



# Murrumbidgee

## COUNCIL *Community Newsletter*

 **SPRING 2021**

## Waste not, want not

Plastics like single-use lightweight bags, cotton-buds, straws and stirrers will be phased out, and green bins for food and organic waste will be rolled out across the state, under the NSW Government's comprehensive plastics plan and waste strategy.

The ambitious targets included in the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy are:

- Reducing total waste generated by 10% per person by 2030
- Achieving an 80% average recovery rate from all waste streams by 2030
- Significantly increasing the use of recycled content by governments and industry
- Phasing out problematic and unnecessary plastics by 2025
- Halving the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by 2030

A key part of this will be the adoption of a separate green bin system to collect the food and organic waste (referred to as FOGO). Councils must adopt this system for businesses and other entities that generate the highest volumes of food waste (including large supermarkets and hospitality businesses) by 2025, and for households by 2030.

Another reform, as part of the strategy, is that all new landfills and certain existing landfills will need to capture gas.

## What does this mean for Murrumbidgee Local Government Area?

In achieving the targets within the strategy, we will focus our efforts on kerbside collection. This will include:

1. A kerbside bin collection service for Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) by 2030
2. A kerbside bin collection service for recycling in Jerilderie (not mandated, but highly recommended)

Potentially, Councils may also have to implement gas capturing technology from all current and past landfills dating back 25 years.

The NSW Government will back the programs and policy reforms, with funding for Councils and businesses as we all move to more sustainable alternatives. It is possible that some cost may be passed onto ratepayers.

We will be continuing this conversation over the coming months as the NSW Government releases more information.



### Read the strategy

[www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/environment-energy-and-science/waste-and-sustainable-materials-strategy](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/environment-energy-and-science/waste-and-sustainable-materials-strategy)

### More information

Please forward any comments or questions to  
[mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)  
drop into any of our Council offices or telephone 1300 676 243.

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# Council Grants in action

## Come and learn to bowl at Jerilderie!

Ever wanted to play lawn bowls, but don't have your own set? Budding bowlers will be able to have a go at the Jerilderie Sports Club after the club used their \$2,000 community grant to buy 5 sets of new bowls. Jerilderie Sports Club also chipped in \$500.

The members are keen to spread the word about how great the game is and believe if people can try it, they'll love it! It's a terrific game, not

only for the exercise benefits, but also the chance to mix with great people, including travelling to other towns if you choose to play in the competitions. The club meets for a social game on Thursdays at 6 pm, and also some Sundays at 1.30 pm (weather permitting). All are welcome!

Anyone who would like more information can call Club secretary Lucy Gurciullo on 0427 137 684.



*(L-R) Col and John Bryce (President) pictured with the 5 sets of bowls purchased with the Community Grant funding.*

## The Breakfast Club at Darlington Point

The children at Darlington Point Primary School start the school day with a good breakfast thanks to the Breakfast Club, which is available every day before school.

The school benefited from a \$1,701 Murrumbidgee Council Community grant towards the daily service. The program is run by the Student Learning Support Officers at the school, with volunteer help from the parents. Lunch is also provided for students who don't have any.

Principal Richard Busby said the Breakfast Club has been running for several years, with funding

through generous donations from a variety of sources.

Mr Busby said whether or not students have had breakfast at home, all our students are able to access something extra to eat before starting their school day.

"We believe that it benefits the students at Darlington Point Public School by making sure their bodies are fuelled and ready to learn".



*Students enjoying the Breakfast Club, (L-R) Tarlissa Slater and Destiny Slater with Student Learning Support Officers Petrina Backhaus and Debbie Lacey.*

## Coleambally Rescue

Emergency services organisations and groups do incredible work and the Coleambally Rescue Squad is no exception.

The squad used the funding from the Murrumbidgee Council Community Grant Program to purchase new lights for the squad's home base. President Sam Harris describes them as awesome! "They light up the shed instantly as they're LED lights and really make a difference to our night training sessions".

The squad is called out to about half a dozen emergencies each year, where they work closely with the other emergency services such as the police, ambulance and RFS.

If you have some spare time and are over 18, why not consider putting your hand up for the rescue squad? For more information on joining the squad, email Sam Harris on: [sam.harris.1974@gmail.com](mailto:sam.harris.1974@gmail.com)



## Apply now for a community grant with Transgrid

Not-for-profit groups in our Council area can apply for funding through the Community Partnerships Program for projects and initiatives.

More than 40 community initiatives have been funded as part of EnergyConnect, and applications for the current round close at 5 pm on 7 November 2021. Learn more at [transgrid.com.au/cpp](https://transgrid.com.au/cpp)

To help Transgrid better understand and deliver meaningful benefits to the community, they invite you to complete this short five-question [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H62NLWP): [www.surveymonkey.com/r/H62NLWP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H62NLWP)



# Would you like some financial help to study?

Students in the Murrumbidgee Council area have a number of scholarship options at the moment:

### Murrumbidgee Council Monash Education Bursary

**Value:** \$2,000 to assist with personal costs associated with course expenses.

**Requirements:** Submit an essay reflecting on the principles demonstrated by Sir John Monash, particularly in regards to his expertise and achievements in engineering and construction projects. This year's essay question is 'Given the common vernacular 'knowledge is power', please explore Sir John's thirst for knowledge, his quest for excellence and his passion for nation building infrastructure, and relate it to life-long learning and personal development'.

**Conditions:** Entry in this essay is open to long-term residents of the Local Government Area who are considering entering post-secondary education through university, college or TAFE, or an approved course of formal training with a Registered Training Organisation. This includes apprentices, trainees and people undertaking adult education.

**Important dates:** Entries for the Monash Bursary close at 4.00 pm on Friday 5 November 2021. The successful applicant will be announced at the Remembrance Day Service at the Jerilderie Cenotaph on Thursday 11 November 2021, commencing at 11.00 am.



### Murrumbidgee Council Foundation Scholarship with Charles Sturt University

**Value:** \$4,000

**Requirements:** Applicants should provide evidence of sound academic achievement, career goals and aspirations, and also community or regional involvement.

**Conditions:** Available to both commencing and continuing students who are studying full-time at a Charles Sturt University campus and who are from the Murrumbidgee Local Government Area.

**Important dates:** Applications close on 2 February 2022.

### Country Education Foundation of Coleambally-Darlington Point 2022 Grants

**Conditions:** Available to local youth aged between 16-25 years who have lived and/or attended school in the region for the majority of their high school years and have a demonstrated need for the grant.

**Important dates:** Applications close on 30 November 2021.

#### More information

For more information on any of the above opportunities, visit Council's website at [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](https://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)



## Council news in brief...

- The Sweatbox Community Gym at Coleambally will receive new rubber flooring, with the gym committee providing \$10,000 towards the cost.
- Jerilderie's raw water restrictions have now changed in line with daylight savings. They are:
  - **Residential** – 6.00 am to 11.00 am and 6.00 pm to 11.00 pm daily (automated sprinklers or sprinklers on timers set to no more than 120 minutes or hand held);
  - **Commercial** (including Council) – 11.00 pm to 6.00 am (automated sprinklers), 6.00 am to 11.00 am daily (hand held or sprinklers on timers set to no more than 120 minutes).
- A feasibility study will be undertaken for an early childcare centre in Darlington Point.
- Darlington Point's Barwidgee Boulevard property owners with access to Britts Road will be pleased to learn their drainage will be improved. The concrete pipes will be reused from Bencubbin Avenue in Coleambally, with Council contributing \$15,000 towards this.
- Expressions of Interest are currently being obtained from regional civic contractors to provide a budget estimate for the construction cost of the proposed Young Street subdivision in Darlington Point.
- A new street sweeper has been purchased for \$364,725.06 (excluding GST).
- Border closures have impacted our major capital works, including the Jerilderie Early Learning Centre, with everyone concerned still optimistically working towards the opening date of January 2022. Also affected are the Coleambally Sports Precinct and Bencubbin Avenue.
- We received an extension to complete the projects under the Australian Government Drought Community Funding due to the difficulties in securing contractors and materials due to COVID. Projects recently completed or soon to be completed include new Horgan's Walk signs in Jerilderie, lighting at Jerilderie's public spaces, laser cut panels showing Jerilderie's story, revamped garden at the front of the Chamber, lasercut panels near pool at Darlington Point (produced by Farmers Dozen), revamped median strips in Coleambally (by local contractor JC Constructions).
- Have you seen the new bird walking trail in Coleambally? Bird signs have been added to all the street signs as they're named after birds.
- The Kidman Way signage and booklets are soon to be rebranded.



*This photo taken in 1957 by JC 'Cress' Clark shows the remains of the Public Wharf at Darlington Point (Photo courtesy of Western Riverina Libraries).*

- We are looking at how the remains of the Darlington Point wharf can be featured in our history. The Murrumbidgee River was once a hive of activity with river steamers. The wharf was built in 1883 for a cost of £2,000.
- **The following grants have been applied for:**
  - **Stronger Community funding:** Monash Park Netball facilities (providing changeroom facilities for women), Coleambally Sports Stadium (additional funding for civil works), Coleambally Squash Courts (new amenities including changeroom facilities), Coleambally Youth Hall (new storage area), and upgrades to Adrian Douglas Park (fencing and amenities).
  - 2 x Tourism Reactivation Grants.
  - Lift and change toilet facilities in Coleambally and Jerilderie.
  - Accessible paths along foreshore of Murrumbidgee River and to link north and south Darlington Point.
  - NSW Government – application to purchase a new Community Bus.

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NSW GOVERNMENT

# Kerbside annual waste collection

We are encouraging residents to clean out the shed and tidy up the yard in preparation for the summer fire season.

Council has been busy keeping vegetation down in our asset protection zones, fire trails and roadsides so that we are 'bushfire ready'.

As part of the bushfire ready campaign, we'll be holding both a bulky waste and a green waste collection.

We are also offering to help our senior residents and those with disabilities to move the waste, if required. Residents can call our Council offices to arrange this.

Council staff will be collecting the bulky waste and the green waste at different times in the same week so we would like residents to separate the bulky waste and the green waste.

Collections are limited to 2 cubic metres per household, which is approximately the same as a 7 ft x 4 ft box trailer. All items left for collection must be able to be handled by a maximum of two people.

## Jerilderie Library news

The Library is back to the regular hours now:

Monday 10.00am - 5.00 pm  
Tuesday CLOSED  
Wednesday 10.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Thursday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Friday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

We are closed daily for lunch from 12.00 - 12.30 pm

The weekly activities are also back up and running:

Storytime every – Wednesday and Friday 10.00 am  
Knitting/crochet – Thursday 10.00 am – 11.00 am

## ANNUAL KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION



We're holding both a bulky waste and a green waste collection so we can all be 'bushfire ready':

- Darlington Point: Monday 22 November 2021
- Jerilderie: Monday 29 November 2021
- Coleambally: Monday 6 December 2021

### Bulky Waste Kerbside Collection

#### We can collect:

Furniture and bookshelves, appliances, white goods with doors removed (excluding fridges), household goods/loose items, glass and mirrors (must be wrapped), mattresses, baby or child car seats, large plastic toys, swing sets, gym equipment, basketball goals, scrap metal and sawn timber off-cuts.

#### We can't collect:

Tyres, chemicals, hazardous household waste (oil, gas bottles, pesticides, herbicides, house/pool chemicals), fire extinguishers, poisons, asbestos, pesticides, paints and gas bottles. These items are banned from the waste depots.

### Green Waste Kerbside Collection

#### We can collect:

Garden cuttings/prunings and tree branches up to 75 mm in diameter and 1.5m in length (securely tied in bundles of up to 300 mm diameter), single tree limbs up to 200 mm in diameter (free of branches and/or leaves), tree roots that can be lifted by two people.

#### We can't collect:

Lawn clippings/small clippings that aren't bagged.

**Collections are limited to 2 cubic metres per household - approximately the same as a 7ft x 4ft box trailer. All items left for collection must be able to be handled by a maximum of two people.**

**Please leave the waste on the nature strip before 8.00 am on the Monday of your collection week.**



# Major upgrade for the Riverside Caravan Park

**A \$9 million staged upgrade to Darlington Point Riverside Caravan Park is in the pipeline with the Master Plan for the park's future development adopted at the September Council Meeting. The planned redevelopment has been well received in the community.**

Murrumbidgee Council General Manager John Scarce said the caravan park has incredible potential due to its location on the banks of the idyllic Murrumbidgee River, complemented by the tourist and commercial assets in the area.

Mr Scarce said the master plan is focused on developing the park to provide an attractive, accessible and family friendly park that will capitalise on the riverside location.

Council contracted planning and design organisation Integrated Site Design to develop the comprehensive Master Plan that provides for a major upgrade to the park, supported by a business case demonstrating its financial viability.

The proposed upgrade will be undertaken in two stages. Stage 1 includes eight new elevated cabins/eco structures on short term sites, a new camp kitchen building, upgrading the main amenities building to include an accessible bathroom, new reception, new splash pad and new playground.

Also part of stage 1 will be improvements to the Town Beach Reserve Precinct, which include widening the roads, new car parking areas, clearing and levelling the area, new park furniture and landscaping, new public toilet and a serviced pad for food vans.

Stage 2 of the ambitious project will see 7 more elevated cabins, new concrete slab/synthetic grass pads on 29 caravan sites, upgrading the internal road network, upgrading the southern amenity buildings and installing en-suites in 4 short-term sites. Some of the other inclusions include a new BBQ shelter for the camping area and a new river viewing deck.

Council plans to fund the project with a mixture of capital grants and loan borrowings. Based on the projections in the Master Plan, the construction phases will provide 30 new local jobs and inject \$15.66 million into the Murrumbidgee Council economy.



*The park's iconic location on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River will be capitalised on in the planned redevelopment.*

## Council elections on 4 December

All across NSW, we will head to the polls on 4 December to vote for Councillors for the next term of Local Government. Voting is compulsory and you can vote in person, by iVote or by postal vote.

The good news is there's still time to nominate as a councillor if you would like to throw your hat in the ring! Being a Councillor can be rewarding because it provides an opportunity to:

- Make decisions that help people within the local community
- Influence the long term, strategic direction of a local community
- Learn new skills, such as public speaking and advocacy
- Work with a broad cross section of the community on a diverse range of issues

Here's some important dates:

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|----------------|---|
| 3 Nov 2021     | Close of candidate nominations (12 pm)                                      |
|                | Registration of electoral materials commences                               |
| 5 Nov 2021     | Caretaker period commences  |
| 22 Nov 2021    | Pre-poll voting opens   |
| 26 Nov 2021    | Registration of electoral material closes (5 pm)                            |
| 27 Nov 2021    | Declared institution voting commences                                       |
| 29 Nov 2021    | Postal vote applications close (5 pm)                                       |
| 3 Dec 2021     | Declared institution and Pre-poll voting closes (6 pm)                      |
| 4 Dec 2021     | Election day (8 am-6 pm)  |
| 17 Dec 2021    | Return of postal votes closes (6 pm)  |
| 21-23 Dec 2021 | Results declared progressively as counts are finalised by election manager. |

You can find the details on our website: [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

## What's on ...

### Freeze Mob and Flash Mob Dance

14 November 9.00 am – 12 pm  
Starting at CWA Park, Darlington Point. The event will involve a group of people coming together to perform a FreezeMob/FlashMob. During the FreezeMob, participants will be frozen in kindness positions for approximately 3 minutes. At that point the participants will burst into dance for an additional 3 minutes.

More information:

[www.danceforkindness.com](http://www.danceforkindness.com) or on the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ate/588016958891678/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/ate/588016958891678/?fundraiser_source=external_url)

### Learn to Fish Day at Lake Jerilderie

TBA  
This event will be held in December. Come along and learn to fish with members of the Jerilderie Fishing Club. Juniors and adults are welcome.  
Free BBQ lunch included.

### Riverina Classic Fishing Competition

11, 12 and 13 February 2022  
Due to the current climate it will be an online event, so you can fish for Murray Cod, Golden Perch and Carp anywhere in Australia and still enter the Riverina Classic. More information: [www.riverinaclassic.com](http://www.riverinaclassic.com) or 0427 516 197 or on their Facebook page.

## Could your property be found in an emergency?

Is your rural property number clearly visible so that emergency services can find you? Check yours today.

If your rural property numbers need replacing contact Murrumbidgee Council on **1300 676 243** or email [mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)



## WEEKLY SENIORS GET-TOGETHERS



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Coleambally Town Hub, Broлга Place  
Every Thursday, 10.30 am - 2.30 pm  
For more information contact Kerri or Cherie  
Ph: 0427 600 971 or 1300 676 243

ALSO AVAILABLE:

- Community Transport: Kerri or Cherie at Murrumbidgee Community Transport Ph: 0427 600 971 or 1300 676 243
- Home Modifications: Cindy Ph: 1300 676 243
- Meals on Wheels Coleambally: Kerri Ph: 0427 600 971 Darlington Point: Cindy Ph: 1300 676 243



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# COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

## COMMUNITY BUS - Weekly every Thursday

### Bus pickup points:

9.00 am: Coleambally, side of Bendigo Bank  
9.30 am: Darlington Point, Council Office

### Bus drop off points:

Griffith Court House  
Griffith Visitors Centre



### Bus pick up points return:

1.50 pm: Side of Woolworths  
2.00 pm: Griffith Visitors Centre  
2.10 pm: Bus stop side of Central Plaza

### Cost:

From Coleambally return: \$15 return  
From Darlington Point return: \$12 return

*This service is funded through the NSW Government Transport for NSW Community Transport Program. Continuation of this service is dependent on funding.*

## COUNCIL CAR WITH VOLUNTEER DRIVER



Available Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

### Please book early to ensure availability.

Can be used for shopping, medical appointments and social.

*This service is funded through the Australian Government under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme.*

### Cost:

- From Coleambally to Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera return: Single: \$30, Group: \$20
- From Darlington Point to Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera return: Single: \$20, Group: \$15
- From Coleambally and Darlington Point to Wagga, Albury-Wodonga return: Single: \$90, Group: \$70

**Enquiries: Community Transport Coordinators,  
Kerri Weymouth or Cherie Chirgwin, T: 0427 600 971**

## Our Councillors

### Jerilderie Ward

**Councillor Ruth McRae (Mayor)**

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### Coleambally Office

39 Brolga Place

Coleambally NSW 2707

Office hours: 9.00am - 12.30pm –  
1.30pm - 5.00pm

After hours emergencies only

T: 0427 684 166

### Darlington Point Office

21 Carrington Street

Darlington Point NSW 2706

Office hours: 8.30am - 5.00pm  
After hours emergencies only

T: 0427 684 166

Banking is available 9.00 am -  
12 pm and 1.00 - 4.30 pm

### Jerilderie Office

35 Jerilderie Street

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After hours emergencies only

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