

MAYORAL REPORT

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May has been an incredibly busy month.

We have attended many meetings in many places, most worthwhile and it keeps us at the tables, not only at a local level but regionally and State engaged.

Once again, our three communities openly displayed their respect by attending the ANZAC Day Commemorative Services held in their towns. The attendances from the very young to our older community members clearly reminds us that the supreme sacrifices paid by our forebears allows us to live in relative peace and harmony - we should never forget.

Our Local Government Area has had the pleasure of having a Debutante Ball held in each of our three towns during May.

The Darlington Point Debutante Ball, hosted by The Country Hope Fundraising Committee, was held in the recently refurbished Murrumbidgee Shire Hall - it was such a pleasure to see four debs and their partners presented in this beautiful old town hall. Congratulations to Margaret Gilbert and her Committee for bringing this event together.

The Coleambally Debutante Ball on the 25 May 2024, hosted by St Peter's Parish in Coleambally, saw five debs and their partners presented. Councillor Christine Chirgwin represented Council at this function.

The Jerilderie Debutante Ball was held on 25 May, and was hosted by St Joseph's School. Seven debs and their partners were presented to an official party of four.

3 Seniors Events have been held across our Council footprint. Jerilderie - hosted a luncheon at the Jerilderie Sports Club - coupled with a Mini Olympics. The 46 people in attendance had lots of fun and friendly rivalry. Darlington Point- A tour of the Altina Mini Zoo, followed by lunch at the Darlington Point Club, saw 51 people have a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Coleambally - The Cake Up and Coffee Event in Coleambally gave all in attendance the opportunity to challenge their creative side. Ably assisted by Lauren and Kathy, the finished product was impressive and tasty - I am sure the 16 that attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to Eden Hercus and her team for co-ordinating these very successful events.

I had the privilege of presiding over the Citizenship Ceremony of Lucy Gurciullo and Melissa Nioko on 24 May - it was a pleasure to formally welcome these 2 amazing ladies that contribute so greatly to the communities in which they live.

Below is a list of meetings/events I have attended since the last meeting:

25 April - ANZAC Day Commemorative Service -Dawn Service and 10.00am march

30 April - LHAC Meeting Jerilderie

1 May - Transgrid Energy Connect Meeting Jerilderie

2 May - Jerilderie Seniors Event - Mini Olympics and luncheon

3 May - Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network - Conversations on the Couch

4 May - Darlington Point Debutante Ball

6 May - St Joseph's Jerilderie - Engagement with Years 3-6 on Local, State and Federal Government

8 May - Murray Darling Association Region 9 Meeting Griffith

9 May - LGNSW Rural and Regional Summit, Sydney

10 May - Country Mayors Association Meeting, Sydney

15 May - Darlington Point Seniors Event -Altina Mini Zoo Tour and lunch at Darlington Point Club

16 May - Coleambally Seniors Event -Cake Up and Coffee

- Wind Farm Meeting VIREYA Energy/Origin Energy Jerilderie

- RAMJO Water Sub Committee Meeting Corowa

- RAMJO Board Dinner Corowa

17 May - RAMJO Board Meeting Corowa

21 May - Council Budget Workshop Jerilderie

22 May - JILL Meeting Jerilderie

24 May - Citizenship Ceremony Jerilderie

25 May- Jerilderie Debutante Ball

27 May - ARIC Meeting Jerilderie



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