

MAYORAL REPORT

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Autumn has arrived and we have welcomed timely rain followed by perfect fine days.

April has been busy, both work wise and socially.

Harvests are all but finished, and the ground is being worked up and prepped for the next rotation.

We find ourselves exposed to the rigours of a Federal Election Campaign - at the end of the day we all expect that our Leaders prioritise health services, the economy, the environment, and investment in rural communities.

Our advocacy in this space has ramped up with our recently prepared Advocacy Brief.

We had the opportunity to promote this on 12 and 13 April with Hon Sussan Ley, MP, and Member for Albury Justin Clancy, MP.

There were many social functions and events held over Easter.

Vastly different from last year and combined with school holidays, our roads and our towns were busy.

The Annual Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Golf Day in Jerilderie raised an amazing \$23,000.00 - well done to this hardworking committee.

Our 3 communities have demonstrated just how important ANZAC Day is to all of us within the Murrumbidgee LGA. From all who attended these commemorative services we thank our servicemen and women for their service. Thank you for our freedom and our quality of life - we must never forget.

The longed for and very welcome roadworks on the Newell Highway at the northern end of Jerilderie are almost completed - this work has been carried out in a timely and professional manner and is a welcome asset upgrade for the town and the Newell Highway.

The community strategic plan is in draft and ready for perusal - the response was pleasing and hopefully it will provide an informed guiding document for this Council.

Congratulations to the following who were presented with a National Emergency Medal at a Rural Fire Service presentaion in Griffith on Saturday 23 April 2022:

Tom Breed, Paul Muir, Troy Heath, Ash Vearing and John Stuckings.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Tianni Given's contribution to Council and wish her well in her new endeavours.

Below are a list of meetings held/attended since the last meeting.

23/24 March 2022

Councillor Induction Workshop - Darlington Point
Facilitated by Leanne Barnes

28 March 2022

Country Change Autumn Magazine Launch - Temora

1 April 2022

RAMJO Water Sub Committee Meeting - Jerilderie
Final review of update of RAMJO's "Water Position Paper"

7 April 2022

Council mid monthly Workshop - Coleambally
(including Darlington Point Caravan Park Meeting)

12 April 2022

- Official opening of new Skate Bowl - Darlington Point Skate Park - Officially opened by Hon Sussan Ley, MP
- Meeting with Hon Sussan Ley MP/John Scarce /Mayor and Deputy Mayor - Advocacy Brief

13 April 2022

- Official opening of the Skate Park and Pump Track - Jerilderie - Officially opened by Hon Sussan Ley MP. Member for Albury, Justin Clancy MP also in attendance.
- Tour of Billabong Produce facilitated by Glenn Rorato - Mayor, Member for Albury, Justin Clancy MP.
- Meeting with Member for Albury, Justin Clancy MP /John Scarce /Mayor - presentation and discussion of Advocacy Brief.

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ANZAC Commemorative March and Services - Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point



Ruth McRae
MAYOR