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Acclaimed author to speak

Murrumbidgee Council will host the annual Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture, on Friday evening 14 October, 2016 at the Jerilderie Civic Hall, commencing 6.30pm.

This is the ninth year the event has been held, with guest speaker this year Dr Jonathan King, a journalist, film maker and award winning author of over 30 books on Australian history.

Dr King (pictured below) will provide an innovative, landmark speech containing much new information on Monash.

The Lecture will be followed by the presentation of the 2016 Monash Education Bursary.

Tickets are \$45 per person, which includes a 2 course dinner. Bookings for the event are being taken until Friday 7 October, 2016 or email jerilderie@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au, marked *Attention Julie-Monash Dinner* or telephone 03 5886 1200.

Applications for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary must be submitted by 4 October. Further details regarding this \$2000 bursary can be found in the bursary requirements and conditions on Council's website.



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Men's health in the spotlight

Men from around the region are being urged to seize the day and get along to see a thought-provoking production.

Acclaimed actor John Wood (pictured below) will bring his theatre production *Carpe Diem* to Coleambally on 25 October from 7pm. *Carpe Diem* is a contemporary portrayal of Australian males dealing with issues of health, grief, loss and depression.

The free community event will be held at the Coleambally Community Hall and supper will be provided. RSVP for catering to Council's Coleambally office (02) 69544060.



GRANT INFORMATION

CLEAN UP GRANTS

Are you sick of seeing rubbish? Now you can do something about it, with grants of up to \$5,000 available for community groups who are keen to tackle litter in their area.

To find out more phone 02 8594 4000 or email communitylittergrants@knswb.org.au

EMERGENCY RELIEF CLUB GRANTS

Not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to \$300,000 for new or upgraded emergency relief infrastructure.

The NSW Government's ClubGRANTS program is for projects that help protect communities during emergencies such as bushfires, storms and floods.

Applications close Friday 7 October. An applicant information pack is now available on Liquor & Gaming NSW website:

www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au

Message from the Administrator

In the next few months some of the advantages of creating one larger entity will become more apparent to our residents in Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.

Council is mindful that residents have been asked to provide input at every turn and we appreciate the valuable, ongoing assistance provided. Without the help of our community members we couldn't do it.

The branding project for example, which is progressing well, has involved residents from each of our communities sharing ideas of what they think our new corporate image should look like.

I can also report to you that the assessment panel is now in the process of reviewing all Stronger Communities Fund grant applications, and while it is proving more time consuming than first anticipated, members on the panel are working hard to get results as soon as possible. These grants are a good example of the benefits of merging. The funds that Council will be in a position to allocate to the groups concerned will make a huge difference.

Regards,

Austin

Panel works to assess grant applications

Murrumbidgee Council would like to thank all of the community groups who took the time to submit applications for the Stronger Communities Fund grants and for their patience as work to assess each one is carried out.

Council had an overwhelming response to the call for community groups to submit applications for the Stronger Communities Fund grants of up to \$50,000.

There were over 80 grant applications received and they came from a wide range of different groups, including schools and sporting organisations.

The assessment panel is now in the process of reviewing all of these applications.

This is proving to be a time consuming task as they work to meet all of the strict guidelines in accordance with Department of Premier and Cabinet.

As a result there may be some instances where additional information may be sought from applicants and they will be advised.

At this stage Murrumbidgee Council hopes to be able to announce the first round of results by November.

Free recycling workshops

Murrumbidgee Council residents are being urged to attend workshops that could save money and the environment at the same time.

RAMROC's Waste Group Organic Recycling at Home workshops, with gardening expert Ricky Smith, encourages householders to recycle their kitchen and garden waste.

The free workshops will be held in Jerilderie at the annual Uniting Church Flower Show on Friday, 28 October.

On Saturday, 29 October, workshops will be held at Coleambally's Community Hall from 11am to 12.30pm, and later that same day at Darlington Point's CWA Hall from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Taste Coleambally Food and Farm Festival

This year's three-day Taste Coly Food and Farm Festival is tipped to be the biggest yet.

The jam-packed program is dedicated to showcasing everything that's good about Coleambally from farming and produce to the community spirit and creativity.

The fun starts on Friday night 21 October, with a Cocktail Party leading into Saturday's program of farm tours, art displays, the Coly Colour Run, and of

course the infamous 50 Mile Meal.

On Sunday the Main Street Festival kicks off with a delicious Poet's Breakfast followed by a full day of activities including the Festival Trail, street stalls, entertainment and a whole range of other family fun including the Coly Cook off.

To find out more go to www.farm2food.net or email tastecoly@gmail.com

Portsea Children's Camp

Jerilderie Portsea Camp Committee is once again seeking children interested in attending the 2017 Portsea Camp.

This year the camp will be open to all children living within the Murrumbidgee Council.

Organisations within Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point are being called on to provide sponsorship for local children.

The camp will be held from Wednesday 11 January to Tuesday 17 January 2017 for children aged between 9 and 12 years of age. A bus will depart from the Jerilderie Civic Hall on the Wednesday morning .

The cost of the camp has been set at \$327 for 7 days of fun activities, with accommodation, meals and transport provided and children will also receive a T-shirt, hat and drink bottle included in the cost. The Jerilderie group (Murrumbidgee Council) has been allocated 25 places only and applications with a deposit of \$150 are to be returned to Murrumbidgee Council Jerilderie Office by Friday 18th November 2016.

The balance of the fee (\$177) is payable by Friday 9th December 2016. Please make payments by the due date to guarantee your spot. (Cheques to be made out to Jerilderie Portsea Camp Committee, alternatively direct deposit to BSB 012-695 Account # 2400-07252).

To obtain an application form or for further information call the Murrumbidgee Council Jerilderie Office 35 Jerilderie Street during office hours or phone (03) 5886 1200.

Flood information for Murrumbidgee region

You can find live SES updates for our region at the *NSW SES Murrumbidgee Region* Facebook page.

For live river heights check out *WaterLive*, which can be downloaded to a smart phone.

LiveTraffic provides live updates on road closures and can also be downloaded to smart phones.

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW SES on 132 500. In life-threatening emergencies, call 000 (triple zero).

Design project moves ahead

In just a few months Council will unveil a brand new look.

The Murrumbidgee Council Branding Project is progressing well. The Articulate Pear report that all of the community consultations have been successful and provided them with some valuable ideas.

The new corporate identity they are working on will include elements such as the new logo, colour palette and signage.



Above: Council's LRC member, Robert Black, pictured with the Articulate Pear team in Coleambally.