



Murrumbidgee COUNCIL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Mayor

It's a pleasure to present the latest issue of the Community Newsletter.

Spring is a spectacular time across our area. We have such vibrant and enthusiastic communities and it is wonderful that the crowds have turned out to support the many springtime events. You can expect to see much construction and activity throughout our area over the coming months as many projects kick off.

You may have noticed that work has already commenced on installing new footpaths, repairing kerb and guttering, installing new shade structures at our parks and facilities, and other improvements. These works have been made possible through NSW Government Drought funding. It was determined that the most effective way to spend this funding was through concreting and fabrication work



that would not only repair and improve our urban infrastructure, but also to utilise local resources. A full list of works is available on our website. Other improvements and projects will continue to take place across our Council footprint. We will also keep actively chasing government grants to enable us to undertake more work and implement more improvements throughout our area.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or my fellow Councillors, or ring any of our offices, to discuss community matters or initiatives.

Kind regards

Ruth McRae

Successful Monash Dinner

The Annual Monash Dinner and Oration was another resounding success with over 130 people enjoying the informative and entertaining oration by General Sir John Monash's great grandson, Mr Michael Bennett.

Mr Bennett said it was lovely to travel to Jerilderie, to meet the local people and to honour his great grandfather by speaking at the dinner. He enjoyed his time in the town a great deal.



(L-R) David Leeds, Monash Bursary winner Grace Leeds, Murrumbidgee Mayor Cr Ruth McRae and Michael Bennett.

Coinciding with the evening was the announcement of the recipient of the Sir John Monash Education Bursary.

Mayor Ruth McRae congratulated Jerilderie local Grace Leeds for winning the \$2,000 bursary and wished her every success in her studies.

New changerooms take shape

Works across our area are proceeding full steam ahead. Pictured is the new changerooms at the Coleambally Sports Oval.



Congratulations

An incredible effort from the Darlington Point Coleambally Roosters this year, with the club claiming the premiership for both First Grade and Reserve Grade. Congratulations!



Honouring our firies

Our Mayor Ruth McRae recently had the pleasure of attending Rural Fire Service Medal presentations to honour the extraordinary commitment of our local fire fighters. Congratulations to the following people and thank you for your service to our community:

David Bryce - 36 years (Jerilderie).

Andrew Browning - 29 years (Jerilderie).

David Cattanaach - 32 years (Cararbury).

Roy Duffell - 32 years (Maley).

John Wallace - 32 years (Tubbo).



Recipients of the Long Service Medals and clasps from the MIA District, together with Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM, Helen Dalton MP, Cr Paul Maytom, Mayor Leeton Shire Council and Cr Ruth McRae, Mayor Murrumbidgee Council.

Robert Gifford - 31 years (Darlington Point).

Michael Lamont - 26 years (Coleambally).

Rayma Strachan - 31 years (Darlington Point).

Harold Saxvik - 22 years (Darlington Point).

Samantha Blackett - 29 years (Coleambally).

Graham White - 17 years (Coleambally).

Matthew Stott - 15 years (Cararbury).

Robert Black - 29 years (Argoon and Tubbo).

Christopher Bedard - 14 years (Coleambally).

Dale Young - 13 years (Coleambally).

Bruce Evans - 27 years (Gidgell).

Shawn Gras - 12 years (Darlington Point).

Michael Breed - 26 years (Coleambally).

Hayley Heath - 10 years (Darlington Point and Hanwood).



L-R: Chief Superintendent Ken Hall, Zone Manager Tony Whitehorn, Murrumbidgee Council Mayor Ruth McRae, Jerilderie Group Captain Andrew Browning, Assistant Commissioner Peter McKechnie and Jerilderie South Group Officer David Bryce. (Photo courtesy of Pastoral Times).



The fight against fruit fly

Fruit fly not only ruins fruit in our backyard, but it can have a devastating effect for our farmers. We all need to play our part in taking steps against fruit flies. Here's some tips from the NSW Department of Primary Industries.



- ✦ Set up fruit fly traps and check weekly. You can use a commercial preparation or make your own.
- ✦ Remove host plants if you are unable/not inclined to control fruit fly.
- ✦ Design your vegetable garden layout and cropping cycles so that fruit fly does not build up.
- ✦ Pick up and dispose of any excess ripe fruit. Double bag the fruit and leave it in the sun for a day or two before disposing of it.

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Are you receiving our monthly e-newsletter to stay up-to-date with grants that are available?


SUBSCRIBE on our website
www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

We value your FEEDBACK! We'd love to hear your thoughts on this community newsletter (contact details on the back page).

Cat chat

Tips for cat owners

-  Identify your cat with a collar, tag and cat bell.
-  Keep your cat indoors at night to prevent it hunting, cat calling and fighting with other cats.
-  Some people may not welcome visits from your cat in their yard. Consider options to allow your cat to enjoy your yard without being able to enter neighbouring properties.
-  Microchip your cat by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away, whichever comes first. Microchipping is the most effective way to help ensure your pet can be returned to you if it becomes lost.
-  Register your cat by six months of age. Discounted registration fees apply to de-sexed animals.

 Having your pet de-sexed helps to reduce straying, aggression, fighting and antisocial behaviour. It also reduces the number of unwanted pets born each year, and the possibility of cats becoming feral. Keep your registration contact details up to date so your pet can be returned home if they are lost.

Problems caused by feral cats

Feral cats are a serious problem in many areas. They can decimate our Australian native animals and have caused the extinction of some ground-dwelling birds and small to medium-sized mammals. Additionally, they can carry infectious diseases which can be transmitted to native animals, domestic livestock and humans.

If you are being affected by feral cats, please contact a Council office.



Community Catch-up

Darlington Point Respite Group



The Group had a wonderful day out recently with a delicious lunch, followed by a movie.

Jerilderie Public School

Great effort by the Jerilderie Public School community to highlight the plight of the endangered Plains Wanderer. This exciting project involved visits from Taronga Zoo keepers, as well as collaboration with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and other schools in the area.

Waddi Community Cultural Garden

Planning is progressing well for the Waddi Community Cultural Garden. The garden is part of the refurbishment of the Regional Cultural Heritage Arts Centre which will enhance, display and record Warangesda and Darlington Point's rich indigenous history.



Jerilderie Tidy Towns - annual roadside rubbish clean-up



It was a terrific turn out for the annual clean-up. Jerilderie is now a much cleaner place with two ute loads of rubbish picked up between the northern bridge and Jerilderie Grain Storage. Thanks to the Tidy Towns group for such commitment to keeping Jerilderie a tidy town!

Murrumbidgee Council is proudly supporting the #MYRIVERINAMURRAY Instagram competition.

To enter, post an image on Instagram and add the hashtags #myriverinamurray and either #visitriviera or #visitthemurray, depending where it's taken.

Competition closes 27 October 2019.



What's on

13 October - Gone Fishing Day, Lake Jerilderie

13 October - Jerilderie Hospital Auxiliary and Motor Neurone Disease Research Novelty Golf and Bowls Day, Sports Club

25 October - Uniting Church Flower Show, Jerilderie Civic Hall

26 October - Jerilderie Preschool Kinder Mock Races Fundraiser, Jerilderie Racecourse

9 November - Cyprus View Lodge Auxiliary Annual Market, Coleambally

11-17 January 2020 - Portsea Camp, Portsea

7-9 February 2020 - Riverina Classic Fishing Competition, Darlington Point

Will you help to restore the historic Toganmain Woolshed to its former glory?

Located on the Murrumbidgee between Darlington Point and Carrathool, this magnificent old shed was once the fourth largest woolshed in Australia, and is now the largest one left standing.

Visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/friends-of-togan-main-woolshed-precinct> to help preserve this important part of Australia's history.

October is NSW Small Business Month and there's a great line-up of events designed to support small businesses to start and grow, including a variety of free activities such as webinars, business breakfasts, social media workshops, networking sessions and much more.

Head to the website for more details:
www.businessmonth.nsw.gov.au



Small Business Month
1-31 October 2019

You're invited to the Portsea Camp

11-17 January 2020

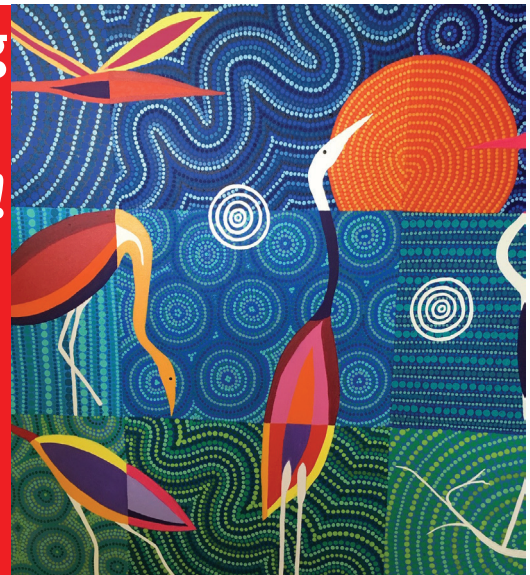
For children aged between 9 and 12 years.
Canoeing | giant swing | flying fox | high ropes | swimming | snorkelling | fishing | beach games | disco | bike riding | abseiling | art and craft | woodwork | campfires | hiking and more!

Cost: \$350 including accommodation, meals and transport, T-shirt, hat and drink bottle

More details: Eden Hercus/Heidi Bryce
Murrumbidgee Council Jerilderie Office.
T: 03 5886 1200. Be quick! Places are limited.

Calling all artists!

Jerilderie Show 'n' Shine Art Exhibition
17- 24 May 2020



Paintings, photography, sculptures and drawings all welcome from artists over 16 years of age.

\$10 entry fee per artwork if selling, otherwise free entry.

Sale prices set by artists.

More information: Roslyn Lockhart T: 0427 275 886
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Council info

Meetings will be held:

- Tuesday 29 October 2019, 10 am at Darlington Point
- Tuesday 26 November 2019, 10 am at Jerilderie
- Friday 13 December 2019, 9.30 am at Darlington Point

Waste Depot hours

Coleambally: Tuesday and Thursday: 9-11 am and Sunday 2-5 pm. NB: This is a Community Recycling Centre.

Darlington Point: Tuesday and Thursday: 2-4 pm and Sunday: 8-11 am

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

Bendigo Bank Agencies

Both the Darlington Point and Jerilderie offices provide Bendigo Bank Agency services from Monday to Friday, 9 am-4.30 pm.

Library hours

Jerilderie Library: Monday, Thursday and Friday:

10 am-5 pm. Wednesday: 10 am-6 pm. Closed for lunch from 12-12.30 pm

Movie - 3rd Wednesday of each month

The Mobile Library visits Coleambally every Wednesday and Darlington Point every Thursday.

Toner cartridge recycling boxes are located at each Council office

Helping others in need

Murrumbidgee Council, with Griffith City Council and Leeton Shire Council, was successful in receiving funding under the Responsible Gambling Awareness Week Grant Scheme.

The week is an annual initiative of the Office of Responsible Gambling to raise awareness of gambling and gambling harm in the community. It is an opportunity to increase the community's understanding of risky gambling behaviour, encourage gamblers to recognise when their gambling may place them at risk of harm, and provide information on practical ways to keep their gambling under control.

Each Council is asking for two volunteers to undertake SMART Recovery facilitator training (<https://smartrecoveryaustralia.com.au>) and commit to facilitating a local support group.

The grant funding will support people to attend two full days of training (in November or December). The facilitators will then have the skills to establish another support group for people with a drug and/or alcohol or other problematic behaviour/addiction.

If you are interested, please call Sue Mitchell, Manager Corporate and Community Services on (02) 6960 5500.

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The second instalment of rates are due at the end of November

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Coleambally Office

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Office hours: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm (Monday to Friday). Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1.30 pm

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