



# Murrumbidgee Magazine



MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Community input sought for Murrumbidgee Council projects

There are exciting times ahead for Murrumbidgee Council with two important projects planned requiring input from our community.

Residents are being asked to be part of the rebranding process and will be contacted to take part in The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

In the coming weeks marketing and design company The Articulate Pear will be searching for bright ideas to help create a new identity for Council that looks to the future.

The requirement for a new corporate identity is the result of the merger between the former Murrumbidgee Shire and the Jerilderie Shire Councils, which took place in May. The new image will include elements such as the new logo, colour palette and signage.

The team will be talking to the community and stakeholders

to find out what their aspirations are going forward, and then turning that feedback into both a visual representation and brand personality for Council.

Meanwhile the Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Project will be conducted by JWS Research and will include a phone survey of 400 adults from across the new Murrumbidgee Council area.

An agreed measure of success in the Stronger Councils framework is community satisfaction with council's overall performance.

In a first for the NSW Local Government sector, this particular measure will be addressed through a partnership between Department of Premier and Cabinet and the 19 new councils through this community satisfaction survey project. Those undertaking the survey will be asked a series of questions, assessing Council in a number of areas.



Council's Deputy General Manager Andrew Crakanthorp with The Articulate Pear directors Sonia Casanova and Leah Walsh.

## No voting needed

Murrumbidgee Council residents are being reminded that they will not need to vote on Saturday, September 10 this year.

Due to the merger **Murrumbidgee Council will not vote until September 9, 2017.**

If you are unsure where you are enrolled to vote visit [www.votensw.info](http://www.votensw.info).

## An important message from Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch was developed to encourage people to look out for their local community and report any crimes they witness or are a target of. Also to report anything they see that is out of the ordinary or suspect. The police can only act on the information we, as a community, give them. The more reports, the more likely there can be action taken. We often think that it is not worthwhile reporting what we see or know, but your little bit of knowledge can be another piece in a jigsaw the police are working on, or will help them to build up a bigger picture of crime in our community. They operate on statistics, the more reports, the more likely we will get the level of support we need. So please, if you know anything or see anything that doesn't look right –REPORT IT!



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## Expanded services for Jerilderie customers

Residents in Jerilderie now have greater access to banking than ever before. A Coleambally Community Bank representative is now available at the Jerilderie Bendigo Bank Agency in the Council office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday each week. Branch manager Chris Noack said he was happy to see the expansion of services helping locals.

"The agency's capabilities have been upgraded to cope with any of the local businesses day-to-day needs including change requirements," he said.

"Business is growing steadily.

"I still haven't got a firm date for the instillation of our ATM but we are working on that and we will keep everyone updated on the progress being made.

"If residents have any questions they can call the branch or they are welcome to make an appointment through council to see our representative for Monday, Tuesday or Friday."

Call the Coleambally Community Bank on 02 69544192 or to arrange an appointment call the Council office in Jerilderie direct on 03 5886 1200.



### Message from the Administrator

It's been a busy few months for Murrumbidgee Council since the merger of the two former Councils, but I'm happy to report that the dust has now settled and some real progress is being made.

Our Project Management Office (PMO) is now well resourced, with more people to join in coming weeks to finalise membership of that group.

The PMO has a lot of work to complete from now until the election of Councillors for the new Council in September 2017.

It's taken some careful thought and time to get to this stage so that we get it right and I'm pleased with the progress occurring, especially talking to other Councils, Murrumbidgee Council is going well.

We are now in a position to kick some good goals and the future looks positive.

Regards,

**Austin**

## Help at hand to get grants right

Grant applications can be daunting, but they don't have to be.

When applying for any upcoming grants Murrumbidgee Council wants to ensure residents are given the best opportunity to get it right.

Most grants involve a lot of supporting documentation so it's worth having the assistance of someone who understands the process. Residents or groups interested in engaging C2 Hills Consultancy to help should contact Council.

## Strong interest in funds

Council had an overwhelming response to the call for community groups to submit applications for the Stronger Communities Fund grants.

Close to 80 applications were received from a wide range of different groups, including schools and sporting organisations.

Over the next couple of weeks a panel, in accordance with the Department of Premier and Cabinet guidelines, will be reviewing the applications in-depth and groups will be notified of the progress being made.

## Contacting your Council

Murrumbidgee Council Service Centres:

**Darlington Point** - 21 Carrington Street

**Coleambally** - Brolga Place

**Jerilderie** - 35 Jerilderie St

**Phone:**

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**Webpage:**

[www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au)

## Facts about Council

- Number of councillors per ward: 3
- Population: 4,047
- Area (sq Km): 6,880
- Budget for 2016/17: \$21.4million
- Budget surplus 16/17: \$5.6million
- Roadworks: \$11.9million
- Capital expenditure: \$9.9million
- Staffing: 90 individuals
- Next Local Government election: September 9, 2017