



Murrumbidgee COUNCIL *Community Newsletter*

 **SPRING 2022**

Message from the Mayor

It is amazing to believe that we're into October already. The plentiful rains continue to fall and our agricultural season is so full of promise and, in turn, our region looks set to deliver in spades.

Unfortunately, the rain also has adverse effects, particularly on our roads, and I urge you all to take care when driving.



Socially, we have had a busy time in our area, with many of our sporting teams featuring in finals. To all of those who worked hard and successfully competed in the finals, we offer congratulations. For a small, but important, part of the world, we punch well above our weight and we recognise the important part teams and their clubs play in our communities.

On the Council front, Councillors have recently undertaken tours of Darlington Point and Jerilderie, with Coleambally to be undertaken soon. These have been invaluable in getting first hand updates on current projects and ones in the pipeline and making sure we are on track with future priorities. It's very exciting that more major projects are at completion stage. This includes the Youth Hall and Bencubbin Avenue in Coleambally, and the new Splash Park in Darlington Point.

Other projects will be completed at the end of the year, such as Channel Nine Road in Coleambally and the upgrade to the Murrumbidgee Shire Hall in Darlington Point. Others are still at design stage, such as the Luke Park upgrade at Jerilderie and the new change rooms at Monash Park Netball Precinct, and will be completed next year. You will find a map on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter showing all the details of projects to be undertaken this financial year.

We have worked hard over the past few years to keep our community informed on what's happening, to seek engagement into projects and also to respond to concerns. Please contact me or any of my fellow Councillors if you would like to discuss anything about our area. For operational matters, such as potholes and other issues, go directly through any of our Council channels.

Planning and education is continuing on the implementation of the 3 bin kerbside waste system across our Council area. The community has embraced this initiative and we are very pleased to be one of the first councils in the Western Riverina to be adopting this system.

As mentioned, this new system will include general waste, Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) and recycling. FOGO is a new service for all three communities. Darlington Point and Coleambally are already utilising a recycling service, so Jerilderie residents are looking forward to having this opportunity. We are continuing to investigate services we can offer in this area for our rural residents.

In closing, my warmest congratulations to the volunteers who were recognised at the recent RFS MIA District Medal Presentations, particularly these people who have dedicated 40-60+ years to the service: Shane Johnson, David Brain, Neil Rose, John Stuckings AFSM, Thomas Rawson, Ellen Townsend, Henry Cattanach, Alexander Wiseman and John Cattanach. We thank you all and recognise the value of your contribution.

Regards, *R. K. McRae*

2022 SIR JOHN MONASH EDUCATION BURSARY

VALUE: \$2,000 

"Adopt as your fundamental creed that you equip yourself for life, not solely for your own benefit but for the benefit of the whole community"

- Sir John Monash

**Closing: 4pm, Friday
28 October 2022**

**See website for guidelines
and conditions**

www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au



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CSU Murrumbidgee Council Foundation Scholarship 2022

We are very proud to provide the annual Murrumbidgee Council Foundation Scholarship for local students at Charles Sturt University.

In a lovely letter to Council, Aisha wrote:

"I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the scholarship. As a university student, worrying about money can be upsetting. Currently, I am

dedicating my time to full-time study. Although I work casually, juggling the costs of university, trying to save and manage my time effectively is difficult. This scholarship will assist me while I am at university and will allow me to plan well ahead for each week and focus more wholly on my studies".

The scholarship is valued at \$4,000, with applications for 2023 to open soon.



2023 applications opening soon

Receiving her scholarship is 2022 recipient, Aisha Tomkinson, who is currently studying to be an Occupational Therapist.

New fire danger ratings across the country

Whether you're at home or travelling, you'll see the same system being used right across Australia.

The new Fire Danger Ratings have four levels instead of six:

- Moderate (Plan and prepare)
- High (Be ready to act)
- Extreme (Take action now to protect your life and property)
- Catastrophic (For your survival leave bush fire risk areas).

When there is minimal risk like when it is raining, the white bar will be used meaning 'No rating'.

There are actions for each level, so you'll know what to do to protect your life, family and property.

You can check the daily fire danger rating on the RFS website, in the Fires Near Me NSW smartphone app, or look out for the roadside signs.



www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/newfdr

Apex bubbler new to Elliott Park

Elliott Park in Jerilderie is now sporting a brand new bubbler and pet watering bowl, generously donated by the Apex Club.

Pictured is Jerilderie Apex Members Andrew Gillett (Secretary), Michael Kent (Past President), Aron Birch (President), and from Council's outdoor team, Luke Rochford and Wayne Neilson.

Thank you to the Apex Club for this kind donation.



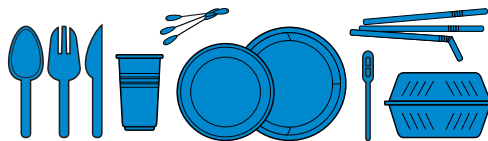
Photo credit: Bel's Rural Photography.

GET READY...

From 1 November 2022, supply of the following items will be banned in NSW:

- ✗ Plastic single-use cutlery (spoons, knives, forks, sporks, chopsticks – any utensil used for consuming food)
- ✗ Plastic single-use plates and bowls (excludes bowls with a spill proof lid whether separate or attached)
- ✗ Plastic single-use stirrers
- ✗ Plastic single-use straws (with exemptions for people with a disability or medical need)
- ✗ Plastic single-use cotton buds
- ✗ Expanded polystyrene food ware including bowls, cups, clamshell containers and plates (includes any plastic item made in whole or in part of expanded polystyrene used to serve food or beverages)

- ✗ Plastic microbeads in rinse off personal hygiene products



Murrumbidgee Council's free bulky waste and green waste kerbside collections are back!

It's that time of year again with Murrumbidgee Council encouraging residents to clean out the shed and tidy up the yard in preparation for the summer fire season.

The dates for the collections are:

Coleambally:
Monday 10 October 2022

Jerilderie:
Monday 17 October 2022

Darlington Point:
Monday 24 October 2022

Visit our website for the full list of what can and can't be collected. Anyone with questions can contact Council on 1300 676 243.

Do you get a gold star for recycling?



Jerilderie residents will have access to a kerbside recycling service from 1 July 2023.

FOGO kerbside collection will also be implemented from that date.

For more information visit:
<https://bit.ly/3Ubp1bS>



Are you placing the correct items in your yellow lidded recycling bin? Always check the label on the item and make sure it can go in your recycling bin. These items can go in:

- All paper, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and advertising brochures (not shredded)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Juice and milk cartons
- Rigid plastic containers: Numbers 1-6 (in a recycling triangle) – Look for the number on the container
- Steel cans, including aerosols
- Aluminium cans, trays and foil



Putting the wrong items into recycling is a core contributor to landfill in Australia. It doesn't take much effort to do the right thing! These items can't go in:

- Plastic bags or wrap (take these to larger supermarkets for recycling in the REDcycle bins)
- Polystyrene
- Crockery or glassware – take these to the opportunity shop
- Electrical appliances
- Clothing or linen – take these to the opportunity shop (unless unusable)
- Light bulbs or batteries - take these to our Council offices/ CRCs at Coleambally and Jerilderie landfills
- Food or garden waste - these will go in FOGO from 1 July 2023
- Nappies
- Items tied up in plastic bags

COLEAMBALLY SPORTS PRECINCT

Civil Works		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Nov 2022	Mar 2023	\$385,382

COLEAMBALLY SWIMMING POOL

Erect shade shelter		
Start	Complete	
June 2022	Dec 2022	
Upgrade amenities		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Mar 2023	May 2023	\$250,000

COLEAMBALLY YOUTH HALL

Upgrade		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Apr 2022	Sept 2022	\$150,000

BROLGA PLACE

Upgrade of pedestrian area and shade structure		
To Tender	Complete	Project Cost
Nov 2022	June 2023	\$1,500,000

COLEAMBALLY COMMUNITY HALL

Upgrade		
Scheduled	Complete	Project Cost
Nov 2022	June 2023	\$565,000

SCHOOL ZONE MAINTENANCE

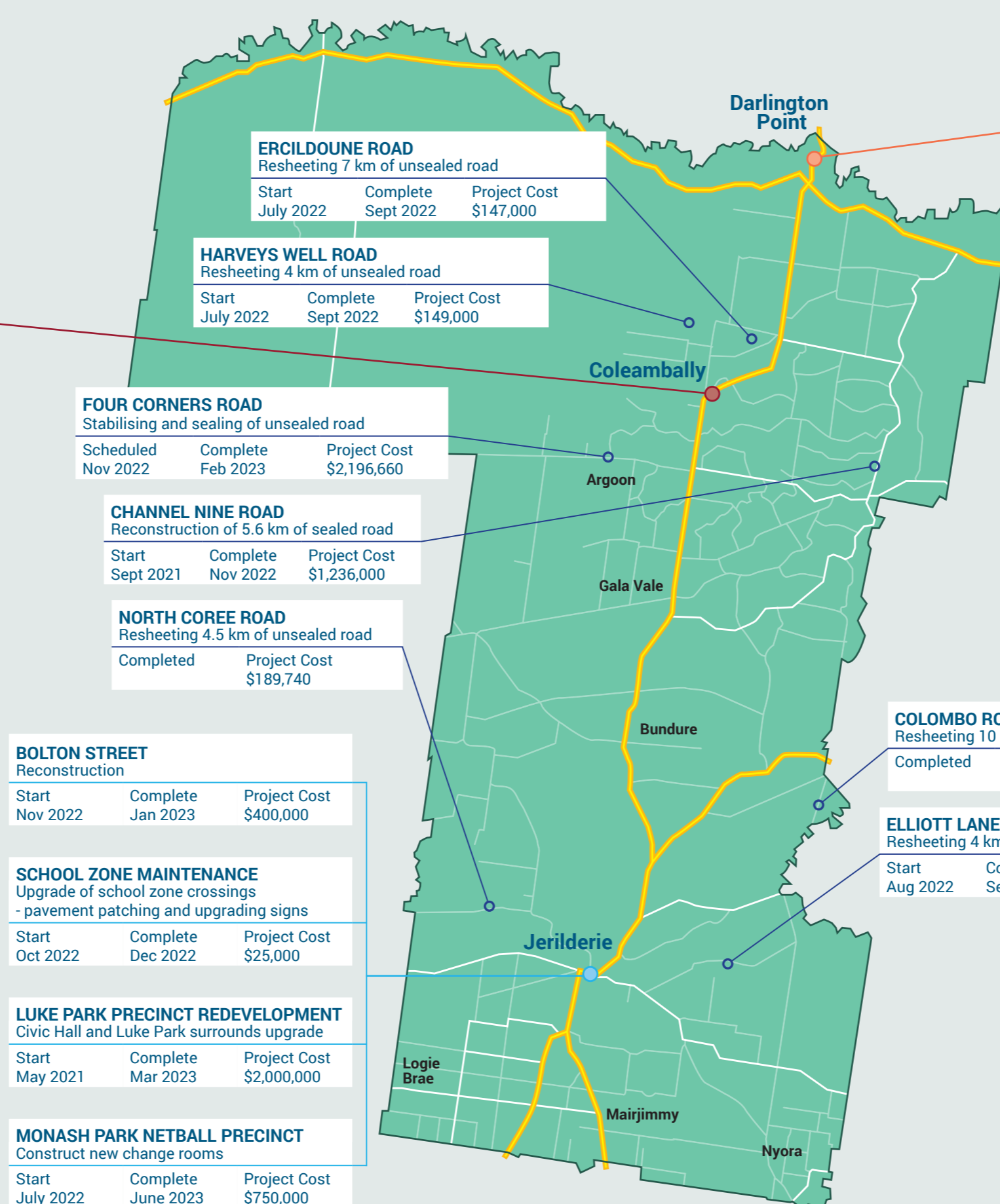
Upgrade of School zone crossings - pavement patching and upgrading signs		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Oct 2022	Dec 2022	\$25,000

BENCUBBIN AVENUE REHABILITATION

Reconstruction and drainage		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Oct 2021	Oct 2022	\$2,384,021

CALROSE AVENUE

Stabilising, reconstruction		
Scheduled	Complete	Project Cost
Nov 2022	Jan 2023	\$584,700



SPLASH PARK

Construction of Splash Park		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Mar 2022	Sept 2022	\$316,528

MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE HALL UPGRADE

Structural improvements, new commercial kitchen and general internal improvements		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Jan 2021	Dec 2022	\$400,000

SCHOOL ZONE MAINTENANCE

Upgrade of school zone crossings - pavement patching and upgrading signs		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Oct 2022	Dec 2022	\$25,000

YOUNG STREET HOUSING SUBDIVISION

Construction of housing subdivision		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Dec 2022	Jan 2024	\$2,900,000

OFF ROAD CAR PARKING AND PUBLIC TOILETS AT GUM VIEW CAFE

Construction of lift and change public toilet facility		
Start	Complete	
May 2022	Dec 2022	
Carpark area		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Mar 2023	Dec 2023	\$1,099,980

RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK UPGRADE (SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING)

Start	Project Cost
2022-2025	\$5,700,000

BOAT RAMP LIGHTING (SUBJECT TO GRANT FUNDING)

Start	Project Cost
2022-2023	\$40,000

ADRIAN DOUGLAS PARK

Construct public toilets		
Start	Complete	Project Cost
Dec 2022	Oct 2023	\$348,930



There's lots happening in the Murrumbidgee!

Spring into October – Pop up Nursery and Markets

Sat 22 October 2022, 9.00 am to
4.00 pm, Lake Precinct, Powell Street
Free entry - hosted by the Jerilderie
United Chamber of Commerce.
Family friendly event - Mini rail will
be running and art exhibition at
The Willows Homestead.
More information: Ted Nugent -
President: 0408 209 326

Kid's Go Fishing Day

Sun 23 October 2022,
9.00 am to midday
Lake Jerilderie, Luke Park

Warangesda Festival

4 – 5 November 2022
Darlington Point
www.warangesdafestival.com.au

Taste Coly Food & Farm Festival

28, 29 and 30 October 2022
A fun vibrant festival, held every
two years, and a much anticipated
event on the community calendar!
www.tastecoly.com.au

Jerilderie Uniting Church Flower Show

Fri 28 October 2022,
10 am to 4 pm
Jerilderie Civic Hall

Contact Lorraine Comber:
03 5886 1576



2023 Portsea Camp

16-20 January 2023
Deposit due by 4 November
www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au



Jerilderie Library news –

What's on

Senior's monthly movie

The first Friday of every month
at 1 pm.

All welcome!

Have you seen the 'Doing the Bolt' Exhibition?

Entry is via the library, Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
from 10 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm
to 5 pm.

FIGHT THE BITE!

Japanese encephalitis is about, guard against it!

Simple actions to avoid mosquito bites include:

- Cover up as much as possible with light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and covered footwear when outside.
- Use an effective insect repellent on exposed skin and reapply within a few hours. The best mosquito repellents contain Diethyl Toluamide (DEET), Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Use insecticide sprays, vapour dispensing units (indoors) and mosquito coils (outdoors) to clear rooms or repel mosquitoes from an area.
- Cover all windows, doors, vents and other entrances with insect screens.
- Remove any water-holding containers outside the house where mosquitoes could breed.



Health

For further information on mosquito-borne disease and ways to protect yourself go to www.health.nsw.gov.au



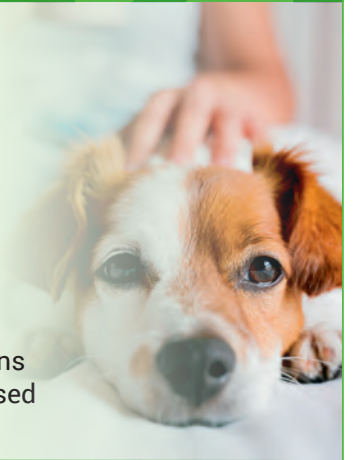
Is your pet microchipped and registered?

Your dog or cat must be registered by the time it's 6 months old, unless it is exempt. Registration is valid for the lifetime of the pet. If a dog or cat changes owners, there's no need to register the pet again in NSW or pay an additional registration fee.

You can register your pet and pay the one-off registration fee either online through the NSW Pet Registry (www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au) or in person at one of our Council offices.

Discounted registration fees apply for eligible pensioners and some animals that have been desexed. For registration fees, refer to 'Key information' on the Office of Local Government website: www.olg.nsw.gov.au

Note: Before your dog or cat is registered, it needs to be microchipped. The microchip contains a unique 15-digit number that helps identify the animal if it is lost or stolen. Your vet/authorised implanter will provide this number to the NSW Pet Registry.



Business survey findings to guide Investment Attraction Strategy

Responses are now being analysed for the local business survey, which will be invaluable in helping Council to understand business sentiment, and also to identify trends, gaps in training and other key issues.

Council's Economic Development & Tourism Manager Kellie Dissegna said the survey will assist with the framework for the Murrumbidgee Council Investment Attraction Strategy, which will be a leading document in determining Council's priorities in attracting investment to the area.

"The survey data will be key in shaping Council's approach to economic development, including how we attract and facilitate new investment, support our existing businesses, how we better prepare our local workforce and a range of other initiatives," Ms Dissegna said.

For further information please contact Economic and Tourism Development Manager, Kellie Dissegna on 1300 676 243

Calling all Murrumbidgee businesses...

BUSINESS OPERATOR SURVEY

CLOSING FRIDAY
14 OCTOBER 2022



Keen interest in the Stronger Country Communities Funding

We were thrilled to have lots of interest in the call out for local community organisations to reach out to us for assistance in preparing the latest round of funding through the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Program.

The NSW Government allocated \$395,729 for local community organisations to apply for, with the department stating each project has to be worth a minimum of \$100,000.

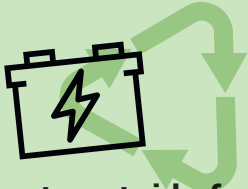
This amount is in addition to the \$870,605 allocated to Council, with Councillors resolving at the August Council meeting to apply for funding towards the Brolga Place Revitalisation Project.

Council's Economic Development and Tourism Manager Kellie Dissegna said six organisations approached us for input into their application.

Applications closed on 23 September, with the Department of Regional NSW advising that applications will be notified on the outcome of their applications from November 2022.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Looking to get rid of your old car batteries?

The Coleambally Men's Shed accepts car batteries as a means of fundraising. Drop them off any time at their shed at 6 Falcon Road, Coleambally.

The Jerilderie Men's Shed also accepts car batteries.

Election Time

Did you know that the next NSW Government election is on Saturday 25 March 2023?

Following a boundary redistribution, our Council area will totally fall within the Murray electorate from the 2023 election onwards. Jerilderie will no longer be in the Albury electorate.

We thank Member for Albury, Justin Clancy for his excellent advocacy and support in the past.

Got some spare specs you no longer use?



The Coleambally Lions Club are collecting unused glasses as part of the Australia Lions Recycle for Sight program. Drop them into Coleambally pharmacy until the end of October.

All glasses will be checked over before being distributed to people in need right around the world.

YOUR SAFE BURNING CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Check you're allowed to burn.** Contact your council or local Fire Control Centre
- ✓ **Get a permit.**
- ✓ **Notify your neighbours** at least 24hrs in advance.
- ✓ **Check conditions**, such as weather and fire danger ratings
- ✓ **Monitor the fire.** If it gets out of control, call Triple Zero.

SAFE BURNING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/safeburning



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39 Brolga Place
Coleambally NSW 2707
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1.30 pm - 5.00 pm
After hours emergencies only
T: 0417 827 216

Darlington Point Office

21 Carrington Street
Darlington Point NSW 2706
Office hours: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm
After hours emergencies only
T: 0427 684 166
Banking is available 9.00 am -
12 pm and 1.00 - 4.30 pm

Jerilderie Office

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