



# Murrumbidgee COUNCIL

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## Message from the Mayor



The construction of new solar farms in our region is exciting news.

The jobs created during construction and beyond mean the outlook is good for employment.

I urge any local tradesmen or suppliers of the various services needed to attend the Big Opportunities for Small Business session in Coleambally. This is a wonderful opportunity.

The Australia Day awards are now open.

An opportunity that shouldn't be missed allows us to recognise and honour residents of all ages and sportspeople who have achieved success and brought recognition to our towns.

If you know of a person, organisation or team that has made an outstanding contribution to the community over the past 12 months, please nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

**Regards,**

**Councillor Ruth McRae**

## BIG OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Small businesses in the Murrumbidgee Council area and beyond are set to be the big winners when construction of large-scale solar farms get underway.

The start of construction, expected in early 2018 in Coleambally, signals promising prospects for business in the region.

To help local tradies and suppliers find out what this work will mean for them, Council, in conjunction with Industry Capability Network and Office of Environment and Heritage, will host a networking session ***Big Opportunities for Small Business***.

The event, outlining Coleambally opportunities and others arising throughout the region, will be held at the Coleambally Community Centre on Thursday 23 November from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Please RSVP to Gerrie Carr-MacFie on (03) 5886 1200 or email [gerriec@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gerriec@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

Some of the opportunities include: Accommodation for workers, suppliers of demountables: offices/sleeping quarters/site toilets, food and beverage suppliers, hotel and sport club operators, transport providers, labour hire firms and heavy equipment operators/hirers. This is an opportunity for businesses to attend and find out how they can benefit from the jobs created during the construction of these large-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar farms.



## NOMINATE NOW FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Each year the Australia Day Council invites Local Government to participate in Australia Day activities.

It particularly encourages Councils to participate in the Citizenship Awards, which are offered by the Australia Day Council for the purpose of recognising outstanding contributions to the local community.

Murrumbidgee Council will once again participate in the presentation of Citizenship Awards, with each of its three communities of Jerilderie, Darlington Point and Coleambally to host individual Award Ceremonies.



Nominations from organisations and/or individuals are now being sought for these awards.

All nominations are strictly confidential. All nominees must be residents of Murrumbidgee Council. Nomination forms and additional information on individual community awards (including nomination closing dates-the dates vary for each town) are available from Council offices at Jerilderie, Darlington Point and Coleambally and are also available on Council's website: [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

Further information can be obtained by telephoning 1300 MRMBGE (676 243).



## COUNCIL MEETING

### OCTOBER IN BRIEF

#### A snapshot of what happened during the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Thursday 24 October:

- Bus bay approved for student pickup at St Peter's School Coleambally
- Council's Community Engagement Framework and Communications Strategy policies adopted
- Council to investigate new town entrance signs for Darlington Point
- An update on Council's Priority Projects Register was provided

## ANNUAL UNION PICNIC DAY

Murrumbidgee Council's Jerilderie Branch Office, Depot and Library will be closed on Friday 10 November 2017 for the Annual Union Picnic.

For any emergencies arising within the Jerilderie area during that time please contact Council's Operations Manager: 0427 695633

For general enquiries, please call: 1300 676 243

The Coleambally and Darlington Point Branch Offices and Depot will be open as usual.

## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Council's administrative offices will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from 12 noon, Friday, 22 December 2017 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 2 January 2018.

*Merry Christmas*



## COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18

The monthly Ordinary Meetings of Council will commence at 10am on the fourth Tuesday of every month, excluding December and January, and will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28 November 2017 -Jerilderie
- Friday 15 December 2017 -Darlington Point
- Tuesday 27 February 2018 -Jerilderie
- Tuesday 27 March 2018 -Darlington Point
- Tuesday 24 April 2018 -Jerilderie
- Tuesday 22 May 2018 -Darlington Point
- Tuesday 26 June 2018 -Jerilderie
- Tuesday 24 July 2018 -Darlington Point
- Tuesday 28 August 2018 -Jerilderie
- Tuesday 25 September 2018 -Darlington Point

The meeting venues will alternate between Jerilderie and Darlington Point until suitable facilities are available in Coleambally.



## Coleambally Australia Day Competitions

**Colouring** for Pre-school, K-1, 2-3 entries by 8 December 2017 – will be collected from schools

**Best Decorated Aussie Head Gear** Under 18 and Over 18 sections, entries on the day

**Photography Contest** - Primary, Secondary, Adult entries by Wednesday, 3 January, 2018 at Coleambally office. The theme is ***Aspects of Coleambally***. Minimum size 8x10 or 20cmx25cm, colour or black & white, matt or gloss. Name and age division on back with address if you want it returned.

Cash prizes and certificates will be presented to the winners on Australia Day.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Dementia Australia Healthy Brain Ageing and Memory Van visit JERILDERIE NSW

Dementia Australia will be presenting Healthy Brain Ageing which addresses the myths surrounding dementia and provides information relating to normal ageing and memory loss. This session is suitable for anyone who is interested in learning 5 Simple Steps to Maximise Brain Health and how to help reduce their risk of developing dementia.

Dementia Australia's Memory Van is a mobile information service packed with helpful resources about memory concerns, dementia and information including the simple steps you can take to maintain brain health. Drop by for a chat and take some brochures and information sheets. Material is provided free of charge.



DETAILS	
<b>Healthy Brain Ageing - presentation</b>	
Date:	Thurs 9th Nov 2017
Cost:	Free
Time:	10:30am - 11:30am
Location:	Jerilderie Civic Hall Ian Gilbert Room Jerilderie NSW
<i>Tea/coffee will be available from 10am.</i>	
<b>Memory Van - call by anytime for information</b>	
Date:	Thurs 9th Nov 2017
Cost:	Free
Time:	12noon - 3pm
Location:	Powell St Behind the Jerilderie Civic Hall Jerilderie NSW

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Overview of Dementia Australia's services
- The Brain
- Memory & Thinking changes with age
- What is Dementia?
- Facts & Figures – present and projected
- 5 Simple Steps to Maximise Your Brain Health
- Brain Health Challenge
- Q&A

This event has been supported by :



NATIONAL DEMENTIA HELPLINE  
1800 100 500

CONTACT  
Building 21 120 Coxs Road, North Ryde NSW 2113  
P O Box 6042 North Ryde NSW 2113  
T (02) 8875 4609  
E new.education@dementia.org.au

JERILDERIE CELEBRATES SPRING

Jerilderie is set to shine this Spring.

Colourful main street gardens complement the stunning Lake Jerilderie as it sparkles in the spring sunshine and attracts the attention of visitors and locals. And it won't just be nature that shines.

In a main street promotion assisted by Murrumbidgee Council, Bali Flags have been placed on planter boxes to reflect the colours of spring.

Jerilderie businesses are being encouraged to join in the promotion, increase their opening hours, display their wares and encourage sales.

The Jerilderie Shines in Spring promotion will run from 1 November to 30 November 2017.

Sale of vintage wares, seasonal menus in the local hotels and cafés, and an open garden at Ye Olde Bank are just some of the activities on offer.

A special exhibition on bushrangers and convicts 'Doing the Bolt' will be open by appointment throughout November. Details can be found on the Murrumbidgee Council website. www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au



MONASH DINNER: REMINDER

The tenth annual Monash Dinner will be held on Friday, 24 November.

Military historian Ashley Ekins will be the guest speaker and his talk is titled: General Sir John Monash, Master of the Battlefield—an Appreciation. Mr Ekins is head of the Military History Section at the Australian War Memorial where he has worked as a military historian for more than 27 years. A graduate of the University of Adelaide, he specialises in the history of the First World War and has published widely on the role of Australian soldiers in the Great War.

His publications on the First World War include: 1918 Year of Victory: The End of the Great War and the Shaping of History and War Wounds: Medicine and the Trauma of Conflict. His book, Gallipoli: A Ridge Too Far is a multinational study of the pivotal battles of August 1915.

Mr Ekins is also an authority on Australian involvement in the Vietnam War, having written extensively on Australian Army ground operations in Vietnam. To book contact Council (03) 5886 1200. Tickets are \$50 and includes a two course meal, the lecture, tea/coffee, slices, bar available.



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. Entries close at 4m 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



## PLANS IN PLACE FOR A TOP 2018 YOUTH WEEK EVENT

Cool kicks and daring flips will feature when young people in our Council area celebrate Youth Week next April.

Two days of skating fun have been planned, with Skate Park (NSW League) coming to Coleambally on April 14 and Darlington Point on April 15.

The Skate Park Leagues are community based grass-roots events focused on embracing skate park culture and bringing the community together.

Locals will be able to compete in skate, scooter, or BMX events and there will be free giveaways and prizes to be won.

Registrations are now open: <http://skateparkleagues.com/enroll/nsw-series-registration/>

Event Partners include: Murrumbidgee Council, YMCA NSW, Nike, Element, Skullcandy, OCD Skate Shop, Pro-Tec, Goliath Skate, Crisp Scooters, Grit Scooters, District Freestyle Scooters & Conduct HQ.

For more information including event Guidelines, Scoring Criteria and Policies go to: <http://skateparkleagues.com/guidelines/>

A bus will run from Jerilderie to ensure all youth from across the Murrumbidgee Council area can participate.



## ONE YEAR ON, GOING STRONG

The Jerilderie Community Gym is coming up to its first 12 months of being a community run, not-for-profit organisation.

The gym currently has a variety of classes running daily, catering for all ages, all abilities and all members of the community.

The gym has had a successful year – establishing a kids boot camp and also running two Healthy Heart Moves Classes each week.

The Gym Committee would like to thank all community members for their ongoing support of "Our Gym". It has always been their goal to make this gym inclusive for the benefit of the whole community.

They have a number of items on the agenda in the future and are taking expressions of interest for mixed netball, karate and aqua-aerobics.

For further information on any of the classes, please feel free to contact Kevin Avard on 0428 998 801 and always feel free to come down and have a look at some classes as a visitor.



## PORTSEA CAMP 2018 – LEADERS NEEDED!

The Portsea Camp Committee is looking for leaders to attend next year's Portsea Camp with our Murrumbidgee Council group of children from Thursday 11 January until Wednesday 17 January. Recreational and Room Leaders must be at least 18 years of age and Junior Leaders must be at least 16 years of age.

This is a great experience and a fantastic addition to any resume!

Please contact Tianni or Heidi in the Jerilderie office on 0358 861 200 for further information or visit the website below.

<http://www.theportseacamp.com.au/how-to-help/volunteer/charity-camps>





Verona Harrison with Tirkandi Inaburra's Adrian Andrezza.

### WEAVING NEW RELATIONSHIPS

Members of the Murrumbidgee Arts Kinship Enterprise (MAKE) group visited the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery recently where they participated in a weaving workshop facilitated by talented local artists Ann Evers and James Bourne.

Council partnered with Tirkandi Inaburra, who loaned their bus and provided a driver. Council is grateful for the support from Transport for NSW and Tirkandi Inaburra.

To show their appreciation the group will be giving back, with painting days organised. In upcoming workshops elders will help the boys from Tirkandi hone their painting skills.



June Weymouth

### SWIMMING POOLS TO OPEN

All three Council Swimming Pools are set to open. The Coleambally and Jerilderie Pools will be open Friday 3 November and the Darlington Point Pool on Saturday 4 November.

The Coleambally and Darlington Point Pools will operate from Tuesday to Sunday and will be managed by operators once again.

The Jerilderie Swimming Pool will continue to be operated with the fob system, users are required to visit the Jerilderie Office to sign a waiver and hire a fob for entry. The Jerilderie Swimming Pool will be open 7 days a week. Please visit our website or contact one of our Branch Offices for details on membership fees.




**SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM**  
JANUARY 2018

- Life skill
- Water awareness
- Fun
- Safe

The Office of Sport delivers Royal Life Saving Society's national Swim and Survive program in regional areas of NSW where limited learn to swim opportunities exist.

Lessons cater for children aged 18 months to 12 years and provide everything from water awareness through to developing strokes and endurance. Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for nine consecutive week days.

Prices for nine lessons are \$72 for school aged children and \$51 for pre-schoolers (prices exclude pool entry).

**More information**  
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive | 13 13 02  
fb.com/OOSswimandsurvive







## Waste Disposal Centre Opening Hours

### Coleambally

Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 11am

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

### Darlington Point

Tuesday & Thursday 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 8am - 11am

### Jerilderie

Monday 8am - 11am, Wednesday 3pm - 6pm, Friday 8am - 11am and Sunday 2pm - 5pm

## Coleambally Preschool is currently enrolling for 2018

We are holding an orientation morning for New Enrolments on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> & Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. 9.30am - 11.00am. Enquiries please phone 69 544 050

colypre@live.com.au



### BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD

October marked the start of the statutory Bush Fire Danger Period. This means that anyone wishing to light a fire must obtain a free permit from their local Fire Control Centre.

Further details about the Bush Fire Danger Period, how to get a Fire Permit, cigarette tossing fines and Total Fire Bans are available at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au).

### PREPARE NOW FOR FIRE SEASON

Now that fire season has commenced Council advises it will be issuing letters to owners of properties with overgrown vegetation. If your block is overgrown please remove any unwanted vegetation. Removing the vegetation does not only remove the fire risk it also removes the risks from vermin.

## WHAT'S ON?

### Upcoming events

**10 November:** Jerilderie Branch Office, Depot & Library Closed for Annual Union Picnic Day

**11 November:** Remembrance Day services in Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point 11am

**11 November:** Cypress View Auxiliary Market Day (Coleambally) (02) 6954 4202

**11 November:** Interservices Recruitment Day 9am to 1pm (Outside Coleambally Town Hall)

**23 November:** "Big Opportunities for Small Business" session Coleambally Community Centre from 4.30pm to 6.30pm

**24 November:** Monash Dinner (Jerilderie) Council (03) 5886 1200

**Christmas/New Year Period:** Council's administrative offices will be closed for the Christmas/New Year period from 12 noon, Friday, 22 December 2017 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 2 January 2018.

## RECRUITMENT DAY

Are you over the age of 16? Are you physically fit?

Do you want to help your town while meeting new people?

If you answered yes to these questions, come down and see the State Emergency Service, NSW RFS and Volunteer Rescue volunteers on Saturday, 11 November 9am to 1pm at Cypress View Lodge Market Day in Coleambally.

### Contacting your Council

Council Branch Offices are located at:

**Darlington Point** - 21 Carrington Street

**Coleambally** - 39 Brolga Place

**Jerilderie** - 35 Jerilderie St

**Phone:** 1300 MRMBGE (676243)

**E-mail:** [mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

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