



Murrumbidgee COUNCIL

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Federal Member for Farrer The Hon.

Sussan Ley with Mayor Ruth McRae at the April Council meeting.

Message from the Mayor

April has seen much activity within our Council footprint. Rice harvest has been in full swing and those that are not harvesting are either burning off, spraying, ploughing or sowing. We really are an amazingly productive part of the world.

There is much evidence of roadworks, predominantly on the Kidman Way. This investment by the NSW State Government is valuable. Keeping our roads at an acceptable standard allows us to get our produce off farm and on the road to market.

I have attended many social functions in April, including Youth Week and Seniors Week activities, and the informal opening of the Coleambally netball courts on Saturday 21 April 2018.

I was privileged to attend the 30 year service celebration of Robyn Fletcher at Coleambally Preschool, a truly commendable achievement.

The General Manager, Craig Moffitt, and I met with Member for Murray, Austin Evans recently and we had a visit from The Hon. Sussan Ley, MP, Federal Member for Farrer, at our April Council meeting.

Council continues to be the recipient of funding opportunities from State and Federal Governments.

It was great to see our community honouring our service men and women at ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremonies held within our Local Government area - such selfless sacrifice should never be forgotten.

Councillor Ruth McRae

Calling Passionate Business & Tourism Representatives

Are you currently in business, or have experience and skills in business or professional services? Do you want to see Murrumbidgee Council businesses grow? Your help could assist in attracting new businesses, increasing investment, and growing jobs in our local communities.

Murrumbidgee Council is calling for six business and tourism representatives with a passion for economic development to put their hand-up to form an economic development consultative group. The Murrumbidgee Economic and Tourism Advisory Group, or METAG for short, will assist Council deliver economic and tourism development initiatives.

The Groups role and purpose will be to:

- Inform the development and the review of Council's strategic priorities for sustainable economic and tourism growth;
- Represent the small to medium enterprise sector and the local tourism industry in industry engagement and consultation processes as convened or approved by Council;
- Make recommendations to Council on matters relating to business and tourism development that assist the growth of a stronger, more diverse local economy;
- Promote the direct and indirect value and benefits of economic and tourism development within the local area;
- Be a positive advocate for business development within the Murrumbidgee Council area, Western Riverina sub-region, and on a regional, state and national basis.

Council expects METAG will generally meet twice a year, with other opportunities for informal input on issues as they may arise.

So, check out the METAG nomination form on Council's website. Tell us why you want to help and what background you can bring to the table. Your input could make a positive difference to our community. For more information contact Gerrie Carr-MacFie, Economic, Tourism and Community Development Manager via email gerriec@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au or phone 03 5886 1200. Nominations close on Friday 1 June 2018.

Make a difference. Nominate now for Murrumbidgee Economic and Tourism Advisory Group!



Murrumbidgee Council Proposes Major Projects for Stronger Country Communities Funding

12 projects are being submitted to the NSW Government for assessment and decisions on which projects they will fund.

In Jerilderie, applications aim to improve access to childhood education and care, and support sporting community well-being:

- ◆ A new 25metre pool;
- ◆ A new Preschool and Long Day Care Centre;
- ◆ A Community and Agricultural Centre in The Old Barracks by Rice Research Australia P/L at Old Coree Station;
- ◆ An automatic watering system for the Jerilderie Sports Club.

The Coleambally community has stepped up to support sport related projects that will also deliver economic development outcomes:

- ◆ New and expanded change room facilities for senior teams and women at the Coleambally Sports Precinct.
- ◆ Major refurbishment at the 'stadium' that is home to Coleambally Football Netball Club.
- ◆ A new facility for Sweatbox Community Gym

In Darlington Point sport and recreation, main street beautification and cultural awareness have been a strong focus:

- ◆ Refurbishment and extension of the Darlington Point Sports Ground kiosk and change rooms;
- ◆ Upgrades and redevelopment at the Town Beach, including widening the existing boat ramp, and improving amenity and access to the Town Beach;
- ◆ Demolishing the old Waddi office building fronting the main street, to be replaced by a performance space and native garden that will welcome and lead community and visitors into the Community and Cultural Centre;
- ◆ Refurbishing the Waddi Community Centre as a modern and multi-purpose space for cultural education, Warangesda and art exhibitions, community programs in health, skills development and art to support the well-being of Indigenous residents and the broader Darlington Point community;
- ◆ A watering system to revitalise the 9 hole golf course at the Darlington Point Sports Club.

For more information on grants and projects contact Gerrie Carr-MacFie Economic Tourism and Community Development Manager via email: gerriec@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

Robyn Celebrates 30 years working at Coleambally Preschool

On Friday 13 April Robyn Fletcher celebrated with family, friends, work colleagues and children, past and present, as she reached the milestone of 30 years working at the Coleambally Preschool. This is a milestone rarely achieved.

Robyn has an amazing work ethic and she has been dedicated in her role as Preschool educator.

She has seen many changes over 3 decades, both with the Coleambally Preschool as well as within the sector, and throughout this time she has always been willing to help out in any capacity.

Robyn loves the children and the joy they bring to the job. Mayor, Councillor Ruth McRae noted that Robyn's work with the Preschool is "a truly valuable lifetime contribution to the community of Coleambally".

Congratulations Robyn!



Photo: L to R - Leanne Rice, Nicole Bellato, Robyn Fletcher, Vicki McIntosh, Michelle Brain, Dianne Roberts, Gill Morton. Front - Ella Painting



YOUTH WEEK SKATE PARK LEAGUE EVENTS

Murrumbidgee Council recently held two skate events in partnership with the YMCA and Skate Park League to celebrate Youth Week 2018. Events were held at Darlington Point on 14 April and Coleambally 15 April. In total over 37 youths participated. One young skateboarder travelled all the way from Sydney to attend both events. Various age groups in three competitions (skateboard, scooter and BMX) were held on each day and the crowd saw some amazing performances and skill. The passion and commitment of the participants was inspiring, as was the enthusiasm of the parents and supporters.

Murrumbidgee Council would like to acknowledge and thank the participants, parents and communities and the following supporters who helped make the days a success: Griffith Rotary Club, Peaches, Country Hope, Bridgett McNeilly, Kerri Weymouth, YMCA & Skate Park Leagues and Coleambally RFS volunteers.

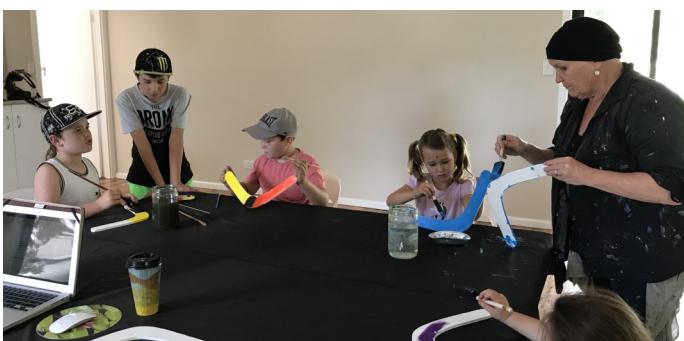
Winners of the Skate Park Competitions can be found on our Facebook page and website.



Local children at the Coleambally Skate Park event



Alessandro Tordesillas-Grapilon and his father travelled from Sydney to attend both events



Art workshops run by Kerri Weymouth

COMMUNITY INTERVIEW: Coleambally Squash Club

Coleambally Squash Club (CSC) has operated as a stand alone not-for-profit sporting organisation for 40 years. During this time squash has been played continually in varying formats. The squash courts were built by the community using funds donated by the Apex Club. During its peak CSC had 100 plus players.

What makes the Club special is that anyone; male or female, of any age, can participate, and competition is not affected by the weather. Multiple scientific studies have shown squash to be superior to most other sports with regard to overall cardiac fitness.

The autumn competition will start early May and runs on Monday and Wednesday nights. A Thursday morning competition also runs when enough players are keen.

The Coleambally squash courts were recently renovated after CSC was successful during Round 1 of Murrumbidgee Council's Stronger Communities Fund.



For enquiries contact Cate Hardy on 0413 885 278



WORKS UPDATE

COLEAMBALLY

Walking Track

The Coleambally walking track was completed last week. The new 1.2km bitumen sealed track links existing tracks at the Lion's Club Park through to Brolga Place.

Netball Courts

The new netball courts have been completed with the first game held on 21 April.

Concept Plans Coming

Consultants have been engaged to produce a concept plan for the Brolga Place upgrade and Sportsground Masterplan, watch this space!



The new Coleambally walking track spans 1.2km.

DARLINGTON POINT

Chlorination System

A new automatic potable water chlorination system has been installed to replace the manual system at Darlington Point. The new system will allow for accurate control of chlorine levels in the potable water as well as improve the working environment for the Council staff responsible for water and sewerage management. It is expected that the system will be fully operational from 11 May 2018.

New ATM

Council has been advised that works will commence on 30 May to install the Bendigo Bank ATM at the Darlington Point Council office. The ATM will be accessible 24/7.

ROADS

The Conargo Road Fixing Country Roads Project has been completed including reconstruction of 800m of the bitumen sealed pavement, shoulders widening and table drainage improvements. Conargo Road has significant truck movements due to a Grain Storage Site and Cotton Gin entrances off this road. The project will improve drainage and widen the road to match the significant transport use of this road.

Upgrade works to Eulo Road and McDonald Road are scheduled to commence from 1 July 2018.

JERILDERIE

Luke Park

A new footpath was completed in March at Luke Park, connecting Powell Street to the playground and Lake walking track, works for the playground upgrade are scheduled to commence in May.

Sewerage Works

North Jerilderie sewerage works are progressing as planned, with works anticipated to finish by the end of May. House connections and activation of the sewerage pump station will follow.

The Willows

Works are almost complete at The Willows with the brickwork and verandah works completed last month and paving and painting works scheduled to finish early May.



The Willows repairs were funded by a Heritage Near Me Grant from State Government, owners of the building.

The Hon. Sussan Ley MP, in partnership with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), will be hosting an information session on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for people with disability, their families, carers and community members.

Date: Wednesday 16 May 2018, 1.00pm-3.00pm

Location: Griffith Exies Club, 12 Jondaryan Ave, Griffith

RSVP: Eventbrite.com or call Sussan Ley's office on 02 6964 1212

#ndisready



Information Session

TIP OPENING DAYS/TIMES

Coleambally

Tuesday 9.00am - 11.00am
Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am
Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Darlington Point

Tuesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Sunday 8.00am - 11.00am

Jerilderie

Monday 8.00am - 11.00am
Wednesday 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday 8.00am - 11.00am
Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm



SENIORS WEEK

Following on from the Seniors Luncheon in Jerilderie, Seniors Week events were held in Coleambally over the week of 9-13 April. Community service co-ordinator Kerri Weymouth said that the week was a great success. The seniors from the Murrumbidgee Council area had the opportunity to attend 6 different workshops, including a Ukulele Workshop, Carving Workshop, Hand Massage and Pretty Nails, Wellbeing for All and Eco Dyeing Workshop. Kerri said "We were lucky to have skilled workshop facilitators to run the workshops being held throughout the week, the participants all enjoyed each other's company and the challenge of learning new skills".



A pamper session at the Hand Massage & Pretty Nails Workshop

The official Seniors Week luncheon was held on 12 April and was well attended with over 100 guests. They were entertained by "Me 'n' Me Mates" from Adelaide and our own Ukulele group along with our friends the "Mugs" from Griffith.

Many thanks to all that helped make it a great success, including Council staff Kerri, Kylie, Cherie and Cindy.



Residents enjoying a musical piece from the "Mugs" and local Ukulele group.



Wellbeing for All Workshop



Wood Carving Workshop at the Coleambally Men's Shed

Jerilderie Ned Kelly Show 'N' Shine & Tractors

The Jerilderie Ned Kelly Show 'n' Shine & Tractors will be held again this year with a weekend full of activities planned for the event. This year the Tractor Trek will be held on the Saturday with the Show 'n' Shine on the Sunday as well as markets stalls.

Tractor Trek: Saturday 19 May from 10am at the Jerilderie Racecourse

Shown 'n' Shine & Markets: Sunday 20 May from 10.30am at the Jerilderie Lake.

For more information contact: Colin 0427 861 070 or Ian 0428 861 750 or find them on Facebook:
Jerilderie Ned Kelly Show 'N' Shine & Tractors 2018





Many Paths to the Point

Heritage Darlington Point, in conjunction with the National Trust, will be holding an open day on Sunday 13 May from 10am. This is the 7th event held with the National Trust, with the theme this year being "Many Paths to the Point", focusing on all the different aspects of people in the area. Morning tea and light refreshments will be available, entry is by way of gold coin donation. For more information please contact Mona Finley on 0269 684 130.

Whilst you are at the open day take the opportunity to see the historic windmill recently relocated to the Museum grounds. The windmill is believed to have been owned by Jack Curphey, late resident of Stock Street and, until recently, was held in Council's Darlington Point Depot yard. The windmill made its journey to the Darlington Point Museum on the 20 April 2018 and will be positioned there to mark the site of the well that originally served as the water supply for the police complex - the location of the site having been identified by a long-time resident. It is not intended that the windmill be restored to the level of functioning as a pumping mechanism, but as a structure to provide historical interest and decorative value in its own right.



A table set for Easter in the Russian tradition. (photo M. Finley)



The historic windmill being transported to its new home.

COMMUNITY PRIDE

It is great to see residents watering and maintaining their nature strips during this particularly dry spell, especially those limiting water usage to maximise water efficiency. Caring for your nature strip improves the amenity of our towns across the Council area and instills a sense of community pride.

COLEAMBALLY & DARLINGTON POINT DOCTORS' SURGERY- CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS

Please note the Doctors' Surgeries no longer have a landline, they can be contacted on the following numbers:

Darlington Point 0481 813 740

Coleambally 0479 180 037



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thursday 24 May 2018

1pm - 3pm

Monash Room,
Jerilderie Library



LUCKY DOOR
PRIZES &
RAFFLES!



THE FACE OF MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL:

Rhonda Cox and Catie Purtell – Jerilderie Library

Rhonda and Catie job share at the Jerilderie Library. Rhonda has had many years of experience in the library and seen many changes to the library services over her 33 years. Catie started at the library in 2010 as a trainee and is the resident genealogist. Rhonda lives in Jerilderie and enjoys lifeball and bingo. Catie and her family are farmers in Berrigan where she leads a busy life.

In their spare time the ladies enjoy reading, crafting and time with family. They love the array of visitors to the library. Whether borrowing items or searching family history, there are always diverse activities to keep them engaged.



From left: Catie Purtell and Rhonda Cox

Library Services

The **Jerilderie Library** is located at 41-43 Jerilderie Street and is a fantastic facility for all members of the community. The library offers various services including computers for public use with free internet access, audio books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, reference material, photocopying, scanning and laminating services, and of course a large range of books from children to adult.

The Jerilderie Library is open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 5pm and Wednesdays 10am - 6pm (closed for lunch 12 - 12.30pm)

The **mobile library** services the towns of Coleambally and Darlington Point and also has a Home Library service available for school groups, aged care facilities or those unable to visit the library. The mobile library visits Coleambally on Wednesdays from 2pm - 4.40pm and Darlington Point on Thursdays from 2pm - 4.15pm.

For a full range of library services please visit our website or contact Council.



WHAT'S ON?

Upcoming events

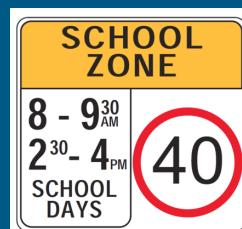
- ◆ 13 May Heritage Darlington Point Open Day - 'Many Paths to the Point', 10am
- ◆ 16 May Jerilderie Library Movie Session - Murder on the Orient Express, 1pm
- ◆ 16 May - NDIS Information and Q & A, Griffith - contact Sussan Ley's office on 02 6964 1212
- ◆ 19 May Jerilderie Tractor Trek
- ◆ 20 May Jerilderie Show 'n' Shine & Tractors
- ◆ 24 May - Cancer Council morning tea - Monash Room, Jerilderie Library 1pm - 3pm
- ◆ 27 May - Growing Venturous Exhibition Opening, 10am, Peppin Heritage Centre Deniliquin, local artist Roslyn Lockhart
- ◆ 8-11 June - Coleambally 50th Birthday Celebrations
- ◆ 8-11 June - League of Silent Flight, Jerilderie Racecourse
- ◆ 20 June - Jerilderie Library Movie Session - The Greatest Showman, 1pm
- ◆ 23 June - Jerilderie Debutante Ball

**If you have a local event coming up
please let us know**

Council Meetings - 10 am

22 May-Darlington Point

26 June-Jerilderie



School is officially back, remember to adhere to school zone speed limits!

Contacting your Council

Council Branch Offices are located at:

Darlington Point - 21 Carrington Street

Coleambally - 39 Brolga Place

Jerilderie - 35 Jerilderie St

Phone: 1300 MRMBGE (676243)

E-mail: mail@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

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Join in Sunday's Street Parade

Starts at Club Carpark 10.30am Sunday --

Get Creative with your entry!

Who will receive the honour of best float?

Coly Gift: 1/2 time @ AFL

1st Grade Coly V's Nth Jets @

Stadium Oval

Register in the morning at the
Canteen. Juniors & Open events



Coleambally's 50th Birthday

8th - 11th June 2018

Thanks to:

SunRice, Coleambally Irrigation, Murrumbidgee Council,
MSC Demo Farm, DPC Apex Club, Coleambally Lions Club,
Riverina Vintage Machinery Club, RFS, Coleambally Central
School, Kerrie Weymouth & Coleambally Quilting Group

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Saturday 2.30pm: Demo Farm Bus tour includes
Coleambally Solar Farm, Standard Ethanol, the Demo
Farm, afternoon tea & tastings at Yarrow Park Olive
Grove Tickets \$15 ahead available at Coleambally
Irrigation. Departs Bus stop in front of Hall



EST. 1968



**Fun for the Young & Old:
Get building your Billy Cart Entry
Racing Sunday 12pm @ Hall Carpark**

Coleambally



EST. 1968

PROGRAM

FRIDAY 8TH JUNE

7.30pm Fashion Parade, Cutting of B'day Cake, Supper launch of CEFCDP Oral History Book & DVD @ Coly Community Club \$5 Donation to Local Charity

SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

All day RFS & Vintage machinery displays, History displays of old photos at CCS library, machinery and Pioneer replica & quilting displays at the Central School Hall

10am AFL Football/Netball Games No. 1 & 2 ovals

12pm Red Cross Social Cards @ Club Free Afternoon tea

2.30pm Demo Farm Bus: Standard Ethanol, Solar Farm, \$15, under 6 free. Bookings at the Club are Essential

2pm Demo Farm Bus: Standard Ethanol, Solar Farm, Demo Farm & Yarrow Park tour pick up at bus stop in front of hall. Tickets \$15 available at Coly Irrigation

3pm 1/2 time AFL Running of the Coly Griff No.1 oval

5pm Bonfire, SunRice BushDance, Food Stalls @ Paddock

8pm Fireworks at the town paddock

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE

All day RFS & Vintage machinery displays, History displays of old photos at CCS library, machinery and Pioneer replica & quilting displays at the Central School Hall

8am Poets & Pioneers Breakfast at John Mc Innes Sq

9am Church Service at John Mc Innes Square

9.30am Poetry Competition at John Mc Innes Square

10am Market stalls in Brolga Place

10.30am Street Parade: Coly Club Car park to Lions Park

11.30am Starting up the Bucyrus at the Lions Park

12pm Billy Cart Races - Meet at the Hall car park

12.45pm Opening & replenishing of the time capsule @ water tower - welcome to bring a small item too add

1.30pm BMX Family Focused Demos at the Skate park

5pm School Reunions at the Stadium

MONDAY 11TH JUNE

Check out the town & catch up with friends

10am Starting up the Bucyrus

10am Yarrow Park Olive Grove - tastings

For updates see our Facebook page

