



Murrumbidgee COUNCIL

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Message from the General Manager



I am looking forward to the imminent election of Councillors to Murrumbidgee. The process of bringing two former Councils together to create Murrumbidgee Council has not been without its challenges, but 16 months down the track we have a lot to be proud of.

I would like to acknowledge the work and support of our Administrator and Local Representation Committee (LRC) members throughout.

Thanks to staff members who have been patient in this process. We are close to finalising our positions and rates of pay for the new structure and this will be presented to Council at the inaugural meeting in September. While this transition hasn't always been smooth sailing, I feel fortunate to have been at the helm. It's an exciting time as we work with our community to help shape the future of our Council and the region.

Regards,

Craig

STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND

Murrumbidgee Council has the opportunity to apply for funding under the Stronger Country Communities program being administered by the NSW Government.

Council is being guided by previous community consultation following the allocation of the Stronger Communities Fund, which has helped establish a priority list.

Currently under consideration are a range of projects from that list to submit to various grant programs. Each program has specific eligibility criteria aimed at different areas of need from sporting, community and business-related projects, to water and transport infrastructure.

A number of projects from the priority list that may meet the criteria for the Stronger Country Communities Fund are being investigated including:

- Junior Change Rooms, Coleambally Sportsground
- Construct Toilet Facilities at Coleambally Cemetery
- Refurbish Toilet Facilities, Lions Park Coleambally
- Female Change Rooms, Darlington Point Sportsground
- Refurbish Toilet Facilities, Lions Park Darlington Point
- Provide Community Notice Boards and Town Information Bays (both Darlington Point and Coleambally)
- Refurbish and add interpretive signage to Goanna Track Darlington Point
- Jerilderie Swimming Pool Upgrade
- Toilet Facilities Jerilderie Racecourse
- Yamma Hall Upgrade

Council has until 13 September to prepare and submit detailed submissions for projects to be funded from the Stronger Country Communities Fund. A first round offer of \$1.52m is available for the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area. Council has been advised that to be considered under the current round, projects need to be well-developed, fully planned and costed. Following submissions, the NSW Government will consult further with the community as part of the assessment process. A sample of 100 residents will be randomly selected to participate in a phone survey to determine what projects are the most important to the community.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of the newly elected Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Jerilderie commencing 10.00am on Thursday
21 September 2017.

Members of the public are welcome to attend



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT ON 9 SEPTEMBER

The Murrumbidgee Council election is fast approaching.

There will be no election in either the Jerilderie or Murrumbidgee East wards, as these wards are uncontested.

However, residents within the Murrumbidgee Ward will need to vote, as six nominations have been received for three Councillor vacancies. Murrumbidgee Ward includes Darlington Point and is shown in yellow in the map below.

With election day just around the corner, here's what residents in Murrumbidgee Ward need to know:

Early Voting Options: If you can't vote on election day, you can vote early at the following pre-poll venues:

Murrumbidgee Returning Office, CWA Hall, 37-39 Carrington Street, Darlington Point:

8.30am - 5.30pm Monday 28 August to Thursday 7 September

8.30am - 6.00pm Friday 8 September

9.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 2 September

Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street, Sydney

Limited Pre-Polling is available at the Murrumbidgee Council Office, 39 Brolga Place, Coleambally:

9.00am - 5.00pm Monday, 4 September to Friday, 8 September (closed for lunch 12.30pm to 1.30pm)

Postal Vote: People who wish to apply for a postal vote should act now. Postal vote applications must be received by the NSW Electoral Commission no later than 5:00pm Monday, 4 September.

Election Day: Polling places are open from 8.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday, 9 September.

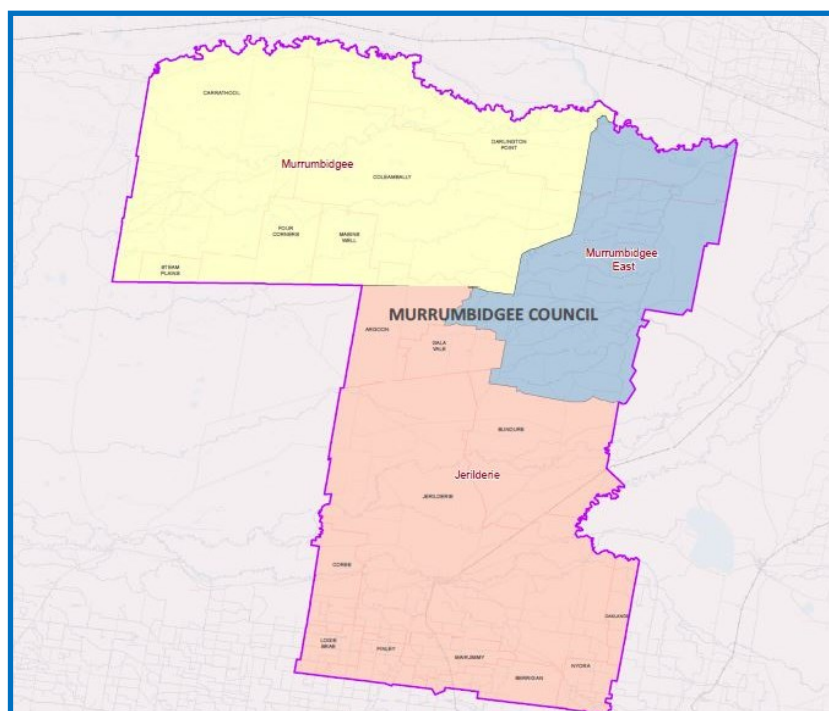
Polling places for Murrumbidgee Ward are:

Coleambally Central School, Kingfisher Avenue, Coleambally

Murrumbidgee Council Chambers, 21 Carrington Street, Darlington Point

Sydney Town Hall, 483 George Street, Sydney

The NSW Electoral Commission is managing the election. For everything you need to know about the election, visit the NSW Electoral Commission website at www.votensw.info or call 1300 135 736.





Meet Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure and Environment, Peter Chudek

I'm delighted to have been given this opportunity at Murrumbidgee Council.

I've only been here a short while, two months in fact, but already I've found the community and staff to be friendly and most welcoming.

My family and I now proudly call Coleambally home and it is clear to me that this is a beautiful region with a lot of potential.

I know that the merger process has provided some challenges, but I can also see that it has offered some wonderful opportunities for both Council and the community.

As Council's Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure and Environment, I am determined to use my skills and expertise to value add to the Council services to enhance our townships.

There is a lot of work ahead in terms of infrastructure projects but I look forward to the challenge and working with the staff, the community and Council to make the most of every opportunity presented to Council.

**COUNCIL'S
NEW WEBSITE IS
COMING SOON**

DARLINGTON POINT WATER UPDATE

In response to recent concerns expressed by residents, Council is undertaking detailed investigations into the water quality at Darlington Point.

While Council is complying with best practice guidelines, additional expert advice is being sourced by engaging a number of specialists in this field. Detailed examinations of the water supply will be carried out by suitably qualified consultants in order to assess the integrity of the potable water supply.

Based on their recommendations Council will develop and implement an improvement program.

NSW Health and NSW Department of Primary Industries-Water have requested that the Darlington Point water supply be chlorinated to the

following standards:

Minimum free chlorine level 0.2 mg/l – at furthest point in the network

Minimum free chlorine level 0.8 mg/l – at the water tower

Maximum free chlorine level 5 mg/l *

* The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines requires that the level of chlorine in drinking water should not exceed 5 milligrams per litre (5 parts per million).

The water supply is chlorinated at levels required by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, with a monitoring regime provided by NSW Health and NSW Department of Primary Industries-Water.

Council will provide regular updates to the community on the progress made.

Waddi Centre plans for the future

The Waddi Community Centre Open Day held on 18 August was a chance for residents to enjoy pizza, painting and raise public awareness.

Council's Assistant General Managers , Alison Coe and Peter Chudek attended and met with Waddi's Tamileigh Chirgwin and Angela Goulding as well as residents.

To find out more about the Waddi Community Centre contact Tamileigh Chirgwin 0428 681398.





COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR DARLINGTON POINT

Recommendations in the Darlington Point Township Structure Plan designed to create opportunities for future growth will be considered by Murrumbidgee Council following the September elections.

The Plan was prepared for Council by Habitat Planning to provide direction and guidance for the future use and development of land for the next 20 years.

Council is yet to respond to the recommendations, however, at its July meeting, the Plan was received. The final report makes a number of suggestions, which the new Council will carefully consider.

Among the list of improvements recommended for Darlington Point are an overall streetscape beautification, the investigation of an intermodal transport hub, enhancing the 'gateways' into the town, a heritage strategy and consideration of the establishment of childcare and aged care facilities.

The Plan is "an opportunity to improve conditions in the community, ensure the sustainability of the town, and

enhance the quality of life for both current and future generations".

This plan offers a vision for future land use and development within Darlington Point and provides a framework to guide land use planning decisions as well as the provision of infrastructure and community facilities. Council will consider the recommendations after the September election, and also as part of the Community Strategic Plan that our new Council must adopt by June 2018.

The Plan contains a comprehensive list of actions for consideration, each with suggested timeframes ranging from short (0 to 2 years) and medium (2 to 5 years) to long (5 to 20 years).

Other recommendations for the town include land rezoning, the extension of a number of footpaths and walking tracks, an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study, a new boat ramp and improved car parking and access for use by residents and visitors.

KERBSIDE PICK-UP

Murrumbidgee Council is offering a free kerbside collection service for Darlington Point and Coleambally to assist in removing large and bulky waste items that are not able to be disposed of on Council's normal garbage days.

Residents can assist Council by placing waste in boxes or by bundling items together where possible.

Tree cuttings should be a maximum of 1.5 metres in length and securely tied in a bundle.

Please note that any items of general waste can be collected EXCEPT tyres, asbestos, chemicals, pesticides etc. which are banned from landfill.

Please have all materials for collection at the kerb and gutter early on the mornings of pick-up.

Collection days will be:

Darlington Point: Monday 18 September

Coleambally: Monday 25 September

Note: Do not place your hard or green waste items on the kerb until the weekend before the collection date.



Rice Research Australia Pty Ltd

Invites you to attend our open morning

To inspect and discuss the refurbishment of the "Old Barracks"

Located on the McCaughey Memorial Institute.

Friday 8th September

11am- Morning Tea Provided

"Old Coree" 1850 Conargo Road, Jerilderie

(03) 5886 1391

All Welcome



Top Tips for Committees

Are you a board or committee member of a local community group?

Do you want to improve your performance or understand what your obligations are?

Murrumbidgee Council invites committee and board members, or individuals wanting to take on a committee position, to reflect on the roles and responsibilities of managing a successful Incorporated Association. Come along and share knowledge and experience in committee management including familiarising your committee with the Incorporated Associations Act 2009 and the Amendments 2016.

The Six Secrets of Successful Committees Workshop will be held from 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday, 20 September at the Coleambally Club.

This workshop will be free, with light refreshments served.

RSVP is to Penny Sheppard email: ppshep@bigpond.com

Council's Economic, Tourism and Community Development Manager Gerrie Carr-MacFie will share her expertise.

Having previously worked as a CEO in the not-for-profit sector and been a member on various community-based committees and boards, Gerrie will share information and experience with a focus on roles and responsibilities in managing an Incorporated Association.

Tips, templates and best practice examples of good governance will be shared with participants.

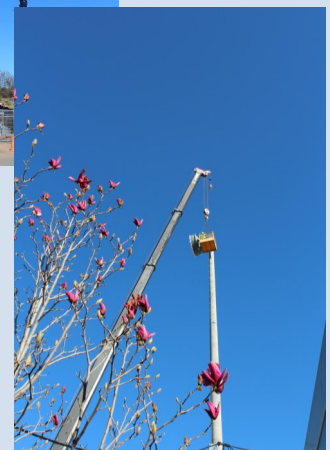
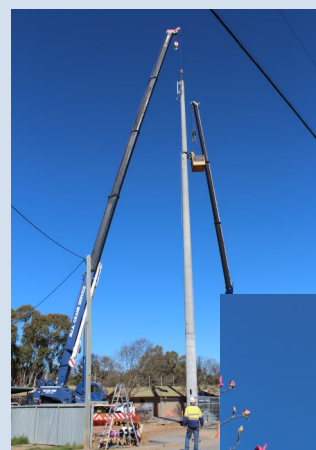
Further workshops may be scheduled throughout the Council area if there is sufficient demand.

Taking Shape

Good progress is being made to improve Council's communications within the Council area.

The work is part of the "Wide Area Network" (WAN) Council is building to allow all three offices to be connected so we can operate under one computer system (Civica). The company building our WAN is ATI Australia Pty Ltd.

A solar array has been fitted to the base at the tower at Bundure and new monopoles are being erected at Darlington Point and Coleambally.



SIR JOHN MONASH BURSARY

Applications are invited for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary.

Applicants are invited to submit an essay: "Depend upon it, the only hope for Australia is the ballot box and an educated electorate" (details of which can be found in the Bursary requirements and conditions on Council's website).

Entry in this essay is open to long term residents of Murrumbidgee Council who are considering entering into post secondary education through University, College or TAFE, or an approved course of formal training with a Registered Training Organisation, ie apprentices, trainees, adult education. Entries close at 4.00pm on Friday 10 November 2017.

The bursary is valued at \$2,000 and is awarded to assist with personal costs associated with course expenses. The successful applicant will be announced at the Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture to be held on Friday evening, 24 November 2017 in the Jerilderie Civic Hall, Jerilderie. Full requirements and conditions, including cover sheet, are available to download from Council's website www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au



Riverina Vintage Machinery Club Inc Rally 12 & 13 August 2017 Coleambally



Perfect weather and plenty of horsepower helped make this year's Riverina Vintage Machinery Club Rally at Coleambally a big success, with organisers thanking exhibitors, sponsors and volunteers for their contribution to the event.



During a recent Respite Group lunch at the Coleambally Community Club consultant for Cypress View, Mary Hoodless and Cypress View President, Terry Inglis, dropped by to speak to the group about what services residents in Coleambally and Darlington Point would like.

The 2017/18 Bush Fire Danger Period Starts 1 October 2017

NSW Fire Service

Murrumbidgee Council area fire incidents 2016/17

Total Incidents	Fire & Explosion	False Alarm	Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA)	Hazard Condition	Other
63	42	2	8	2	9

WHAT'S ON?

Upcoming events

- 2 September:** B&S Roundup Ball (Jerilderie Racecourse)
- 8 September:** Rice Research Australia Pty Ltd Open Morning, 11am (Old Coree Conargo Rd Jerilderie)
- 9 September:** Local Government Election (Murrumbidgee Ward only)
- 20 September:** Six Secrets of Successful Committees Workshop (Coleambally)
- 23 September:** Darlington Point Spring Festival
- 23 September:** Jerilderie Gold Cup (Jerilderie Racecourse)
- 18 September , 25 September, 9 October and 16 October:** Free Computer Training for seniors call 02 69645334 to book (Darlington Point)
- October long weekend:** Outback Golf Challenge (Jerilderie Sports Club)
- 10 October:** Sturt Group CWA Annual Conference (Coleambally)
- 15 October:** United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW – Jerilderie Branch -Novelty Golf and Bowls Day (Register your team 03 58861445)
- 27 October:** Uniting Church Flower Show (Civic Hall, Jerilderie)
- 11 November:** Cypress View Auxiliary Market Day (Coleambally)
- 24 November:** Monash Dinner (Jerilderie)

Contacting your Council

Council Branch Offices are located at:

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Coleambally - Brolga Place

Jerilderie - 35 Jerilderie St

Phone: 1300 MRMBGE (676243)

E-mail: mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

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DARLINGTON POINT SPRING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2017 FROM 10AM

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| CAR SHOW | FOOD |

REFRESHMENTS & WINE TASTINGS

KIDS' ACTIVITIES | TRAIN RIDES | FUSION ACTIVITIES |

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Stall information and event queries

Please contact Murrumbidgee Council - Darlington Point Branch

(02) 6960 5503 or kesayac@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au





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