



JERILDERIE SHIRE JOURNAL



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FROM THE MAYORS DESK**

**PUBLIC MEETING
DRAFT DELIVERY
PROGRAM (2014-2018)
AND OPERATIONAL
PLAN (2014/2015)**

At its April meeting, Council adopted the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan, which also indicates proposals for the next ten years.

These documents have been placed on public exhibition for comment until Monday 16 June. All comments will be considered by Council at its June meeting, when the Plans will be adopted. All documents are available on Council's website, with hard copies available for viewing in the Council offices and the Jerilderie Library.

Council intends to present these Plans for discussion at a public meeting to be held in the Ian Gilbert Room this evening commencing at 7.00pm. Residents and ratepayers are encouraged to attend this meeting.

BANJO AND A BUSH DANCE

Please keep in mind the upcoming event - "Banjo and a Bushdance" - to be held at the Jerilderie Racecourse, this Saturday evening 24 May 2014. This is a major fundraiser for the "Four Creeks Festival" 2015. Booking enquiries telephone 0409 029564 or helene@jumptreestudios.com.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

The Jerilderie Library will once again be hosting the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea tomorrow afternoon, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The event will be held in the Monash Room, with entry via the Library. There will be a lucky door prize and raffles throughout the afternoon. Over the last few years in excess of \$6000 has been raised. A truly outstanding effort by Rhonda, Catie and the community.

LIBRARY FUNDING PETITION

Libraries are often the most well-used and valued public facility in a community, however Council's ability to maintain service levels are at risk due to deteriorating NSW State Government funding. Council is seeking the support of all library lovers to sign a petition requesting increased and sustainable library funding. This petition is available at the Jerilderie Town Library.

NOXIOUS WEEDS ALERT

A Parthenium Plant was discovered on the Conargo Road 3.1km north of the 50km signs. This is the same area as a previous infestation. Red guide posts have been installed to alert the public of the area of most concern. For further information on Parthenium Weed, please contact Council's Weeds Officer, David Saunders on 0427 848194. Leaflets are available at the Shire Office.

JERILDERIE NEWSAGENCY

Best wishes to Ben and Natasha Nash who have recently taken over the Jerilderie Newsagency (phone: 0358 861311). Ben and Natasha are long term residents, and it is pleasing to see their involvement in our business community.

Please continue to show your support for local businesses by shopping locally.

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BUDGET PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting on 21 May in the Civic Hall, addressing initiatives in the June 2014 Operational and Delivery Plan, and attended by 54 members of the community, provided the first part of necessary feedback. The rate rise proposal, which has been the focus and the subject of letters of comment in opposition, is twelve months away, and will require more consultation prior to a request being presented to the Minister and IPART for approval. This will occur up to the end of February 2015.

Council will schedule more public meetings and other communication, such as a survey, in order to ensure that the ratepayers have been given ample opportunity to comment and we have a clear record of the level of support for the proposal, as required for any application.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING-CHANGE OF TIME

The June meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 24 June 2014, with a change to the commencement time. The meeting will convene at 1.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

FLOOD STUDY PUBLIC MEETING

Members of the public are invited to attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 June, commencing 7.00pm in the Ian Gilbert Room. This meeting will provide an opportunity for Council to present the findings of the Draft Jerilderie Flood Study to the community.

CANCER COUNCIL BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Congratulations to Jerilderie Library staff Rhonda and Catie, and the Jerilderie community, who raised \$1737 for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. A truly outstanding effort.

JERILDERIE MENS SHED

Don't throw out your old whitegoods, TV's or batteries. The Mens Shed can recycle them. Drop off any unwanted goods to the Mens Shed at 31 Mahonga Street (ex PP Board building) on Tuesday or Thursday morning or contact Bruce Crittenden 58861485 to arrange pick up.

2 RIVERS RUN TRACTOR RALLY FOR MENS HEALTH

With over 40 participants and 20 vintage tractors involved, the 2 Rivers Run Tractor Rally started out in Jerilderie on Thursday 22 May. This massive trek of 540km from Jerilderie to the Murrumbidgee at Darlington Point, and then on to Coleambally, Morundah, Urana, Oaklands, Berrigan, Tocumwal and Finley, finally ended up back in Jerilderie on Wednesday, 28 May. An outstanding amount of \$8555.00 was distributed between the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Beyond Blue. The organisers of the Rally would like to thank the major sponsor of the event, the Coleambally Community Bank, for their generous donation of \$2000.

COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Community Building Partnership Grants allow community groups to apply for grants that will benefit the local community by providing positive social, recreational and environmental outcomes. Grant applications for local community infrastructure projects through the 2014 Community Building Partnership opened on Monday 9 June 2014 and will close Friday 18 July 2014. All incorporated not-for-profit community organisations are encouraged to apply. Applications are to be submitted online at www.communitybuilding-partnership.nsw.gov.au

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Councillor Hogan FROM THE MAYORS DESK SIR JOHN MONASH 2014 DINNER AND LECTURE

The date for the 2014 Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture has been set. This annual event will be held on Saturday evening 15 November 2014, commencing 6.30pm. Council has been fortunate to secure Mr Tim Fischer, AC, as the guest speaker for the evening. The event will see the Riverina launch of Mr Fischer's book "Maestro John Monash-Australia's Greatest Citizen General".

Mr Fischer said he is delighted to accept Council's invitation, adding that Sir John Monash spent his formative years growing up in and around the town and district, and attending the Jerilderie Public School, making Jerilderie a fitting place for his Riverina book launch.

The announcement of the successful applicant for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary will be made on the night.

This enjoyable evening will include a two course dinner, with a bar available on the evening.

Further details are available on Council's website www.jerilderie.nsw.gov.au or by contacting the office on 03 5886 1200.

RATING QUESTIONNAIRE

Included with Council rate notices was a short survey. This survey represents an important part of our consultation with the community on the content of our budget proposals for the next few years.

Minimising expenditure on a number of areas and increasing income is crucial to our sustainability into the future. The NSW State Government is looking to revitalise local Government, with one of the proposals being a reduction in the number of Councils. If you wish Council to remain viable into the future you need to have your say, and one of the best ways is to respond to this survey.

Remember, fill in the survey - have your say!! Questionnaires can be returned to the box on the counter at the Shire Office, email to mail@jerilderie.nsw.gov.au or by post on or before 1 September 2014.

HANDOVER OF RURAL FIRE SERVICE STATION

Jerilderie Shire Council has been the contractor for the new Rural Fire Service (RFS) Station in Southey Street, and last Friday Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ruth McRae presented the keys to the Station to Superintendent Lindsay Lashbrook, Mid Murray Zone, Rural Fire Service in a small ceremony to mark the formal handover of the Station. Present at the handover were RFS representatives, Councillors and staff and Bush Fire Captains.

With works now completed, the RFS have scheduled the official opening of the Station for November this year.

JERILDERIE DIGITAL TV RETUNE

As the final step in Australia's move to digital-only TV, all TV channels will change frequencies in Jerilderie. After the channels have changed, you will need to retune your digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder to find the channels that have moved. If you are missing a channel on or after Jerilderie's retune date of 10 September, you should retune to ensure you continue to receive all available free-to-air digital channels.

Retuning is simple - for most systems press the "menu" button on the remote and follow the prompts to retune. If you have difficulty retuning you should refer to the manufacturer's handbook, ask a friend or family member for help, visit the Digital Ready website, www.digitalready.gov.au/retune or call the Digital Ready Information Line 1800 20 10 13 from 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

If you find channels haven't changed, you may be receiving a signal from a different TV transmitter. You can check to see which channels should have changed in your area by entering your address into the 'get retune info' box on the website. In some cases, certain digital equipment will automatically retune itself. This means you won't need to do anything.

NSW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We are particularly proud of the contribution that volunteers make to all aspects of our community life. Volunteers are the life blood of our community and are often unrecognised for their valuable, selfless commitment. The Jerilderie Shire Council recognises and appreciates the week in - week out contributions that volunteers make.

The 2014 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are organized by The Centre for Volunteering. This year's Murray Regional Ceremony will be held on Thursday 2 October 2014 at the Albury Club.

There are five main categories for nominations, including NSW Volunteer of the Year (student, youth, adult and senior) and NSW Volunteer Team of the Year. All you have to do is nominate your dedicated volunteers or volunteer team. Nominate online or download a nomination form at: <http://www.volunteering.com.au/2014-awards/> Nominations close on Sunday 31 August 2014.

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Councillor Hogan FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK BUDGET PUBLIC MEETING

Ratepayers and residents are invited to attend a public meeting in the Ian Gilbert Room of the Civic Hall on Thursday evening 25 September 2014, commencing 7.00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to further discuss proposals in the Management Plan for next year to increase rates and dispose of unused buildings. Council's viability will depend on actions taken in the next few years on financial matters. Feedback on the response from ratepayers to the questionnaire distributed with Council's rate notices will also be provided to the meeting.

Ratepayers and residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

JERILDERIE GOLD CUP RACE MEETING

With a forecast for beautiful weather, I hope to see the community out in force to support the Jerilderie Gold Cup Race Meeting this Saturday 20 September 2014. This day provides the perfect opportunity to welcome family and friends back to our wonderful town for a fantastic day of country racing and community spirit.

SIR JOHN MONASH DINNER AND BURSARY

The 2014 Sir John Monash Dinner and Lecture will be held in the Jerilderie Civic Hall on Saturday evening 15 November 2014, commencing 6.30pm.

In this Centenary of ANZAC year, we are privileged to once again welcome as guest speaker The Hon Tim Fischer, AC, who was guest speaker at the inaugural Monash Dinner event in 2008. The evening will see the Riverina launch of Mr Fischer's book "Maestro John Monash-Australia's Greatest Citizen General".

The announcement of the successful applicant for the Sir John Monash Education Bursary valued at \$2000 will be made on the night. Details regarding the Bursary are available from Council's website www.jerilderie.nsw.gov.au

This enjoyable evening will include a two course dinner, with a bar available on the evening. Tickets will be available shortly from the Shire Office. For enquiries or to book please call 03 5886 1200.

JERILDERIE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUBS CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Jerilderie Football and Netball Clubs who continued their premiership success in the 2014 season. Jerilderie Senior Footballers asserted their dominance, leaving Strathmerton with no opportunity after half time. Congratulations to the 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under and C Reserve netballers who all brought their best game to the day and came home victorious. Commiserations to our Seconds and Fourths footballers. Our Clubs continue to go from strength to strength, and it is so pleasing to see our junior teams having such success, as they are the future of the Clubs.

HAY DONATIONS TO DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

At a recent RAMROC meeting, discussion was held regarding truck convoy delivery of hay to assist farmers affected by the severe drought conditions in northern NSW. The next delivery of hay is planned to leave Burrumbuttock for the Brewarrina area on Friday 26 September 2014. Anyone able to assist with the donation of hay can contact Brendan Farrell on mobile 0467 808 229 or through a donation to the Rotary Club of Sydney, telephone 02 8014 8073

NOXIOUS WEEDS - DO NOT ENTER THE RED ZONE!

Weed Officers are installing Red Guide Posts along roadsides throughout the Riverina to identify known locations of high risk noxious weeds. The posts alert road users of the area they need to avoid to prevent further spread of noxious weeds along high risk pathways.

Over 2,000 red guide posts have been distributed to 33 participating councils across the Riverina & Western NSW to be installed next to existing white guide posts at the "START" and "END" of high risk noxious weed infestations. Murray Local Land Services has also partnered with this project.

A major component of the pilot project is an extensive awareness campaign that will be launched at the upcoming Henty Machinery Field Days, supported by an animated television commercial.

Further information on the Red Guide post initiative can be found at www.riverinaweeds.org.au

By avoiding Red Guide Posted areas we can all help stop the spread of weeds.

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