

## MAYORAL REPORT

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The middle of winter sees frosts, fogs and damp conditions continuing. However we have passed the shortest day for the year, and the last 4 days have seen sunshine if not great warmth. Life has seen school holidays come and go and much activity with those still making the annual pilgrimage north. Our youth had the opportunity to attend some school holiday activities. The roller skating events were really well attended and lots of fun.

Although often commented on, the state of all our roads is being addressed as expediently as our human and financial resources allow - we continue to attract tranches of various funding opportunities - ably secured by our Operational Staff.

Our road network is our largest, hungriest and resource heavy asset, and as such is a constant challenge - we value your continuing vigilance and advocacy in helping to keep us all safe and our roads as fit for purpose as they can be. I would like to commend our 3 communities for the positive mindset and proactive approach they have put in place as our new Waste Strategy has been rolled out. The information trail and continuing positive promotion is most definitely proving to be invaluable - the success of this initiative is a collective want to make it happen.

I had the pleasure of attending, and being part of, the official opening of the Darlington Point Shire Hall. The refurbishment of this stately building holds pride of place in Darlington Point and was thoroughly deserving of its "new life".

A step back in time saw some period displays and a fun dress theme for the evening. The whole of Council support for this project enabled it to be prioritised and funded by the NSW State Government. A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

Thanks to Darlington Point Public School, Heritage Darlington Point, Murrumbidgee Council and Damien "Dookie" Thorne and Shane Ronan who ensured we were all thoroughly entertained, well fed and adequately hydrated.

Special mention should be made of Council's building team, and staff members Sue Mitchell, Anne Lyons, Eden Hercus and all who contributed to the success of the event.

Tirkandi Inaburra's latest graduation ceremony was held on 28 June 2023. Family, friends, Elders and community members were invited guests. Graduates proudly displayed the fruits of their labours after the intensive 12 week program - it is truly eye opening the ground they cover in this time frame. A great celebration for all involved.

Below is a list of meetings I have attended since the June Council meeting: -

28 June 2023

Tikandi Inaburra Graduation Ceremony  
Coleambally Mental Health Collective Meeting  
Jerilderie RAMJO Extraordinary Meeting via TEAMS

1 July 2023

Darlington Point Shire Hall Opening

4 July 2023

Virtual Country Mayors Meeting with Hon Steph Cooke - Future of Water  
Utilities/Council run Water and Sewer entities

5 July 2023

RAMJO Health Sub Committee Meeting - ZOOM Meeting  
Jerilderie Independent Living Limited (JILL) Meeting

12 July 2023

RAMJO EO End of Probation Review - via TEAMS

17 July 2023

Jerilderie Independent Living Limited (JILL) Meeting

18 July 2023

Jerilderie Early Learning Centre Meeting - Jerilderie

20 July 2023

Virtual Country Mayors Meeting with Minister Rose Jackson



Ruth McRae, OAM  
**MAYOR**