

AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY AWARDS FOR COLEAMBALLY

Award category	Winner	Citation
Citizen of the Year	Mrs Catherine DeMamiel	Catherine has shown enormous commitment in promoting aspects of our community. She has been significantly involved in the organization of Project Go Riding for the Stars, Coleambally 50 th birthday, Halloween disco (a P&C fundraiser), Gala Night and took on the role of Festival coordinator for Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival. These events have brought great enjoyment to locals and those from further afield.
Young Citizen of the Year	Mr Thomas Breed	Tom is a passionate member of several Coleambally committees including 50 th Birthday, Australia Day, Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival. He is an active member of NSW Rural Fire Service, umpires reserve grade football, reached 3 rd level of Lions' Youth of the Year. He was a school captain and SRC member. Tom was awarded the Director's Award for demonstrating exemplary civics and citizenship to both school and the wider community. He also received the ADF Long Tan award for leadership and teamwork.
Lifetime Achievement	Mrs Lynne Stuckings	This person has played a significant role in the development of many facets of the Coleambally community as we see it today. She has volunteered many, many hours and is passionate about our community and its progress. She has contributed so much to our community, most of it ongoing over many years – now Chairperson of Board of Cypress View Lodge, Board member Coleambally Community Bank, President of Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chairperson of 50 th Birthday Committee and an advocate for tourism and business in Murrumbidgee Council area as well as running successful irrigation properties with her husband, John, and mother, Margaret, and a local haberdashery business, Stitch-in-Time.
Environmental Citizen of the Year	Coleambally Community Club	Since the inception of the Return & Earn scheme, the Club staff, local organisations, club members and Brolga Hotel have been recycling cans and bottles. The Club staff volunteer their time. Funds raised are used to upgrade club facilities and provide new equipment. Recycling is helping support our Club.
Sportsperson of the Year	Mr Thomas Fattore	Thomas played and excelled in a range of sports including swimming, athletics and rugby league. In under 18's rugby league team he was awarded Best Back and overall best and fairest. Thomas played cricket in the B grade competition and touch football. He was the 17+ age swimming champion at CCS. He competed at South West zone, finishing with 3 firsts and 2 seconds. He was awarded Open Boys South West zone age champion. He was a member of the 4x50m freestyle relay team which won silver at state and was awarded a CCS Sporting Blue. In South West zone athletics, he finished 1 st in discus, 2 nd in javelin and qualified for CHS where he finished 12 th in javelin. In cross country he competed at zone level and just missed out on qualifying for the Riverina team. Thomas was awarded the CCS David McNeilly Memorial Trophy for participation in sport.

Junior Sportsperson of the Year	Miss Phoebe White	Phoebe is involved in a large range of sports and has excelled in athletics both within the school and the wider community. She was awarded Sportsperson of the Year at CCS. Her achievements in this last year have been brilliant. She was under 16's age champion at CCS in swimming, athletics and cross country. At state, she came 3rd in high jump and 6 th in long jump. Over the year she set new PB's in the following areas – high jump, long jump, triple jump, 100m and 200m. Some of her wins include 26 firsts (in many cases setting new records), 6 seconds in competitions in Australia and Canada. Phoebe is also a talented dancer taking out 3 rd in lyrical opens, 2 nd in demi character and 4 th in contemporary opens at Wagga Dance Festival. She was awarded a CCS sporting blue.
Sub-Junior Sportsperson of the Year	Miss Alana Jones	Alana played netball under 11's for CFNC and won the Encouragement Award. At CCS swimming carnival she won junior age champion qualifying for Junior Girls' Champion. She went on to Albury for backstroke. Throughout the year she attended many swimming meets in the Riverina winning many medals. In 2017/2018 Alana received the Swimming Australia Junior Excellence award. She was selected to represent Southern Inland Area at state level which involved attending 2 day training sessions in Albury and Wagga Wagga. On competing in Sydney, she achieved 3 personal bests and enjoyed the experience of swimming in the pool where Olympians train.
Sporting Team of the Year	Coleambally Central School 4x50m freestyle Central Schools' Relay Team	The team of Jack Cullen, Thomas Fattore, Danielle Mannes and Abbey Young first qualified for the Riverina swimming championships where they came first beating their previous record by 2 seconds. At CHS state they won the silver medal for the second year, again bettering their time. The team received a Sporting Blue for their achievement
Cultural Award	Country Education Foundation of Coleambally- Darlington Point	The Coleambally Community Conversations oral history project progressed over 3 years with committee members investing many, many volunteer hours writing questions, conducting and transcribing interviews, proof reading and working on layout. The support from the community was wonderful with people contributing their stories, offering their opinions and photos and expertise. The book/DVD was launched at the Coleambally 50 th Birthday and is proving to be a successful fundraiser for education grants for our local youth. The book/DVD is a great achievement for a small committee and reflects the pride we have in our community. It is also a thank you to the community for its ongoing support.
Event of the Year	Coleambally 50 th Birthday	Huge crowds attended all events over the June long weekend. The official opening included a bridal fashion parade and the launch of Coleambally Community Conversations. There were football club reunions, school displays and reunions, a bush dance, bonfire and magnificent fireworks, market stalls, art display, billy cart races, farm tour, poets' breakfast and church service. It is estimated that up to 4000 people enjoyed the events and the wonderful weather to make our 50 th the best birthday yet!