



Murrumbidgee

COUNCIL *Community Newsletter*

 **WINTER 2022**

Message from the Mayor



Last month, it was a great pleasure to join Member for Albury Justin Clancy MP and Jerilderie Early Learning Centre (ELC) President Stephanie Girdwood to officially open the new \$1.63 million ELC building. My thanks to all who have been involved in this project.

On the sustainable living front, is the news that we will be moving to a three bin system for waste collection from 1 July 2023. This will comprise a bin for general waste (to go to landfill), one for recycling, and a third for Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO). This is an exciting time for our area as we improve how we manage waste, live more sustainably and ensure our waste doesn't become a problem for future generations. You can read more about the new arrangements in this newsletter.

Our Council footprint continues to be a desirable location for renewable energy development, both solar and wind turbine, with ongoing discussions and meetings with interested developers. Whilst we fully support strategies to generate and deliver affordable energy for our nation, we believe this complex market needs to be further refined to achieve greater equality in electricity prices across the nation, and more reasonable benefits for the communities impacted by these developments.

Health continues to be an area we are actively engaged in. The positive news is that the Coleambally community once again has access to a fortnightly Child and Maternal Health Service. This is a starting point and one we hope to build on in the community services area. Terrific news, too, that the Jerilderie Emergency Department has returned to full-time services.

The RAMJO Health Sub Committee met in Jerilderie recently and prioritised its focus for advocacy for the coming months. This includes ambulance accessibility and recruitment and retention of staff.

Lots of social and sporting events are now on the calendar. The recent youth trip to Altina Wildlife Park in the school holidays, hosted by Council and funded by the NSW Government, was a great success. We are hoping our application for the next round of funding will be successful as we have more events planned for the spring school holidays.

As we're out and about more, comes a need to remain vigilant against COVID and the flu. We know that vaccinations and face masks are two very effective ways to protect ourselves.

In closing, our Council and our nation warmly welcomed Charmé and Johan Van der Walt, Michaela Walsh and Jane McMillan at their Citizenship Ceremony recently. We congratulate them for taking this step and wish them all the best for the future.

Regards, *Ruth McRae*



**YOUR PET.
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

**KEEP THEM
SAFE!**

For both dogs and cats:

- ✓ Microchipped by 12 weeks (or before if being sold/given away)
- ✓ Registered by six months of age
- ✓ Up to date registration details (in case your pet is lost)
- ✓ Not allowed to stray

Doggie do's:

- ✓ Under control at all times, whether on or off your property
- ✓ On a lead and under the control of a competent person when in public (except in a leash-free area)
- ✓ Not allowed to bark excessively

Some useful tips for cats:

- ✓ Identified with a collar, tag and cat bell
- ✓ Kept indoors at night to prevent hunting, cat calling and fighting
- ✓ Desexed to reduce straying, antisocial behaviour and unwanted kittens

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Waste in the spotlight

Three bins are on the way!

Residents in our Council area will be able to manage our household and organic waste more effectively from 1 July next year with the introduction of a three bin system for kerbside waste collection.

Murrumbidgee Council General Manager John Scarce said the three bin system will comprise general waste, mixed recyclables and Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO).

Mr Scarce said the decision follows the NSW Government mandate that local Councils must introduce a FOGO kerbside collection service before 2030.

“At Council, we are very keen to move to the new system next year as we actively work to improve the way we manage waste in our Council footprint.

“We know there are benefits, both environmentally and financially, of a waste management system that builds a circular economy, whereby we maximise the materials we reuse and recycle and minimise waste going to landfill,” he said.

“We have set targets for our Council area, with the aim of reducing the amount of general waste per household by 52% by 1 July 2024.

“To achieve this target, we are looking to increase the materials that are recycled by 18% and reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by 30%,” Mr Scarce said.

The new three bin system also means Jerilderie residents will receive a

kerbside recycling collection service.

“Feedback from the Jerilderie community has shown this is an important priority for locals and we’re very pleased to be able to facilitate this.

“Council will be providing lots of information to residents about the new three bin system and how to sort waste correctly.

“Ratepayers will be given the opportunity to choose the bin sizes they would like. Letters will be sent to all ratepayers towards the end of the year,” he said.

More information is available on [Council’s website](#) and from Council offices.

Key Points



- From 1 July 2023 residents with kerbside collection will have three bins.
- Residents will be able to choose which size bins they would like. Letters will be sent to ratepayers in November. People who are renting should discuss their preferred bin size with their landlord/agent.
- The new three bin system also means Jerilderie residents will receive a kerbside recycling collection service.
- This initiative is part of an overall strategy by the NSW Government based around the concept of a circular economy. This works on the principle of using our resources more efficiently and reusing or recycling them, which in turn, reduces the amount of waste going to landfill or ending up as litter.



Community Recycling Centres (CRC) (Coleambally and Jerilderie Landfills)

Drop off your paint, gas bottles and fire extinguishers, motor oils and other oils and car batteries at Coleambally or Jerilderie Waste Depots. These items can go to the CRC at the waste depots or the mini-stations at any of our offices: household batteries, smoke detectors and fluorescent tubes and globes. Laser toner cartridges and mobile phones can also go Council offices.

LET'S GET SORTED!

From 1 July 2023, residents with kerbside collection will have three bins. This will allow us all to manage our waste more effectively.

This guide shows:

- What goes in each bin
- How often the bin will be collected, and
- The bin sizes you can choose from

Note: we currently have 240 litre bins in our Council area

1. General Waste (red lid)

Collected fortnightly

Bin sizes: 120 litre or 240 litre

- Household garbage
- Polystyrene and foam
- Nappies
- Tetra packs
- Broken glassware, crockery and mirrors
- Damaged old shoes, clothing and textiles (use for rags if suitable)
- Soft plastics (Note: larger supermarkets have REDcycle bins)
- Pet waste



2. Recycling (yellow lid)

Collected fortnightly

Bin sizes: 360 litre or 240 litre

- All paper, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and advertising brochures (not shredded)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Juice and milk cartons
- Rigid plastic containers: Numbers 1-6
- Steel cans, including aerosols
- Aluminium cans, trays and foil



3. Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) (green lid)

Collected weekly

Bin sizes: 360 litre or 240 litre

- All food waste
- All garden waste
- Compostable plant-based packaging and items





THREE BIN KERBSIDE COLLECTION

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What type of waste will each wheelie bin hold?

- i. General waste – red lid
- ii. Mixed recycling (also called ‘co-mingled’) – yellow lid
- iii. Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) – green lid

2. When will the new three stream system commence?

The new system will start 1 July 2023.

3. What are the benefits to our community?

The introduction of three bins for kerbside collection will allow us all to manage our waste more effectively. It is part of an overall strategy by the NSW Government based around the concept of a circular economy, which works on the principle of using our resources more efficiently and making them more productive. We extend the lifeline of our products by reusing or recycling them. This, in turn, reduces the amount of waste going to landfill or ending up as litter. It ensures our waste does not become a problem for future generations to deal with and allows us to live sustainably in our natural environment.

4. Why are we moving to a three bin system?

The decision to introduce a kerbside recycling service in Jerilderie township is in response to extensive community feedback. The FOGO bins are a NSW Government requirement that local Councils have until 2030 to implement a household bin service to collect food organics and garden organics (FOGO) from the kerb.



We are aiming to:

- Reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfill by 30%
- Increase the overall amount of recycling by 18%
- Reduce the amount of general waste by 52%
- Reduce plastic litter reduction by 30% by 2025 (NSW Government target)
- Reduce, and where possible eliminate, single use plastic items within Council (draft Single Use Plastics Policy July 2023)

5. How will I know what goes in each bin?

We will provide stickers on the top of the bin to tell you the correct contents for each bin. We will also be distributing lots of other information so we can all sort our waste properly. It's important that we put the correct things in the correct bin so the contents are not contaminated.

6. What happens if waste in the FOGO or recycled bins is contaminated?

If the contents are contaminated, the whole contents of the bin is either sent to landfill or we are charged an additional processing fee by the recycling plant to sort the waste.

7. Will I get a kitchen caddy for my organic waste?

Yes, we will supply a handy kitchen caddy, along with compostable bags.

8. Can I choose the size of bins I would like?

Yes, we will all have the opportunity to nominate the bin size we would like. We currently have 240 litre bins in our Council area. The options with the new three stream system are:

FOGO	360L OR 240L
General waste	240L OR 120L
Recycling	360L OR 240L

9. When will my bins get collected?

FOGO	Weekly
General waste	Fortnightly
Recycling	Fortnightly

10. Do I have to have a green bin if I don't want one?

Yes, the NSW Government has passed a law that all NSW households must have a FOGO bin for kerbside collection by 2030.

11. Do I have to have a yellow recycling bin if I don't want one?

At Council, we support the NSW Government's Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy. Increasing the amount of material that is recycled instead of going to landfill is an important part of this strategy.

The kerbside collection service is a simple, convenient way of recycling. Your property will be charged for a yellow bin as part of Council's fee structure.

12. Where does my recycling go?

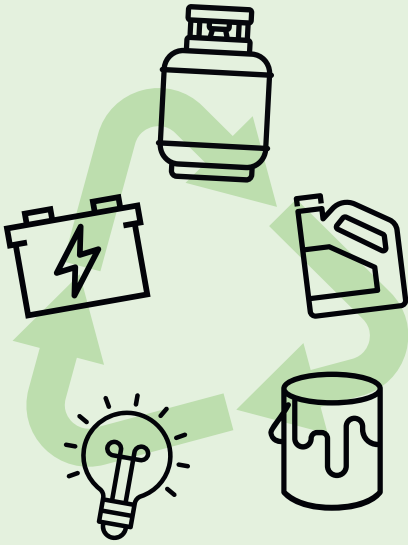
Our recycling goes to Kurrajong Waratah in Wagga Wagga. Two trips will be made to Wagga Wagga each collection week.

The other news is that Hay Shire Council is proposing to build a Materials Recovery Centre. When this facility is completed, we will send our recycling to Hay, instead of Wagga Wagga.

13. Where will my organics waste go?

The contents of the FOGO bins will be driven to Worm Tech's Composting Facility (located in our Council area). Council staff will carry out this role. It is likely two trips will be made to the facility each collection week.

We will purchase a new larger side load garbage truck to make the process more efficient.



Do we have other recycling options in our Council area?

Community Recycling Centres (CRC) are drop-off centres where we can drop off common household problem waste that can't be collected via Council kerbside waste and recycling collection services (free of charge).

Coleambally and Jerilderie Waste Depots have CRC sheds, where you can drop off household quantities of paint, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, motor oils, other oils, car batteries, household batteries, smoke detectors and fluorescent tubes and globes. The car batteries at Coleambally are utilised by the Men's Shed as a fundraising activity.

Mini stations are located at the Coleambally, Jerilderie and Darlington Point offices household batteries, smoke alarms, light globes, mobile phones and accessories and toner cartridges.

We also take part in the national DrumMUSTER and ChemClear programs.

Childcare needs in Coleambally in the spotlight

Demand for childcare in Coleambally has been the latest fact finding mission for Council to ensure each town has services available to meet community needs.

At Council, we are committed to working with the community to ensure facilities, such as childcare, are available so that parents can manage work and life commitments knowing their young children are in a safe and nurturing environment.

We also know that childcare has many benefits for children because it provides important opportunities for them to learn, socialise and develop.

The reaction to the Coleambally survey was excellent, with over 60 responses. The social media post promoting the survey received by far the biggest engagement for the year.

The survey followed on from the recent opening of the \$1.63 million Early Learning Centre building in Jerilderie. The new facility will provide 48 places for babies up to five year olds.

Childcare needs in Darlington Point have also been investigated through a community survey. Feedback from both Coleambally and Darlington Point provides Council with valuable information when planning and prioritising projects for the future.





Council news

We offer a Pre-lodgement Advisory Service for DA's!

If you're thinking of lodging an application for development (DA), we offer a free pre-lodgement advisory service, where you can talk with one of the planning team. They'll let you know how to go about obtaining a development approval, points you need to address and the information and plans you'll need to go with your development application. This will avoid you having to chase up extra information and face delays to your application. This service is available in person or over the phone.

Private development and other third party work project planning tool

The Department of Transport has released a new online tool to help when people are planning a project that may interact with roads, rail or waterways in NSW. It allows you to find out the relevant regulations and how to follow them. These resources connect you to information and key contacts to help make sure your application is in order before submitting it for approval. **Visit the website:** <https://bit.ly/3P264W0>

MAKE Arts Group to reconnect

An exciting arts project is on the cards in Coleambally, focusing on reviving the creative ageing MAKE art program that started in Darlington Point in 2016. 'MAKE' stands for Murrumbidgee Arts Kinship Enterprise and it aims to use art as a therapeutic way of renewing and reconnecting with each other. Local artist, Kerri Weymouth, will lead the project, which is being funded through the Country Arts Support Program.



Free reading program a great hit with the kids!

We are proudly supporting the free literacy program called '1000 Books Before School'. Anyone in our Council area is able to participate. One thousand books sounds a lot, but it's actually only one book every day for three years! The program aims to encourage children to read and help build literacy skills.

- Sign up to the 1000 Books before School Program on the Western Riverina Libraries website (www.wrl.nsw.gov.au/reading-challenges).
- Click on the '1000 Books Before School' icon – if you need a hand, call the team at Jerilderie Library on 03 5886 1868.
- You can register as an individual or a family.

There are some great incentives along the way to your 1000 books, including a library bag for the first 25 books!

Happy reading!

What's on at Jerilderie Library

Storytime for babies and toddlers

Wednesday and Friday -10.30 am

Knitting/Crochet group

Thursday - 10.00 am

Jerilderie Library Hours

Monday	10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Thursday	10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Friday	10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Closed each day
12.00 - 12.30 pm

T: 03 5886 1868

E: library@murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au

Zoo-fari experience a great day out

Local youth were treated to an awesome day out with the free Zoo-fari holiday experience at Altina Wildlife Park recently. Our thanks to everyone who supported the day. Thanks also to the NSW Government for funding the event through the Office of Regional Youth Winter Holiday Break Program.



Let's all do the right thing!

Here's some great tips from Keep Australia Beautiful for a litter-free and sustainable Australia!

Leave nothing behind - Enjoy your picnics in the park, responsibly

- We have over 45 million visitors annually to National Parks in NSW alone.
- 80% of marine pollution originates from land sources.
- Organic waste, like bananas, can take up to 2 years to break down in nature, which can threaten native species.

Put rubbish in the bin – no matter where you are, dispose of rubbish the right way.

- There's an average of 67 litres of litter per square km of recreational areas across Australia, particularly takeaway food and beverage packaging.

Bin your butts

- Australians smoke +8 billion cigarettes annually.
- Cigarette butts are the most littered item across the country.
- Butts are made from plastic and break up into microplastics in the ground and in our waterways.

Lead the change

- Education is the way to make sustainable change for the good.
- Teach others it's not ok to throw rubbish on the ground.
- If you see litter on the ground, even if it's not yours, please put it in the bin.



What's on ...

The Pig Day Out

Sat 13 August 2022, 12 noon start
Punt Hotel, Darlington Point

A fun family-friendly event showcasing the incredibly funny Noah's Thoroughbred Pig Races along with kid's activities, including jumping castle and face painting. Live bands throughout the day. Car and bike show, raffles, prizes or just have a punt on the pigs.

Jerilderie Ferret Races

Sat 27 August 2022, 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm, Monash Park, Jerilderie

Family friendly event - free entry - food and drinks - raffles - prizes. Hosted by St Joseph's School Jerilderie.

www.facebook.com/events/767355354422829/?ref=newsfeed

Jerilderie Gold Cup

Sat 24 September 2022,
Jerilderie Race Course

www.facebook.com/jerilderieraceclub



Redneck River Run

24-30 September 2022

Travelling the Murrumbidgee River in a tinny! Follow the progress: www.facebook.com/riverinaredneckrally/

Coly Spring Debutante Ball

Fri 30 September 2022,
Coleambally Community Club

Hosted by Darlington Point Coleambally Rugby League Football Club: www.facebook.com/DPCRLFC

Spring into October – Pop up Nursery and Markets

Sat 22 October 2022, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Lake Precinct, Powell Street
Free entry - hosted by the Jerilderie United Chamber of Commerce.

Family friendly event - Mini rail will be running and art exhibition at The Willows Homestead.

More information: Ted Nugent - President: 0408 209 326

Jerilderie Uniting Church Flower Show

Fri 28 October 2022
Jerilderie Civic Hall

Contact Lorraine Comber:
03 5886 1576



Taste Coly Food & Farm Festival

28, 29 and 30 October 2022

A fun vibrant festival, held every two years, and a much anticipated event on the community calendar!

Events include: Cocktail Party and Art Exhibition, 50 Mile Meal, Paddock to Plate Precinct - food education stalls, Sunrice Coly Cook-off competition, Art Exhibition, TASTE Art Prize - Country life theme, Kids Art Workshop, Farm Tours, Biodiversity Centre, Billycart Races, Coly Colour/Obstacle Course Run, Watering Hole (showcasing the region's beverages), Market Stalls, Local Entertainers, Celebrity Chef Cooking Demo with guest foodies from Zecca and Smoked Meat Competition. More information: www.tastecoly.com.au



Support for seniors

- Meals on Wheels – a frozen meal service every weekday
- Minor home maintenance and modifications
- Community transport
- Social support
- Domestic assistance
- Centre based group respite
 - Coleambally Community Club, Wednesdays, 12 pm for lunch, then bingo
 - Darlington Point Sports Club, Wednesdays, 10 am for morning tea, then bingo

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Meals on Wheels

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Jerilderie

Berrigan & District Home & Community Support Services

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Museum taking shape

The volunteers of Heritage Darlington Point have been hard at work improving the local history museum. This includes totally refurbishing the interior of the relocated 1908 Council Chambers and installing a disabled access ramp.

The have also been conserving the police station precinct, including re-roofing the Court House and a new roof, windows, flooring and fresh exterior paintwork on the Cottage.

Recently, Museum Consultant, Kim Biggs led a workshop in the Old Council Chambers. Thanks to everyone who attended. Some great ideas were put forward for the future of the museum.

The group is currently assessing the collection and prioritising artefacts for future exhibits.

New members are always welcome.

Contact Shirley Norris 0427 253 226 or email shirley.wayne@bigpond.com

Workshop participants (L-R): Mona Finley, Megan Wood, Kim Biggs, Linda Barnes, Sue Porter, Sue Mitchell, Cr Judy Saxvik, Ken Geltsch, Shirley Norris, Sandra Dalgliesh and Geoff Schubert.



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