their reasons for or against the proposition "Depend upon it, the only hope for Australia is the ballot box and an educated electorate".

**Closing: 4pm, Friday 3 November 2023**

Winner presented at 11am,  
Saturday 11 November 2023  
Remembrance Day  
Jerilderie Cenotaph



**1300 276 243**  
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# What's on in the Murrumbidgee

- **27 October** - Jerilderie Uniting Church Flower Show - Jerilderie Civic Hall
- **5 November** - Kids Go Fishing Day - Jerilderie
- **December** - Coleambally Lions Gala Night
- **December** - Jerilderie Christmas @ the Club
- **December/January** - Summer Break Pool Parties (Coleambally, Darlington Point & Jerilderie)
- **26 January 2024** - Australia Day Celebrations (including fireworks display - Jerilderie)
- **9 -11 February 2024** - Darlington Point Riverina Catch & Release Fishing Competition [www.riverinaclassic.com](http://www.riverinaclassic.com)
- **2 March 2024** - Jerilderie Fun Fair



## See and Do Highlights

**Coleambally:** Bucyrus Erie Dragline, Agricultural tours, Water wheel display, Mosaic water tower, Public art

**Darlington Point:** Altina Wildlife Park, Murrumbidgee River, Waddi Cultural Centre, Tiddalik Wetlands, Willbriggie Regional Park, Oolambeyan National Park, Public art

**Jerilderie:** Ned Kelly Raid Trail, 'Doing the Bolt' Exhibition, Horgan Walk, Lake Jerilderie, Jerilderie Swimming Pool mural, Yo-Thun-Ing-Yuna Ngarratya, Public art

Discover more



## Kids Go Fishing Day

Lake Jerilderie, Luke Park  
Sunday 5 November 2023  
9am- Midday

For more information contact  
Ian Bryce: 0409 339 941

- Family Friendly Event
- Free BBQ Lunch
- Prizes

## 2024 PORTSEA CAMP

**Date:** Monday 15 January to  
Friday 19 January 2024

**Cost:** \$700

**Spots Available:** 30 places

**Age:** Between 8 and 12



### Activities Include:

- ✓ CANOEING
- ✓ GIANT SWING
- ✓ FLYING FOX HIGH ROPES
- ✓ SWIMMING
- ✓ SNORKELLING
- ✓ FISHING
- ✓ BEACH GAMES GALORE
- ✓ DISCO
- ✓ BIKE RIDING
- ✓ ABSEILING
- ✓ ART & CRAFT WOODWORK
- ✓ CAMP FIRES
- ✓ FACE PAINTING
- ✓ HIKING
- ✓ SO MUCH MORE!!!

To obtain the enrolment link or for further information contact Toni Shaw at the Murrumbidgee Council Jerilderie Office 35 Jerilderie Street during office hours.

**Phone (03) 5886 1200**  
Jerilderie Portsea Camp Committee

# Resident Welcome Events

To register please scan individual QR Codes



## Darlington Point

Thursday 16 November 5.30pm  
CWA Park, Carrington Street



## Jerilderie

Wednesday 22 November 5.30pm  
Luke Park, Powell Street



## Coleambally

Wednesday 29 November 5.30pm  
John McInnes Square, Brolga Place



## JERILDERIE Flower Show

JERILDERIE CIVIC HALL  
27 OCTOBER 2023

*Open to the public from 11.00 am*

**ADMISSION \$2.00**

8.30am - 11.00am	Flower & Art Entries to be delivered to the hall
11.30am	Judging
2.00pm	Official Opening by Carina Rorato, 2023 Citizen of the Year
3.30pm	Prizes & Trophies Awarded

### Contacts

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Lorraine Comber	0437 847 809
Lorraine Valerius	0409 861 428

*A great range of stalls and exhibits!*



# Projects in Progress



Monash Park Electrical Upgrade



Brolga Place Upgrade of Pedestrian Area and Shade Structure



Coreen Street Kerb Removal and Replacement

## Dinawan

### Substation Site Opening

A great time was had at the "Cultural Site Cleansing Event" facilitated by Transgrid at the Dinawan substation site south of Coleambally on 30 August. With about 60 people in attendance, there was a spectacular performance by Dinawan Dancers including a Welcome and the ritual Smoking Ceremony.



# Our Waste Journey

## Continues

Residents and businesses have generally embraced the move to the new three bin waste collection service.

## The three bins we now have are:

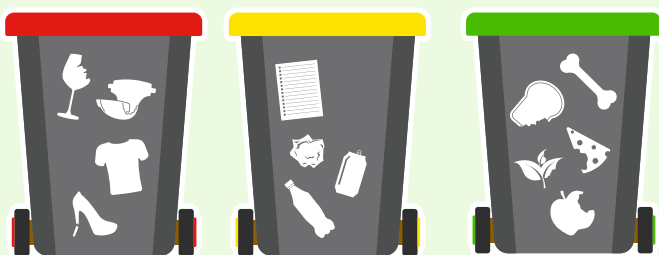
1. Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO), with the bright green lid – goes to Wormtech Compost Facility to be remade into high-grade compost
2. Recycling, with the yellow lid – goes to Kurrajong Recycling
3. Garbage, with the red lid – goes to landfill

The initial waste collection audit report shows everyone is making the effort to sort waste properly, but we still have some room for improvement with our initial contamination rates around 8-11.9%.

## What goes in your FOGO bin?

- ✓ Food scraps
- ✓ Garden organics
- ✓ Compostable plastic kitchen caddy liners that comply with Australian Standard AS4736-2006 (for commercial composting) used to collect and transfer food waste to the FOGO bin

Make sure you remove the food waste from its packaging. Common contaminants in the green lid bin waste collections are soft plastics such as plastic bags and food packaging.



## What goes in your recycling bin?

Here's what can go in your recycling bin (please rinse items first and put lids in separately):

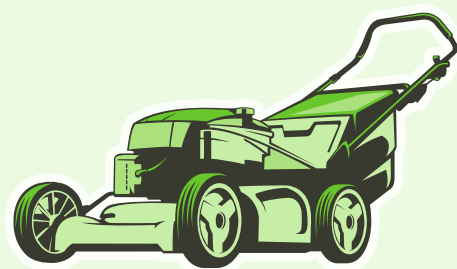
- ✓ Aluminium trays, cans and foil (scrunched up to the size of an orange)
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ All paper, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and advertising brochures (not shredded) (no smaller than a business card)
- ✓ Rigid plastics in recycling triangle: 1, 2, 5 only
- ✓ Steel cans and containers, including aerosols
- ✗ NO items tied up in plastic bags.



## Find out more

To find out more about what goes in each bin, refer to the information sent to all households (with a fridge magnet on the back).

If you didn't receive the information pack, please email [annel@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](mailto:annel@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au) or telephone 1300 676 243. This information is also available on the website.



The energetic spring growth means a weekly mow of the lawn! Remember to use your FOGO bin for all your garden waste, including grass clippings. No need to bag them - just tip them straight in the bin.



## New telehealth service available after hours

Residents in Murrumbidgee Council area can now use a free Health Access Out of Hours GP telehealth service.

### How does it work?

The service is able to treat presentations like abdominal pain, fainting, migraines, colds & flu, fever, sore throat, rashes, vomiting and diarrhoea, so you don't have to go to hospital.

You will be triaged and, if eligible, an on-call GP will return your call promptly and provide a consultation via video or telephone. If needed, an eScript will be generated electronically and sent to you. Your GP will be sent a summary of the presentation.

To use this service call the below number during opening hours.



**1800 272 767**



Weeknights – 6 pm to 10 pm

Weekends and Public Holidays – 12 pm to 4 pm

## Meet the General Manager



**John Scarce**  
General Manager  
Murrumbidgee Council



Is there a project, initiative or issue you would like to discuss?

**COLEAMBALLY**  
Fortnightly

**DARLINGTON POINT**  
Weekly



More Information 1300 676 243

## Our Councillors

### Jerilderie Ward

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### Coleambally Office

39 Brolga Place

Coleambally NSW 2707

Office hours: 9.00am - 12.00pm -

1.00pm - 5.00pm

After hours emergencies only

T: 0417 827 216

### Darlington Point Office

21 Carrington Street

Darlington Point NSW 2706

Office hours: 8.30am - 12.00pm -

1.00pm - 5.00pm

After hours emergencies only

T: 0427 684 166

Banking is available 9.30am - 12pm and 1.00pm - 4.00pm

### Jerilderie Office

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