



Message from the Administrator

As we head towards the end of the year I'm delighted to be able to finish on a high note after announcing that 33 community groups will share in the \$1 million Stronger Communities Fund grants and an additional 11 projects under the \$9 million Community Infrastructure Fund.

I'm also thrilled to announce that we will have details and conditions for Round 2 of the Stronger Communities Fund grants, totalling \$500,000, available after the February 2017 Council Meeting.

These funds will help set Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie up for the future and I look forward to seeing the projects implemented.

With the Christmas break just around the corner I hope that everyone who has worked hard all year, from our hardworking farmers and business owners, to our wonderful community volunteers and everyone else in between, can find a little time for a well-earned rest.

On behalf of Murrumbidgee Council I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year as I look forward to 2017 with great optimism. If you are travelling, please drive carefully.

Regards,

Austin

Successful funding grants announced

Council is pleased to announce that 33 community projects totalling \$1 million have been approved under the First Round of the Stronger Communities Fund.

A further 11 projects have been allocated funds under the \$9 million Community Infrastructure Fund.

All applicants will be notified by mail in the coming weeks of the success or otherwise of their application.

Details and conditions of Round 2 funding totalling \$500,000 will be available after the February 2017 Council Meeting.

The funds will help contribute to the community's long term vibrancy and viability across the three towns of Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie.

Successful projects under Round One of the Stronger Communities Fund :

Jerilderie Community Gym: Purchase equipment for the community gym- \$47,000

Coleambally Sweatbox Community Gym: Purchase of new gym equipment, rubber flooring, commercial fans, TV's and DVD- \$33,000

Coleambally Pistol Club: New clubhouse, new pistol range and water tank-\$46,500

Coleambally Clay Target Club: Construct new trap houses-\$49,700

Jerilderie Tennis Club: Construction of a new storage shed and disabled toilet - \$50,000

Coleambally Squash Club: Resurface Coleambally Squash courts-\$25,000

Coleambally Preschool: Installation of solar panels -\$7,400

Coleambally Lions Club: New ride-on lawn mower-\$7,500

Coleambally Preschool: Resurface floor and install storage shed-\$12,500

Jerilderie Tennis Club: Reroof Jerilderie Sports Club building -\$49,000

Coleambally Lions Club: Paint Bucyrus Dragline-\$4,600

Coleambally Chamber of Commerce: Purchase equipment for community events for community organisations across the Murrumbidgee Council area-\$10,500

Riverina Vintage Machinery Club (Coleambally): Purchase portable building with disabled access ramp- \$45,100

Coleambally Chamber of Commerce: Quilting workshops with Artists- \$4,200

Coleambally Community Club: Installation of playground and outdoor area - \$50,000

Coleambally Central School P & C: Build sandpit with water trough for

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A Bendigo Bank automatic teller machine (ATM) has been approved to go in at Council's Jerilderie Office.



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experiments and resurfacing of existing basketball court-\$50,00

Coleambally Water Ski Club: New shade shelter-\$18,900

Jerilderie CWA: Upgrade of toilet facility to include disabled access-\$15,700

Jerilderie Cricket Club: Install seating, shade and access to practice nets- \$21,500

Anglican Parish of Coleambally Darlington Point: Install air conditioning at Darlington Point Hall-\$21,000

Darlington Point Men's Shed: Construct meeting room, timber work/paint room. Improve stormwater drainage of land and building north of main shed-\$50,000

Jerilderie Football Club: Replace Boundary Fence and Interchange facilities-\$39,600

Jerilderie Preschool: Indoor Refurbishment-\$44,000

Jerilderie Swimming Club: Upgrading swimming equipment-\$5,000

Coleambally Golf Club Inc: Automatic watering systems for fairways 3 & 9-\$49,000

Coleambally Golf Club Inc. Automatic watering system for fairways 1 & 6- \$27,900

Jerilderie Public School P & C: Soft fall rubber in playground-\$49,200

Jerilderie Arts and Talent Society: Sound equipment, smoke machine and headsets-\$10,700

Coleambally St Peters Primary School: Upgrade school quadrangle-\$30,990

Coleambally Men's Shed: Storage facility for donated used batteries, materials used for furniture restoring- \$43,700

Coleambally Chamber of Commerce: Sewing machines, over lockers and tables-\$23,200

Murrumbidgee Shire Experiment Farm: Develop a 22ha section for farming-\$50,000

Darlington Point Lions Club: Barbecue and bench at Darlington Point Lions Club Park -\$20,000

\$9 million Community Infrastructure Fund projects

Central Coree Community Hall: Upgrade hall and play equipment- \$48,600

Balmeringa Senior Citizens Committee: Undertake kerbing and sealing of driveway and car park-\$50,000

Jerilderie Netball Club: Construction of 2 netball courts and associated infrastructure including lighting and seating-\$204,500

Heritage Darlington Point: Purchase and installation of solar panelling for power for buildings-\$6,600

Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee: Installation of playground at Lake Park-\$84,200

Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee: Install solar lighting on part of walkway between Memorial Park and Aquatic Club facility and at proposed exercise stations-\$13,100

Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee: Installation of exercise stations around Lake Jerilderie-\$43,900

Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee: Installation of new seating at Luke Park in the new playground area-\$29,000

Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee: Installation of stage and sound shell structure at Luke Park-\$18,200

Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee: Purchase of various items of equipment including ride on mower for maintenance activities that the committee undertake on a voluntary basis-\$10,400

Jerilderie Tidy Town Committee: Construction of footpath through Luke Park to improve connectivity between the heritage area and Lake Jerilderie-\$12,400

Nominate now for Aussie awards

Don't forget to nominate worthy community members for the annual Australia Day Awards.

Murrumbidgee Council will hold individual Award Ceremonies. Coleambally will kick off celebrations early with a breakfast in John McInnes Square in Brolga Place at 8am Darlington Point will host a fair dinkum Aussie barbecue lunch from 12 noon in CWA Park and Jerilderie will hold a celebratory evening from 6.30pm at Luke Park for Australia Day Awards, with a fireworks display over Lake Jerilderie and entertainment provided. Nominations for the Jerilderie Australia Day awards close on Wednesday December 7, 2016.

Nominations for the Coleambally and Darlington Point awards close at 5pm on Wednesday January 4, 2017.



Murrumbidgee Council Administrator Austin Evans presents Sunu Jose with her Australian citizenship certificate.



'Tis the season to show some Christmas spirit



With Christmas just around the corner Jerilderie Arts and Talent society, in conjunction with the Jerilderie Sports Club, has an event planned to help everyone get in the spirit.

The celebration will be held at the Sports Club on Friday December 16, 2016 from 7pm and everyone is invited. Come dressed in your brightest Christmas themed outfit, with prizes for best dressed.

Santa will make a special appearance, while the club will be holding raffles including ham, pork, turkey and lots more. Carols by Candlelight under the stars will cap off a fantastic family night of fun.

Meanwhile Darlington Point Lions Club will hold Christmas Ham raffles on Saturday December 3 from 6.30pm at CWA Park. In Coleambally the Lions Club Gala Night on Saturday December 10 at the sportsground Oval 1 will have something for everyone to enjoy, with rides, hams, turkey, Christmas cakes and puddings and more on offer.

Council Scholarships

Applications are invited for funding under Council's Student Scholarship Program Murrumbidgee Council residents undertaking tertiary education at a university, TAFE or other educational facility in 2017. The criteria and application forms are available at Council's Offices in Darlington Point, Coleambally and Jerilderie or on Council's website.

There are three \$1,000 scholarships available and the closing date is January 6, 2017.

Bank Scholarships

Applications for the 2017 Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship open on Thursday, December 1, 2016 until Friday, 27 January 2017.

The Scholarship is valued at \$5,000 per year for two years to assist outstanding but disadvantaged students from a rural or regional area, who have been offered a full-time place at an Australian university or college for the first time in 2017. For more information <https://cia.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/Program/Index/2>

CSU Scholarships

Murrumbidgee Council offers a Foundation Scholarship at Charles Sturt University. 2017 scholarships have now opened on the CSU web site: <https://www.csu.edu.au/courses/fees-and-costs/help-with-costs/scholarships/foundation/any-year/murrumbidgee-council-scholarship> Commencing and continuing students are eligible to apply for this scholarship, with applications closing February 5, 2017.

Exciting times ahead for economic and tourism development



Council has secured the services of Gerrie Carr-MacFie, who will fill the role of Economic and Tourism Development Manager.

As an experienced Regional Development practitioner, Gerrie has activated investment attraction strategies, delivered business development programmes, and facilitated tourism marketing campaigns in small and large communities.

Gerrie is excited by the prospect of working with Murrumbidgee Council.

She counts herself a country girl, having been born in the small Wimmera Mallee town of Jeparit.

Gerrie grew up in Bendigo before commencing study at University in Melbourne.

She has worked in Economic and Tourism management roles in rural and regional Victoria, and on the Sunshine Coast Queensland. She recently worked with Federation University Australia managing a significant Digital Enterprise project.

Gerrie commences employment with Council on Thursday December 1, 2016.

The next Meeting of Council will be at 10am on Thursday December 22, 2016 at Council's Meeting Rooms in Jerilderie.

The first Council Meeting for 2017 will be held on February 23, 2017 at Darlington Point. Council meetings are open to the public.



Council closures

Murrumbidgee Council wishes to advise that the Administration Offices and Works Depots will be closed from 12pm on Tuesday December 20, 2016 and will reopen again on Wednesday December 21, 2016.

Council will then close over the Christmas/New Year period from 12pm on Friday December 23, 2016 and will reopen again on Tuesday January 3, 2017.

Garbage collection for all three towns over the holiday period will be as per usual.

In the event of an emergency call:

Jerilderie David 0427 895630, Bryan 0428 579095 or Denis 0427695633

Darlington Point and Coleambally Darrell 0417 804458

Coleambally will be without power on December 4 from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Water restrictions will be imposed.

NBN coming to Darlington Point

As part of the National Broadband Network (NBN) rollout in Darlington Point, equipment is set to be installed in local streets.

The most common type of equipment being installed will be powered cabinets called Nodes (pictured) that contain equipment which transmits the high-speed broadband signals. They are similar to that used by telephone and power companies.

Construction to install the NBN has started and is expected to be completed by the end of January 2017, with NBN to connect around mid-2017.

For inquiries and information visit nbn.com.au, phone 1800 687626 or email info@nbn.com.au



Council Swimming Pools

Coleambally Swimming Pool

Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Open every day: 7am - 9am & 12pm - 7pm

Users are required to fill out a waiver form and hire an access fob from the Coleambally Council office to use the pool.

The Coleambally Swimming Pool will be closed on Sunday, December 4, 2016 due to power outage.

Darlington Point War Memorial Swimming Pool

Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

General opening times Tuesday to Friday: 3pm - 7pm (Closed Mondays) Saturday and Sunday (and public holidays): 12pm - 7pm

Tuesday to Thursday: 6am to 7am Lap swimmers/walkers

Friday: 9am to 9.45am Water aerobics

\$5 includes pool entry and instruction

Jerilderie Sports Stadium Swimming Pool

Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Open every day from 12pm to 7pm

The Jerilderie Swimming Pool is unsupervised. Users are required to sign a waiver and hire a fob for access. Please visit the Council Office, 35 Jerilderie Street, during office hours to sign a waiver and pay your membership.

Learn to Swim Lessons

Bookings are now open for Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive program

These learn to swim lessons deliver Royal Life Saving Society's national Swim and Survive program. Lessons cater for children aged 18 months to 12 years and provide everything from water awareness through to developing strokes and endurance.

The Learn to Swim Lessons will be held at all three pools within Murrumbidgee Council from January 9, 2017 through until January 19, 2017.

For more information, or to book, phone 13 13 02 or go to: sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive

Contacting your Council

Murrumbidgee Council Service Centres:

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Coleambally - Brolga Place

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