



# Murrumbidgee COUNCIL

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## Message from the Mayor

*The cotton harvest continues, with equipment in the paddocks harvesting, ploughing and planting, and loaded trucks travelling to the cotton gins. Lets hope the*

*much needed rain arrives soon!*

*From Council's perspective, there are a number of major works being undertaken across the area, including toilet refurbishment and signage in Coleambally, the Bendigo Bank ATM installation at the Council office in Darlington Point and the new playground equipment at Luke Park, Jerilderie.*

*Coleambally is gearing up for wonderful weekend of celebrations from 8-11 June 2018. Come along and support this unique opportunity to be part of our areas 'living history'. Re-live Coleambally's 'young' history and celebrate its achievements, recognise its contributors and reminisce with the trailblazers who have an amazing story to tell.*

*I have attended a number of regional forums in the past few weeks—all of which have significant relevance to our communities, including: Destination Riverina-Murray workshops, visit from Local Government NSW to discuss issues such as the value of RMS work to Council, recycling and how Local Government manages waste, NDIS information session and meeting with Infrastructure NSW, as well as various meetings with industry and businesses active in our region.*

*I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of all of those community members, volunteers and staff who hosted and supported 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' in Jerilderie and Darlington Point. These events raised a total **\$2,545.35** for the Cancer Council.*

*Community spirit is strong across our district, and events like these reinforce how much we support each other .*

**Councillor Ruth McRae**  
**Mayor**

## COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018

Applications are open for community groups to apply for a grant under the Murrumbidgee Council Community Grants 2018 program.

Applicants should read the Community Grants Guidelines before making an application. The guidelines and application form are available for download on Council's website [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au) or from Council's offices at Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie.

The maximum grant available is \$3,000, with a total amount of \$16,000 being available.

Community groups who may require funding assistance throughout the year should make their application through this program.

The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Friday 15 June 2018. Late applications will not be considered.

## JOINT ORGANISATIONS

Murrumbidgee Council has joined the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO).

JO's are the State Government's way of formalising regional co-operation between Councils. The Government made it clear they intend to engage with Councils as groups, in strategic planning particularly. The Government is looking for Councils to provide advocacy as groups. Government departments are keen to engage with Local Government at regional levels into the future on a more formal basis.

JO's are a legislated structure arising out of Councils' creation of regional groups of Councils, in our case RAMROC, over the last 25 years', which have provided a successful forum for Councils to work co-operatively.

As a smaller Council in the area, Murrumbidgee towns are set to benefit in very real ways. One of the most important issues for Murrumbidgee is to grow the relationship with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). Council's aim is to access more contract work on the State's Main Roads within the Council area. This could mean more funding for roads like Kidman Way and Newell Highway, roads connecting Murrumbidgee's three towns.



## DARLINGTON POINT RIVERINA CLASSIC CATCH & RELEASE COMPETITION

The Darlington Point Riverina Classic Catch and Release Fishing Competition is a not for profit organisation, run by community volunteers. It began in 2014 with members of the Coleambally/Darlington Point APEX Club, and is now run by its own subcommittee. The Committee prides itself on offering one of the best prize pools for inland fishing competitions in NSW.

Every year the Riverina Classic aims to raise money and awareness for charities that assist our local communities. Since 2014, \$93,000 has gone to support locals suffering from prostate cancer, motor neurone disease, CAN ASSIST, and this year funds were donated to Rural Outreach Counselling.

Rural Outreach Counselling (ROC) is a not for profit, community funded, mental health counselling support service focusing on sufferers and their families in rural and remote Australia. Their aim is to reach out proactively, with help and support, to those who can't, or won't, present to a General Practitioner (GP) or existing mental health service.

Experienced counsellors work with individuals, or their families, free of charge, to assess those in need, provide strategies for beginning recovery, and support sufferers one-on-one.

In addition to donating to charity every year, the Committee also concentrate their efforts on re-stocking the waterways of the Murrumbidgee River with fingerlings of Murray Cod and Golden Perch in order to help secure a sustainable fishing future. Since 2014 there have been 36,000 fingerlings released into the Murrumbidgee River system around Darlington Point.

The Committee is made up of only a handful of volunteers who donate their time and put in a great deal of effort throughout each year to ensure a successful competition weekend each February. I myself, joined for the 2017 competition. I personally think the Riverina Classic is a great way to help the community and have fun with family and friends at the same time.

In the past two years I have participated as a volunteer, this coming year I have taken on the role of President. I hope to have a positive impact on the 2019 competition by continuing the good work of past Presidents. If anyone has any questions or would like to get involved for the 2019 competition scheduled for the 8, 9 and 10 February 2019, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0438 810 898.



Matt Lashbrook  
President

Riverina Classic Catch & Release Fishing Competition

## Art Exhibition

Call at the Peppin Heritage Centre & Museum in Deniliquin during the period 22 May to 20 June, to see talented local artist Ros Lockhart's solo exhibition.



## RECALL OF G8SALE POOL FENCE LATCHES

SafeTech Hardware Australia has recalled the following products (non-compliant latches): SafeTech Top Pull Pool Gate Latch (Key Lockable), G8Safe Top Pull Pool Gate Latch (Key Lockable), SafeTech TriLatch (Key Lockable) and G8Safe TriLatch (Key Lockable).

The non-compliant latches do not comply with AS 1926.1-2012 (even though the labelling suggests the latches are compliant) because their design allows the non-compliant latches to be locked in the 'open' position. This is a breach of clause 2.4.2.1 (b) of AS 1926.1- 2012. Please visit the ACCC website for further details or contact Council's Planning Department.



# Coleambally COLEAMBALLY'S 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY FIREWORKS

The Coleambally Fire Brigade and Coleambally's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Committee would like to advise residents that fireworks are planned for 8pm on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.

We would like residents to ensure their pets remain safe whilst the fireworks are launched.

The RSPCA website advises residents to:

- > Make sure that boundary fences and gates are secure, and your pet cannot readily escape through them or over them.
- > Ensure that your pet wears identification, particularly a microchip in the unfortunate event that your pet should escape.

Michael Breed  
Captain  
Coleambally Fire Brigade



## Coleambally 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

Friday 8 - Monday 11 June 2018

**Opening Function (sponsored by Neoen and Coleambally Solar Farm) Friday evening 8 June**-commencing 7.30pm at Coleambally Community Club – wedding dresses through the years, cutting of birthday cake, birthday toast, launch of Coleambally Community Conversations, sumptuous supper. Tickets at \$5.00 are available at Stitch-in-Time and will also be sold at the door on the night.

**Saturday Luncheon**-Book with the Community Club for the family luncheon and enjoy an Asian buffet lunch. A wonderful parade of day clothes through the 50 years to bring back memories. Bookings are essential—contact the Club on 02 6954 4170.

**Sunday-Poets' and Pioneers' breakfast – 8am John McInnes Square**-free bacon and egg rolls with tea, coffee, orange juice.

**Sunday School reunions** - 5pm at Coleambally Community Club - \$20 per person includes dinner and entertainment.

**ROAD CLOSURE - Brolga Place will be closed from 6.00am Sunday 10 June 2018 (full day closure).**

See the programme for full details of events

or

[www.facebook.com/coleamballys50th](http://www.facebook.com/coleamballys50th)



## Coleambally Community Conversations

*An Oral History Project*

*by the Country Education Foundation of Coleambally-Darlington Point.*

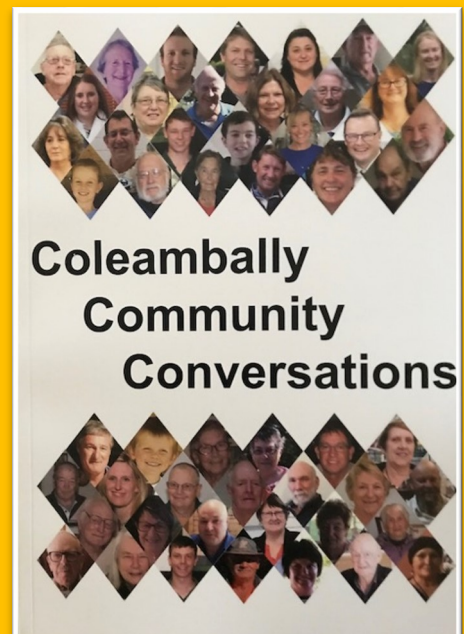
This project has been compiled over the last three years, with community members of all ages and range of experience being interviewed by Committee members of the Country Education Foundation of Coleambally-Darlington Point. This book contains the transcripts of these interviews and a DVD with the actual recordings, which provide fascinating reading and listening. Community members have shared their experiences and thoughts for the future. This production is the next step in the recording of Coleambally's history and development.

The Book/DVD set will be on sale at the merchandise stall on the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday weekend, or can be obtained from Ken Martin.

The cost of the set is \$45.00 and payment can be made by cash/cheque or by direct credit to:

Account: CEF CDP  
BSB: 633-000  
Account No: 141107599  
Reference: Book and your surname

All proceeds from the sales go towards education grants for young people from Coleambally and Darlington Point.





# Murrumbidgee Council Community Services GREAT OCEAN ROAD TRIP—16 to 19 October 2018

4 days of travel and fun.

Cost of Tour: \$525 per person twin share; single room extra \$195.

Deposit: \$100 to secure your booking. Deposit payable at any of Council’s 3 offices.

To be a part of this trip, and for more information,  
please call Kerri or Cherie on 0427 600 971

*(for community members 65 and over, living in own home)*



*Mrs Kelly, Mrs Jones and Mrs Potts*

An outing to the movies and lunch was enjoyed by Darlington Point Respite Group, and organised by Cindy Eldridge and Kylie Heath of the Community Care Home and Community Care Services.



*Mrs Clark, Mrs Ward and Mr Vanstijn*

## CREATE NSW FUNDING ROADSHOW

The Create NSW Funding Roadshow is returning to the Western Riverina region, this year the clinic will be held in Leeton on Friday 15th June.

The Create NSW team are keen to hear from you about the exciting arts, culture and screen projects happening in your region and to let you know about the variety of funding opportunities available.



Come along and meet the team and also network with other artists from the region. As part of the session, Create NSW will also run a Project Ideas Clinic. So bring your art/screen project ideas – dreams, concepts or fully formed – and we will help by offering suggestions about strategy, potential partners, resourcing and funding. Or just come along and learn how other people are making things happen.

**Where:** Leeton Multipurpose Community Centre, 3-5 Wade Ave, Leeton.

**When:** Friday 15th June, 10am - 12pm.

**Who:** all creative workers and practitioners from the Western Riverina region are invited to attend.

**Cost:** Free. Registrations essential.

For any questions please contact WRA Executive Officer Derek Motion via [rado@westrivarts.com.au](mailto:rado@westrivarts.com.au). Alternatively visit [www.create.nsw.gov.au](http://www.create.nsw.gov.au) for more information.



# CELEBRATING DARLINGTON POINT'S DIVERSE HISTORY

## -MUSEUM OPEN DAY-

A successful Open Day was held at the Darlington Point Museum on Sunday 13 May, attended by a steady stream of visitors, both local and from further afield: Jerilderie, Berrigan and the NSW Central Coast.

The theme of this year's event was 'Many Paths to the Point'; a celebration of some of the cultures shared by people in our community. The main feature was the display of Warangesda Aboriginal Mission, being a selection of the items that had been part of the impressive Warangesda exhibition at Griffith Art Gallery in July 2017, and supported by a number of Aboriginal artefacts on loan from Darlington Point School.

Other displays were of colourful Russian traditional costumes and a selection of handcrafted items from that country, while Holland was represented by a collection of memorabilia. A story board about the Chinese presence in Darlington Point and district in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century recalled a largely forgotten aspect of local history.

The above attractions were staged in the former Council Chambers, the building that has been the main venue for displays now for several years. In addition, this year the old Courthouse building was the setting for the display of some photographs from the Museum's ever-growing collection. Event organisers, Heritage Darlington Point, are planning to gradually upgrade buildings on the site to maximise their potential.

The exhibition will remain set up for a limited period, and visits can be arranged by appointment for school or social groups, community members or visitors to the district. Contact: [heritagedp@hotmail.com](mailto:heritagedp@hotmail.com) or phone the Secretary, Mona Finley, 02 6968 4130.



## Following In Ned Kelly's Footsteps

Jerilderie is well known for its strong connection to bushranger Ned Kelly-one of Australia's icons. Jerilderie is the only town in NSW featured in the Ned Kelly Saga and is the home of the famous Jerilderie Letter, dictated to Joe Byrne by Ned Kelly. Jerilderie has more surviving authentic Kelly sites than anywhere else along the Ned Kelly Touring Route ([www.nedkellytouringroute.com.au](http://www.nedkellytouringroute.com.au)). With 6 of the buildings directly associated with the 1879 visit



still standing, it's a fantastic insight into how the town looked when Ned visited.

Over the years, this has attracted many visitors to the town. A recent visitor to Jerilderie, Neil Jordon from Gilgandra, is one of those people with a strong interest in Ned and his Gang and, in pursuit of that interest, Neil rode into town recently with his two horses, Tom and Mick, to stay at the Showgrounds and visit the various Kelly sites. Prior to visiting Jerilderie, Neil has visited Beechworth, Glenrowan and Yackandandah in Victoria following Ned and the Kelly Gang.

Neil is considering writing a book about his travels and regularly does charity rides including a recent ride from Gilgandra to Grenfell/Tumut. <https://www.youngwitness.com.au/story/2941387/riding-for-a-reason/>



# JERILDERIE'S NED KELLY SHOW 'N' SHINE

The Jerilderie Ned Kelly Show 'n' Shine is an annual event which has been held since 2002 and attracts over 100 classic cars, bikes and tractors. With perfect weather, the 2018 event was no exception. Record crowds attended to see the vehicles on show, and browse the many market stalls.

Clear skies made the Tractor Trek, held on the Saturday afternoon prior to the markets, a well attended event.

The market stalls provided a variety of activities, including arts, crafts and cupcake decorating for the children, together with delicious food, great coffee, merchandise and musical entertainment. Jerilderie Apex Club showed their support of the event by running the Mini Rail on the day.

**NEXT YEARS EVENT:** Sunday 19 May 2019



## MAKING DARLINGTON POINT COME ALIVE THROUGH ART

In April the MAKE group had the chance to develop new skills with a wood-block printing workshop delivered by master print maker Basil Hall. It was held at Waddi Housing in Darlington Point and sponsored by Griffith Regional Art Gallery and Western Riverina Arts. The art work created will be exhibited in an upcoming art exhibition to be held later in the year at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery.

*Pictured: June Weymouth, with print maker Basil Hall, looking at her first ever wood-block print, capturing her memories of growing up in a hut on the river bank in Darlington Point.*





## THE FACE OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL: SHANE CURPHEY



Shane has worked with Council (previously the Murrumbidgee Shire Council and now Murrumbidgee Council) for 29 years. He has held a number of different positions, including gardener, roller operator, road crew, front end loader and maintenance grader operator. Shane is currently our overseer for the northern area of Council, and successfully ensures,

and is responsible for the outdoor staff and depot running like clockwork. We are lucky to have a staff member who is so experienced in, and understands the broad range of Council's depot operations.

In his spare time he enjoys deep sea fishing, spending time with his partner, kids and grandchildren and following North Melbourne (AFL) and the West Tigers (NRL) on the big screen. Shane is an active Social Club member who has driven the bus on many an occasion so that we could have a great day out.

### THANK YOU ALISON HAYES

*We wish Alison Hayes all the best in her retirement, after 14 years as Secretary of the Demonstration Farm. Thank you for your amazing volunteer and community commitment.*

#### History of the Murrumbidgee Community Experimental Demonstration Farm

The Farm is based on Farm 206 Ercildoune Road Coleambally. The first crop was planted in 1996 by the Coleambally Lions Club, and crops have been planted to benefit the community ever since. Community organisations grow crops on the farm and after harvest distributions are passed on to them. Until the end of June 2017 over \$1,762,771 has been distributed via services clubs, schools and sporting organisations. This has made a huge impact on our local community, not just with these funds but also with flow back from payments to contractors and farm input businesses. Trials and field days also take place. This research is important for the future of our area.

In speaking with Alison, she advised the Farm is a wonderful place, and she has had the pleasure of being involved over the past 14 years. She commended the many community minded Committee members and 3 excellent Chairmen during her time – Keith Burge, Ian Sutherland and Steve Burgess. Alison took the opportunity to wish Naomi Jones all the best in taking over the role of Secretary. "It is a great community initiative and invaluable asset in our Council area, and I know the farm will only go from strength to strength" said Alison.



For all Demo Farm matters please contact Naomi on [trevandnaomi@bigpond.com](mailto:trevandnaomi@bigpond.com) or Steve on 0427 544 212.

## WHAT'S ON?

### Upcoming events

- ◆ 8-11 June 2018 - Coleambally 50th Birthday Celebrations
- ◆ 8-11 June - League of Silent Flight, Jerilderie Racecourse
- ◆ 20 June - Jerilderie Library Movie Session - The Greatest Showman, 1pm
- ◆ 23 June - Jerilderie Debutante Ball
- ◆ 23 June - Lions Club of Coleambally 46th Annual Changeover Dinner
- ◆ 30 June - Red Cross Jerilderie Entertainment Night with Rodney Vincent , 7.30pm Jerilderie Sports Club, \$15 pp for bookings. Contact Annette Kelly 0428 885601 or tickets available at the door

### Council Meetings - 10 am

- ◆ 26 June-Jerilderie
- ◆ 24 July 2018-Darlington Point
- ◆ 28 August 2018-Jerilderie
- ◆ 25 September 2018-Darlington Point

**Jerilderie Hospital**  
has a new phone number  
**03 5888 6700**



### Contacting your Council

Council Branch Offices are located at:

Darlington Point - 21 Carrington Street

Coleambally - 39 Broilga Place

Jerilderie - 35 Jerilderie St

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## Chasing Down the Dollars

In recent weeks Murrumbidgee Council has been chasing \$3.8million allocated to our Council area for well-supported and developed projects that meet the requirements of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Program. On 4 May, eight community infrastructure projects from Council's Priority Projects Register and two projects put forward by community Sports Clubs, were submitted to the Program for funding. The NSW State Government will be assessing the projects for alignment with their guidelines. Announcement of successful applications can be expected later in the year.

In line with the SCCF Program instructions, Council prioritised and submitted more applications than the amount of funding available. And to fit with the Program guidelines there was a special focus on submitting sporting infrastructure projects. Allocation of these funds to projects is a decision of the NSW State Government.

Over coming weeks, the NSW Government will be conducting phone polls to 'check-in' with the community and gauge support for these Stronger Country Communities Fund projects.

Murrumbidgee projects (with estimated funding amounts) under consideration are:

### Jerilderie:

- ◆ Replacement of the 25mtr swimming pool including concourse, filtration and backwash systems **(\$1.2m)**
- ◆ A new building for Jerilderie Preschool including facilities for Long Day Care **(\$994k)**
- ◆ An automated Watering System to lessen the need for volunteer greenkeeping at the Jerilderie Golf Course **(\$65k)**

### Coleambally:

- ◆ New regional quality Amenities and Change Room facilities adjacent to No.1 Oval at the Coleambally Sports Precinct **(\$998k)**
- ◆ Refurbishment of the 'Stadium' building, food service and spectator areas at the Coleambally Sports Precinct **(\$320k)**
- ◆ A new and expanded Sweatbox Community Gym **(\$579k)**

### Darlington Point:

- ◆ Refurbished and expanded change rooms, amenities area, kiosk and spectator area at Darlington Point Sports Ground **(\$539k)**
- ◆ A native garden and cultural space opening onto Carrington St at the Waddi Community Centre **(\$215k)**
- ◆ Upgrade and improvements at the Town Beach, including widening the current boat ramp and improving access and seating areas **(\$260k)**
- ◆ Automatic watering system to redevelop the Darlington Point Golf Course **(\$191k)**

Council understands not all above projects will be funded. Opportunities for alternative funding will be actively sought where an appropriate grant can be found. Council is also actively pursuing grants for other projects that are listed on our Priority Projects Register, or that are raised through community consultation processes. In May this has included helping community groups with Community Building Partnership applications, and Office of Responsible Gambling Infrastructure grant applications.

For information and assistance about grant applications contact Council's Economic, Tourism and Community Development Manager, Gerrie Carr-MacFie, E: [gerriec@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gerriec@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)



Installation of new playground equipment at Luke Park

