

## MAYORAL REPORT

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March undoubtedly has been busy both work wise and socially.

Our LGA has been very fortunate to have had some significantly funded social opportunities that our communities have embraced, namely the Jerilderie Fun Fair and market day hosted and co-ordinated by St Joseph's Primary School and the Sir John Monash Oration and 100 Year Commemoration of the Jerilderie Cenotaph, hosted by Murrumbidgee Council in conjunction with the Jerilderie RSL Sub Branch.

Both of these events were funded through the Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Event Programme, free to our communities, and so very well patronised.

Council also hosted a "Women in Business Networking" evening at Darlington Point. 25 women had the opportunity to listen and appreciate 2 very interesting business development stories and listen to a RAMPH presentation from MLHD speaking very clearly to business/financial support and empowerment strategies for business enhancement in rural communities. This event was funded by the 2023 NSW Woman's Week Grants Program.

The Active Farmers Games were once again held in Coleambally on 11 March 2023. This well health initiative that primarily supports our menfolk, and in turn their partners and families, is a growing movement that has such relevancy - healthy body /healthy mind - a simple concept with enormous benefits.

Council has also delivered a \$30,000 Heritage Grant. The project titled "Hero or Outlaw Ned Kelly Raid Trail of 1879 Comes to life" has created a 360 degree virtual tour of Kelly's sites of significance and artefacts.

Council thanks our operational staff, many of whom have had a large input in ensuring that these projects have come to fruition, in particular Eden Hercus, Kellie Dissegna and Julie Conn.

The General Manager and I travelled to Newcastle to attend the March meeting of the Country Mayors Association organised regionally. This allowed us the opportunity to be addressed by the CEO of the Newcastle Port Authority and the experience to view the working Port from the water. Programmed growth strategies and visions were clearly identifiable from the 2 hours we spent on the water- it is an expectation that 2 regional meetings of Country Mayors will be held each year.

Please enjoy the upcoming Easter/school holiday break. Continued vigilance around Covid 19, Japanese Encephalitis and Murray River Encephalitis will keep us well. Major road repairs are being undertaken as quickly as can be done, please be mindful while travelling on our roads.

I remind you also of the care and compliance required when you are burning off, the fuel load is immense and as we are all too aware grass fires move rapidly.

Below are some of the meetings I have attended in the last 2 months

2 March 2023

Visit Riverina Meeting - hosted by Murrumbidgee Council in Jerilderie

7 March 2023

Women in Business Networking Evening - Darlington Point

8 and 9 March 2023

Country Mayors Meeting Newcastle

Visit and address from Port of Newcastle Authority CEO and Tour of the Port by Water

15 March 2023

Council Workshop Darlington Point via Zoom

17 March 2023

Sir John Monash Dinner - Oration and Commemoration of the 100years of the Jerilderie Cenotaph - Jerilderie

23 March 2023

Launch and delivery of the Ned Kelly Heritage Project "Hero or Villain - Ned Kelly Raid Trail 1879 comes to life" 360 degree Virtual Tour - Jerilderie

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Workshop and meeting - Darlington Point

29 March 2023

Murray Darling Association Region 9 Meeting - Griffith



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