



Murrumbidgee COUNCIL

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Message from the Mayor



I consider it a great privilege to have been elected Mayor.

This is an exciting new chapter for our Council and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

Residents can be assured that the new Murrumbidgee Council has a team of experienced Councillors at the table committed to making our Council great.

Our new Council will provide many challenges and many opportunities. As elected representatives it is our responsibility to rise to the challenge, identify the opportunities, and in consultation with Council management ensure we have the capacity and capability to sustain and grow.

We have three unique communities and we need to encourage and promote the different products and services. We must collectively market our Council footprint as a desirable location of choice for industry and business development.

Regards,

Ruth

THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL

Familiar faces with a wealth of knowledge make up the new Murrumbidgee Council.

Council's inaugural meeting was held on Thursday, 21 September, when the Councillors were sworn in and Ruth McRae was elected Mayor and Robert Black Deputy Mayor for a two year term.

During the meeting Councillors were also appointed to various committees.

You can view the final results for Murrumbidgee Council 2017 Local Government Election in full: vtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/murrumbidgee



The new Murrumbidgee Councillors Phillip Wells, Robert Curphey, Gavin Gilbert, Deputy Mayor Robert Black, Mayor Ruth McRae, Christine Chirgwin, Faith Bryce and Gaila Smith were sworn in during the inaugural meeting. (absent: Austin Evans)

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017

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 24 October 2017 Darlington Point
- Tuesday 28 November 2017 Jerilderie
- Friday 15 December 2017 Darlington Point

The meeting venues will alternate between Jerilderie and Darlington Point until a new meeting room/chambers is constructed in Coleambally.



COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER

IN BRIEF

A snapshot of what happened during the first meeting of Council on Thursday, 21 September:

- New Councillors sworn in and Mayor Ruth McRae & Deputy Mayor Robert Black elected
- Councillors appointed to Council committees (see details on our website)
- Council approved application for funding under the Fixing Country Roads Program, with project priorities Bencubbin Avenue Coleambally, McDonald Road Coleambally and Eulo Road Darlington Point
- Adoption of Council Policies including Media Policy, Corporate Uniform Policy, Privacy Management Policy and Enterprise Risk Management Policy
- Progress Report on Darlington Point Structure Plan received
- An update report on Priority Projects Register, including applications for grants lodged, received

COLEAMBALLY PIONEER FAREWELLED

Former Murrumbidgee Shire Councillor Keith Burke passed away recently.

Mr Burke was a Councillor during the period 1972-1987, and was a past President and Deputy President of Murrumbidgee Shire during the years 1982-1986.

He was a pioneer of Coleambally and its settlement. Council acknowledges his contribution to public life and extends deepest sympathies to the Burke family.

TERRY HOGAN AM REMEMBERED



Terry Hogan AM contributed 46 years of service to the former Jerilderie Shire Council.

He was also a member of the Murrumbidgee Council Local Representation Committee.

Mr Hogan, who passed away on Wednesday, 27 September, will be sadly missed as a true gentleman and passionate community advocate.

He was elected to serve as Councillor for the former Jerilderie Shire Council in 1971 and served three terms as Deputy Shire President and three terms as Shire President. He was elected Mayor of the Shire of Jerilderie on 27 April 2004, a position held until September 2014, when he declined to stand for re-election as Mayor.

As an innovative irrigation farmer and community-minded stalwart he shared his passion and expertise with a number of organisations over the years including Riverina Regional Organisation of Councils and then the new entity, RAMROC, Coleambally Branch of the Ricegrowers Association of Australia, SunRice, Coleambally Irrigation, State Water Murrumbidgee Customer Services Committee and Murrumbidgee Environmental Water Allocation Reference Group.

On Australia Day 2003 Mr Hogan was made A Member of the Order of Australia for services to the rice industry and Local Government. In 2013, Local Government NSW honoured Mr Hogan for his commitment and service to Local Government.

He was awarded the honorary title of Emeritus Mayor for serving a minimum of three one-year terms as Mayor and received an Outstanding Service Award for 45 years Local Government service in 2016.

A portrait of Emeritus Mayor Terry Hogan hangs in the Murrumbidgee Council Chambers in Jerilderie.

FUN DAY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

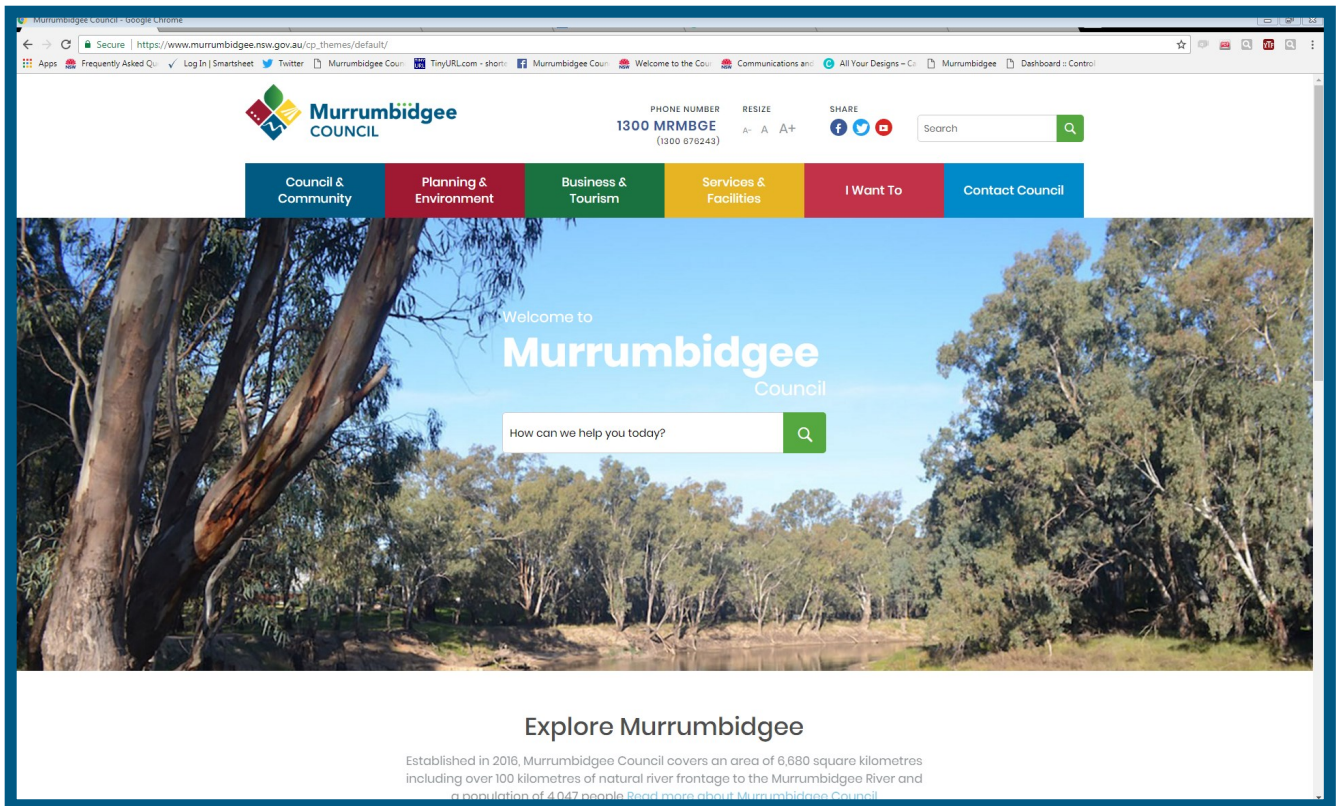
Calling keen golfers and bowlers. The United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW- Jerilderie Branch, in conjunction with the Jerilderie Sports Club will hold a Novelty Golf & Bowls Day on 15 October, first hit off at 9am.

This is a fundraiser for the Jerilderie Health Service and the Sports Club. A wish-list item is an upgrade of mattresses to help prevent pressure injuries.

To register your team phone 03 5886 1445



NEW-LOOK WEBSITE FOR COUNCIL



Residents logging on to Council's website will notice a few changes.

The new-look website arrived ahead of the newly elected Council, following several months of planning.

The site is the first stage in improving online business transactions, with a focus on improving user experience to help people find what they want.

Council is working towards a website that is fully integrated with its business so that it offers customers all the services you would expect from face-to-face dealings. Things like lodging requests and reporting issues will now be easier to do.

The website has a modern and fresh look, incorporating the corporate colours.

The new website includes easy access to information on paying rates, with future options for online rates payments, and there are quick access links to Council agendas and minutes.

Should residents have feedback on Council's new website, they can complete an online survey in the "Have Your Say" section.

Over the coming weeks Council's new website will continue to be developed, including the addition of a searchable business directory.

Those businesses in Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie wishing to have their details included are being encouraged to contact Tanya Pattison on (02) 69605514. Alternatively businesses can use the link provided on the website.

Mobile Children's Service visits Coleambally

The Hay Mobile Children's Service is now taking enrolments for 2018, with preschool age children given first priority. The mobile children's service will visit Coleambally on Thursdays throughout term 4. For further information please phone (02) 69933059 or email: jennilee@hmcs.org.au

You can check out their timetable in full on Murrumbidgee Council's Facebook Page or on the new website.



NEW EQUIPMENT FOR JERILDERIE TIDY TOWNS

The Jerilderie Tidy Towns Committee will continue their good work in the community after receiving funds to purchase new equipment.

The dedicated group received \$10,470 to buy various items, including a ride-on mower, for maintenance activities that they undertake on a voluntary basis.

It was funded under Murrumbidgee Council's Stronger Community Fund.

The equipment will be used to maintain and assist various community groups and Council with the upkeep of local gardens and grounds within our township.

All four town entrance sites are maintained by Jerilderie Tidy Towns, with tree planting along the Newell Highway also made possible by the efforts of the group.

They also assist with the Community Garden at the Jerilderie Public School, maintain the Memorial Park Garden

and assist Council with the upkeep of The Willows historical homestead lawns & Gardens, Luke Park garden and support the Jerilderie Football Club under 17's footballers as part of their Community Pride Campaign.



Jerilderie Tidy Towns President Ian Sneddon.

ARTISTS MAKE THEIR MARK

Visitors to Jerilderie will notice a stunning wedge-tailed eagle has landed in town.

The eye-catching bird is thanks to the work of talented local artists (pictured below) Helene Mortlock, Roslyn Lockhart, Lorraine (Sos) Hawkins and Tianni Given who completed the project recently.

Council gave the go-ahead for the new art project earlier this year when a request for the outdoor mural, to be painted on the wall of the historic Jerilderie Bakery, was approved.

The design features an eagle, with its wing span tracing the flow of the Billabong Creek.

Special paint that requires little upkeep has been used.



DARLINGTON POINT WATER UPDATE

An ongoing review of water quality continues at Darlington Point.

This includes regular sampling and quality assessment of potable water at the Darlington Point water bore and a number of sampling points across the town.

The in-depth assessment is in response to concerns expressed last month by residents.

Council officers continue to monitor the water quality and especially chlorine concentration that is in the lower range of acceptable levels.

Council is in the process of procuring a gas chlorination injection system and discussing the installation of this system with a preferred supplier.

Council has held preliminary discussions with NSW Health and NSW Department of Primary Industries-Water, and in cooperation with both agencies Council is looking at engaging suitably qualified consultants to undertake a full assessment of the water supply.

Council is complying with the best practice guidelines at all times and will continue to provide regular updates to the community on the progress made.



DATE SET FOR ANNUAL DINNER

This year's 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 on (03) 5886 1200.



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

Go Fishing with Jerilderie Fishing Club

In conjunction with the Recreational Fishing Trust, Jerilderie Fishing Club will host a free Go Fishing Day at Luke Park Jerilderie on October 15 commencing at 10am.

All are welcome to come along and learn about fishing and fishing regulations.

The day starts with fishing on the lake or creek followed by a demonstration of knot tying and a casting competition. Prizes, barbecue and drinks will be included. Limited fishing tackle and bait provided.

Further enquiries Ian 0409 339941 or Andrew 0430 4864047.



Discover the Jerilderie Advantage

Wunnamurra Estate Stage 2 Subdivision
Fully Serviced Blocks from \$55,000

Take advantage of the lower cost of living and enjoy quality family time in our unspoiled country location.

Establish yourself and your family in our safe and welcoming community.

Contact: Ms Gerrie Carr-MacFie,
Economic, Tourism & Community Development Manager, Murrumbidgee Council
Telephone: 03 5886 1200 Email: jerilderie@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au



IN THE FRAME: Darlington Point Spring Festival



Beau Wikitera and Jyve Meehan have fun at the festival.



Arana Curphey & Cross Carlo behind the Rivadestra stall.



Matilda Goodsall gets her face painted.



Tom Gilbert & Kyle Carter.



Emma Dunbar, Briony & Pia Fattore at the Coleambally Central School Ag Farm stall.

IN THE FRAME: Jerilderie Gold Cup Races



Annabelle Ham was pretty in pink.



Brooke Mitchell Miss Racegoer 2017.



Lucy Horne, Rachel Braybon & Charmaine Marshall.



Andy Hayes was all smiles.



Lyn James, Chrissy Ellis, Ruth McRae, Joy Knight & Maree Thomas.



Glenn Feldman Mr Racegoer.



LUKE'S COUNCIL EXPERIENCE



Coleambally Central School student Luke Gloury spent a week at Murrumbidgee Council as part of his Year 10 work experience last month.

COUNCIL ADDS TO ITS FLEET

Did you know that private works can be carried out for residents and ratepayers when Council resources are available?

These may include:-road grading, banks, channels, loader work.

To organise private works at your property please call any of the branch offices with your details.



OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL KIDS

The Portsea Camp has been in operation for over fifty years and provides an opportunity for country children and children with special needs to have a wonderful holiday that their families would otherwise not be in a position to provide.

Council has been allocated 25 spots for children within the local government area to attend the camp in January 2018. The camp will be held from Thursday 11 January – Wednesday 17 January 2018 for children aged between 9 and 12 years of age.

The organising committee has approached local organisations seeking donations to enable local children to attend the Portsea Camp at Port Phillip Bay, Victoria. Any donation great or small would be very much appreciated.

The cost of the Camp for 2018 is \$327 per child being for 7 days of great fun and awesome activities with accommodation, meals and transport (from Jerilderie) provided.

Anyone interested in attending the camp as a junior (16-18 years) or a leader (over 18 years) is also urged to contact Council. To receive an application form, make a donation or for further information please do not hesitate to contact Tianni or Heidi at the Jerilderie branch office on (03) 5886 1200.





SWIMMING SEASON ON TRACK

Murrumbidgee Council is gearing up for the 2017/18 swim season.

All three Council pools are on track to reopen on Friday, 3 November 2017.



Out & About with the Respite Group



Ruth Demamiel and Diney Weaven with Al Grant and Isla Grant at the Griffith Regional Theatre.

RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK 2017

Murrumbidgee Council has joined the Information and Privacy Commission of NSW as an official Champion during Right to Know Week 2017 (25 September – 1 October 2017).

The right of every individual in NSW to access government held information is protected by the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

All NSW citizens have a legal enforceable right to access most information held by NSW government and agencies.

Most publicly available information can be found on our website. We are proud to promote our commitment to open access to information for the people of NSW as an official Champion for Right to Know Week 2017.



WHAT'S ON?

Upcoming events

9 October and 16 October: Free Computer Training for seniors (Darlington Point) call (02) 69645334 to book

October long weekend: Outback Golf Challenge (Jerilderie Sports Club) To register your team phone (03) 5886 1445

7 October: Camp Oven Cook-Off Jerilderie Mini Rail 3pm (Proceeds to Redneck Rally)

7 October: Let's Get Beck Mobile Again, Goods and Services Auction Coly Club 0428 544 065

10 October: Sturt Group CWA Annual Conference (Coleambally) Contact Bev Rose-Wiseman 69541527

15 October: United Hospital Auxiliaries of NSW – Jerilderie Branch -Novelty Golf and Bowls Day Register your team (03) 58861445

15 October: Jerilderie Fishing Club's Go Fishing Day (Jerilderie) Contact Ian 0409 339941 or Andrew 0430 486407

27 October: Uniting Church Flower Show (Civic Hall, Jerilderie) (03) 5886 1576

3 November: St Peter's Primary School Fete (Coleambally) (02) 6954 4178

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

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

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

Contacting your Council

Council Branch Offices are located at:

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