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## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR MURRUMBIDGEE COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominations for Murrumbidgee Council's 2018 Australia Day Awards are now open.

Council proudly celebrates Australia Day, with ceremonies held in each of the three towns.

Mayor Ruth McRae said the awards presented an opportunity for residents and community groups to be recognised for their outstanding achievements and service to their community.

"The Australia Day Awards allow us to acknowledge and celebrate the many unsung heroes within our towns; residents and community groups who work tirelessly to make the Murrumbidgee region an even better place to live," Cr McRae said.

"This is the chance for us to recognise the incredible work being done. "If you know of a worthy recipient, please take the time to nominate them."

The Coleambally Australia Day Committee organise their Australia Day celebration. Award categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Junior Sportsperson, Sub Junior Sportsperson, Sports Team, Cultural Award and Event of the Year.

The Darlington Point Town Life Committee coordinate Australia Day celebrations and present various awards including Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Event/Group Achievement of the Year, Senior Sportsperson, Young Sportsperson and Sporting Team of the Year.

In Jerilderie the Australia Day Committee organise a celebratory evening at Luke Park for Australia Day and also present awards. The committee fundraise to provide an impressive fireworks display over the Jerilderie Lake with musical entertainment.

All nominations are strictly confidential. Nominees must be residents of Murrumbidgee Council.

Nomination forms and additional information on individual community awards, including nomination closing dates are available from Council branch offices at Coleambally, Darlington Point and Jerilderie or go to Council's website <a href="http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au">www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au</a>

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