

What you're going
through isn't easy.
It's good we can talk
about it.

Have you been
feeling this way
for a while?

**THERE'S
MORE TO SAY
— AFTER —
RUOK?™**

That's tough.
Keep talking,
I'm listening.

Learn what to say at ruok.org.au
A conversation could change a life



Ask R U OK?

How are you travelling?

You don't seem yourself lately – want to talk about it?



Listen with an open mind

I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?



Encourage action

Have you spoken to your doctor or a health professional about this?

What do you think is a first step that would help you through this?



Check in

Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved or changed since we last spoke?

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Message from the Mayor

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and circumstances have made it even more important for us all to stay connected. So, in the lead-up to 'R U OK? Day' we want to share resources to help increase people's confidence and capacity to talk to each other about life's ups and downs.

You don't have to be an expert to keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK. But by keeping the conversation flowing you can help someone feel supported and help them access appropriate help long before they're in crisis, which can make a positive difference to their life.

I really do encourage residents to check out the resources at www.ruok.org.au which provide great tips on how to ask, then listen, encourage action and check in.

We'll also be sharing information locally and via our social platform when 'RUOK? Day' rolls around on September 10.



'RUOK? Day' encourages all of us to have regular, meaningful conversations to support anyone struggling with life's ups and downs. Please take the time to check in with your loved ones. A conversation could change a life.

Cr Chris Bilkey



COVID-19

In response to the evolving COVID-19 situation, Council is continuing to take measured precautions to ensure we keep our staff and community safe.

We are also closely following all advice provided by relevant authorities and we are updating information as it comes to hand.

For the latest information on Council services or information for your community during this ongoing pandemic, visit www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/service-updates-covid-19.

For up-to-date health advice and regulations always refer to nsw.gov.au



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Keep an eye on updates or community information via our Facebook Page: Murray River Council.



New landmark recreation spaces

We've wrapped up the construction phase of two of our bigger major infrastructure projects over the last couple of months, with the multi-purpose pavilions in both Moama and Barham now standing as landmark recreation spaces in both communities. We are proud of the results and thank our local community groups and committees who have been the driving force behind these projects from the beginning. Both projects were funded under the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund.

Moama Pavilion

Moama Recreation Reserve's new \$3.9 million landmark recreation space now stands as Moama's largest and most versatile indoor multi-purpose space.

Designed by local design firm Brandrick Architects and constructed by Colin Joss and Co Pty Limited, the pavilion features a function area, club rooms, AFL compliant change rooms, a kiosk, viewing areas, public amenities, storage, car parking and landscape works.

External works will have a key focus on access to all areas through concrete pathways and established trees will provide shade in the warmer months.

Council also recently extended the contract to include Stage two of the project which is the addition of the teared grandstand complete with folding stadium seating.

With the building now finalised after 9 months of construction, Council staff have begun the external landscaping and carpark works. A key design

component of the landscaping is to separate car parking from high-pedestrian areas to improve safety.

The unusual facade has attracted a lot of positive feedback for its difference in the landscape and will be an attraction for locals and visitors alike.

A big shout out to the Moama Football/Netball Club and the Cricket Club who have been working with Council staff right throughout this process to ensure the pavilion delivers maximum benefits for the whole community.



Barham's Pavilion

Barham's new \$2 million facility is located at the Barham Recreation Reserve and will deliver an impressive social and recreation space for local sporting and community groups.

Designed by McKnight and Bray Architects, and with construction by OT McLoughlan Constructions, the pavilion includes AFL compliant football and netball change rooms, trainers facilities, time keeper's office, function room, kitchen, stores, bar, amenities and external paving/ramps.

Works have also now commenced on complimenting the pavilion with new footpaths, park furniture, children's playground, car parking and landscaping at the site.

The footpaths will connect all areas to the pavilion to allow safe transition between the change rooms, netball courts and ground, with a focus on open lawns and established trees to provide shade in the warmer months.

Designated car parking will separate vehicle movements from pedestrian areas to further improve safety around the new facility.

A big thanks to the Barham Recreation Reserve committee for their ongoing input. They've been a big driver of the project, ensuring the complex

further cements the reserve as a focal point for participation in local sport, recreation and community activity.

Some other community infrastructure projects that have also recently wrapped up include:

- Moama's new Off-Leash Dog Park
- Moulmein Pre-School/Day Care extension
- Two-lane boat ramp at Picnic Point
- Barham Pontoon rectification
- Tooleybuc Mensforth park upgrades

And there's a few more still on their way too...stay tuned!



Preparing for Adverse Events

Ever wondered how Council links in with the community in the face of adverse events, such as drought or the current pandemic?

Or have you considered how prepared your community feels for potential adverse events in the future?

Council has developed an Adverse Event Plan designed to provide guidance for increasing resilience to potential adverse events that may threaten our Council area.

It has been developed with the valuable input of the local community, including local farmers, local business owners, representatives from progress associations, crisis support and health services.

The plan aims to improve preparation for and recovery from adverse events and is a document that Council can implement immediately in its preparation for future crisis' and to assist recovery from the current drought and pandemic.

At its core the plan emphasises the importance of preparation and risk management processes, and offers a range of strategies to avoid reactive, often late, crisis responses. It also focuses on Council's role in providing accurate, clear and timely communication.

If the implementation of this plan is of interest to you or someone you know, touch base with our Economic Development Team for future updates.



■ An adverse event can be a drought, flood, earthquake, storm, biosecurity or health pandemic event.

Community Grants Program - now open

If you're part of a community group or not-for-profit organisation you can now apply for Round 1 of Council's 2020/21 Community Grants Program.

The program offers financial support for various projects, equipment, events, exhibitions and performances which contribute positively to the Murray River Council community.

Applicants can apply for grants of up to \$3,000 via the program.

For information and access to the online application form, visit www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/community/grants/council-grant

New Community Service Hub



The Barham Community Services Team is enjoying the new Community Hub building in Noorong St, with the construction of the much-anticipated space now complete.

The Hub project, funded under Round 2 of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, includes the new community services building for Council's Home Support operations and the Social Enterprise space which is now home to the Barham Multi-Purpose Service Auxiliary Op Shop.

The new facility will ensure the services delivered are far more visible and accessible for local residents including support and information.

Whilst no official opening event will take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council's community services team will be fully operational at the site by the end of August.

Council will now seek funding to deliver Stage 2 of the project, which includes a new community room and updated public toilets at the site.

As we head into the warmer months please remember that Council operates under permanent water saving rules. In general, this means that you shouldn't water during the hottest part of the day at any time. To find out more head to our website: www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/living/environment/water-restrictions



Magpie Season

Soon enough magpie songs will fill the air and the swooping of unsuspecting humans, and our companion animals will begin. Swooping occurs every year during magpie breeding season (August to October) and is primarily carried out by the male birds who are protecting the eggs or fledgling birds. Being swooped by a territorial bird isn't pleasant and can in some cases even cause injuries, but as the swooping is seasonal, the best response is to simply avoid the area.

People can take the following precautions during the period when birds are actively protecting their territory.

- Do not deliberately provoke or harass the birds as this may make them more aggressive
- Take care as injuries can occur as a result of the birds striking
- Walk out of the birds territory immediately
- Avoid the swooping area by taking an alternative route
- Wear a large, wide brim hat and sunglasses or carry an open umbrella; you can place eyes on the back of hats and umbrellas which may reduce the likelihood of the birds swooping
- Keep an eye on the bird as this may discourage attack
- Make a temporary sign to warn others.

Don't forget, magpies are protected throughout NSW, and it is against the law to kill the birds, collect their eggs, or harm their young.



New Bin Days in full swing

After months of planning and preparing for the new kerbside waste collection and processing contracts, Monday 3 August marked the first collection within the new waste contracts. Although there were some small initial challenges with the changes of bin days, these have now been rectified and the new collections are continuing seamlessly.

As part of the new waste collection and processing contract, Council has entered long term contracts with JR Richards and Sons,

who's head office is based in Tuncurry, NSW, for the kerbside collections contract and Biomix, who are based in Stanhope, VIC, for the processing contract for the green waste our community creates.

For further information on the new bin collection days or if you need to advise Council of any issues with your bin – if it's missing, broken or hasn't been emptied - simply call Council's Customer Service Team on 1300 087 004 during business hours and place a waste service request.



■ The new garbage trucks residents will now be seeing on the roads.

FAQ's for new collections

How do I know if I have a residential or commercial kerbside waste service?

If you have a red lid, green lid or yellow lid Murray River Council wheelie bin then you are a kerbside waste customer.

How do I find out my new bin day?

Letters have been mailed to all residential and commercial customers who have a kerbside waste collection service advising them of their new bin day.


Information is also available via Council's website, Facebook page and through Council's Customer Service Team on 1300 087 004.

🌐 www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/living/waste-recycling

f www.facebook.com/MurrayRiverCouncil/

What does the collections calendar look like?

Your NEW bin collection calendar



murray river council

How to use your NEW calendar - if you are:

- Orange Week, your recycling bin goes out on the orange shaded days
- Blue Week, your recycling bin goes out on the blue shaded days

Your garbage bin goes out every week and your organics (green lid) bin goes out on the alternate week to your recycling

AUGUST 2020

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 = Week 1 Recycling = Week 2 Recycling

To ensure your bins are emptied please check:

- Your bins have 1m clearance from other objects and 30cm from other bins
- Your bin weighs less than 70kg
- Your bin lid is closed



JR Richards & Sons
WASTE and RECYCLING SERVICES

Why does the collections calendar have an orange week and a blue week?

The orange and blue weeks relate to customer recycling weeks. If your letter identifies your recycling week as orange, your recycling will be collected on weeks marked in orange on the collections calendar. If your letter identifies your recycling week as blue, your recycling will be collected in weeks marked in blue on the collections calendar.

I have a green lid bin, when will this be collected?

If you live in Moama or Mathoura and have an organics (green lid) bin, it will be collected on the opposite week to your recycling (yellow lid) bin.

How do I use the table?

Identify what town you live in and note your collection day in the Bin Day column.

Look at the Recycling Week Colour column and refer to the collection calendar to identify your recycling week collection dates.

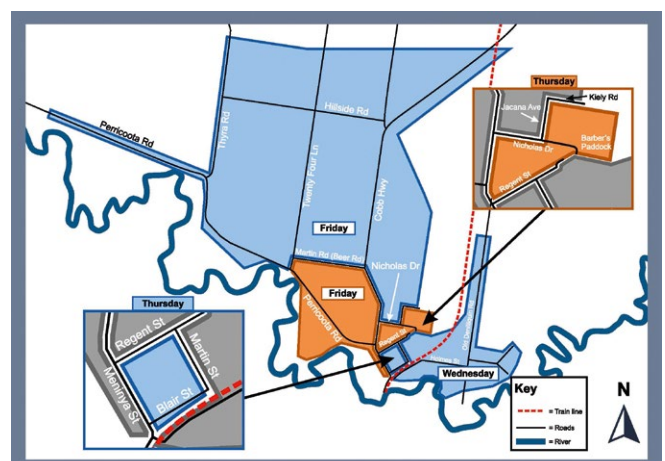
TOWNSHIPS	BIN DAY	RECYCLING WEEK COLOUR
Bunnaloo Moulamein Burraboi Thyra Dhuragoon Wakool	Monday	ORANGE
Mathoura	Monday	BLUE
Barham (East of Moulamien Road)	Tuesday	ORANGE
Barham (West of Moulamien Road)	Tuesday	BLUE
Goodnight Tooleybuc Koraleigh Tullakool Murray Downs Womboota Noorong	Wednesday	ORANGE
Moama	Wednesday Thursday Friday	See map on next page

I live in Barham, how do I clarify if I'm East or West of Moulamein Rd?

You can check out the map in the 'waste and recycling' section of our website.

I live in Moama, how do I use the map?

1. Identify what area of Moama you live in.
2. Look at the day label to identify your bin collection day.
3. Look at the colour of the section of map you live in and refer to the collection calendar to identify your recycling week dates. Your organics (green lid) bin goes out on the opposite week. Enlarged maps are available on our website.



Our to-do list

Whilst COVID has dominated the headlines, our staff are still on the ground delivering services to our communities.

Wondering what we're up to this financial year (and aren't remotely interested in our budget documents!)? Then here's just a few items on our to-do list...



32.4 km's
of regional, rural and
urban road resal work



23.78 km's
of regional, rural and
urban road reconstruction



\$60,000
worth of community grant
allocations



over 6500
smart water meters
installed council-wide



\$1.79m
waste management
improvements



\$100,000
Tourism marketing campaign
(external funding)



\$240,000
library improvements



over 100
park, reserves and open
spaces mowed, watered and
maintained



new signs
installed at town entrances
across the council

Need help with rates and charges?

To support our community during these times, we have a Rates and Charges Hardship Policy. The policy aims to provide rates support to individuals and businesses who are experiencing financial difficulties.

We encourage you to get in touch with us to discuss the various options available to you.

Did you also know you can receive your notices electronically to help you better manage your files?

eNotices allows you to self-manage all your properties, send notices to multiple email addresses and print off additional copies.

To register, simply find the eNotices logo and your individual reference number on your rates notice, then head to murrayriver.enotices.com.au

Fire Prevention

With the unusual seasons we have had this year it is expected that fire fuel loads will increase in the coming months. Council Officers will begin undertaking property inspections across the region in the coming months with the aim of reducing fire fuel loads before the fire season begins. Council Officers will provide written notice to property owners where fuel reduction is required.

The initial notice will require property owners to reduce fuel loads within 14 days. Our Council Officers will then reinspect to confirm compliance has been achieved. Failure to comply will result in Council issuing Fire Hazard Reduction Orders in accordance with NSW Local Government Act 1993. Penalties may also apply.



Grants and other funding opportunities

Grants and sponsorships help recipients to deliver quality programs, events, products and services which are of great benefit to the Murray River Council region.

Our Economic Development Team can provide you with tips and ideas to get your grant application started or even link you with relevant funding opportunities when they arise.

To find out about current funding opportunities for your Business, Not-for-Profit organisation, community and/or sporting group please visit murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/community/grants

For further information and assistance, please contact our Economic Development Team, 1300 087 004 or grants@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

Are you following River Country yet?

When you're able to get out-and-about again, why not be a tourist in your own backyard and discover some of the great things on offer in your neighbouring towns?

You can keep up-to-date on new events, facilities or destination information via our Visit River Country Facebook and Instagram pages.

Go on, check them outand be sure to share with your friends and relatives!

🌐 www.visitrivercountry.com.au

📌 @visitrivercountry

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If you're a local business owner be sure to get in touch with our Tourism Team to let us know if there is anything we should add to the Visit River Country website, or to update us on any service changes you may have recently made in response to COVID-19 so that we can promote them on our social platforms.



DISCOVER MURRAY
River Country
Where the best memories are made

We've got plans and projects awaiting your influence....

Have you registered to participate in our online engagement platform yet?

You can sign up, stay engaged and help shape the future of Murray River Council.

Interested? Head to yoursay.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au



What we heard: Community Strategic Plan consultation report

You may recall that when we first hit lockdown we asked you to think about the future of Murray River Council to help guide the development of our new Community Strategic Plan.

The consultation kicked-off in April with Council's first ever 'virtual town hall' where some residents connected into an online Zoom session, and was then followed by a month of weekly, interactive activities where residents had their say on the development of the Plan via our Your Say platform.

Wondering where this ended up? Well, we are now reporting back to you to explain what the community had to say!

You can head to our Your Say platform and view our feedback video or documented presentation to get a recap of the process and find out what we heard from you. Head to yoursay.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/csp



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To the Householder