



what's on

in july 2011

Discover what there is to see and do while visiting our magnificent region!

The professional staff at the Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre offer assistance with information on the many attractions, accommodation venues and cruises to enjoy. Browse through the permanent interactive exhibition and learn about the region's history dating back to the Aboriginal inhabitants of the land. View the Centre's theatre which constantly runs fascinating images on the big screen reflecting the history and vibrancy of the region. The Gift Shop offers a wide range of souvenirs and quality locally handcrafted giftware to take to someone special.

Hours of operation:
Monday to Friday
9am – 5:30pm

Saturday, Sunday
& Public Holidays
9am – 5pm

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Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre.

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Hattah Desert Race

HATTAH DESERT RACE

Friday 1, Langtree Ave & 2 Saturday, 8am & Sunday 3, 10am, Boonoonar Road, Colignan

The North West Victorian Motorcycle Club has hosted the Hattah Desert Race in its current format for more than 10 years. It's now recognised as one of the toughest and most popular off-road races on the national calendar. The race is fought over a gruelling 35km loop through unique Mallee scrub land which includes everything from tight, technical sections winding through trees to wide open blasts through open paddocks and sand hills. The Hattah Desert Race runs over two days featuring juniors on the Saturday, and ironman and pony express divisions in the senior race, held on the Sunday.

Friday night is the sign-on and scrutineering night, held in Feast Street (Langtree Ave) from 5.30pm-10pm. All competitors leave their bikes on display, there's trade stalls and meet and greet the riders.

There is full catering at the track and a great viewing area, where you can get close to the track and see the action. Cost: \$10 per car or \$5 per person.

SUNRAYSIA FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday 2 July, 9am-1pm. Ornamental Lakes, Hugh King Drive



The Sunraysia Farmers' Market is located alongside the Murray River at the picturesque Ornamental Lakes.

A sumptuous breakfast, using local in-season produce is served from 9.30am to 12noon. Crisp fresh produce, dried fruits, plants—from seeds to trees, marvellous muffins and pastries, honey, jams and chutneys, meats, freshly ground coffee and even something for your pampered pooch can be found at the market. For enquiries call 0439 252 342.

RED CLIFFS COUNTRY MARKET

Sunday 3 July, 9am-1pm, Ilex St, Indi Ave & Barclay Square

The Red Cliffs Market is just a short 15 minute drive from Mildura and offers over 100 stalls of local produce, crafts, bric-a-brac, gourmet delights, plants, jewellery, sausage sizzles and rides for the kids. Enjoy the local entertainment which varies from month to month. Most local stores are also open on Market Day for shopping convenience. For enquiries call 0458 907 226.

RED CLIFFS MILITARY MUSEUM

Sunday 3, 10am-4pm, RSL, Jamieson Avenue

An extensive display of artefacts and memorabilia from the Boer War through to Vietnam and East Timor covering all services including womens. Entry: Adults \$2.00 and Children Free. For enquiries call 5024 1499.

RED CLIFFS HISTORICAL STEAM RAILWAY

Sunday 3, 11am-4pm Corner Calder Highway & Millewa Road

The Red Cliffs Historical Steam Railway operates a steam train which has significant historical and cultural importance to Red Cliffs. Unique to Sunraysia, it is the only tourist steam train in the area and one of the few small gauge railways throughout Australia. Come and enjoy a ride on an authentic steam train. Family \$15, Adult \$6, Child \$3. Last train pulls out 3.30pm. For enquiries call 5024 1345 or 5021 1098.





BETFAIR MURRAY MONDAY

Monday 4, 11am, Mildura Racecourse, Sandilong Ave

Catch you at the races for a great day out. Gates open at 11am. Adults: \$10, Aged Pens: \$6, Children 17 and under Free. For more information go to www.countryracing.com.au

CHANGE - THE NEXT STEP IS OURS

Tuesday 5 to 22 Friday The Alfred Deakin Centre, Deakin Avenue

In celebration of NAIDOC Week, an exhibition by 16 local Indigenous students from Year 7 will be showcasing their talents in an exciting exhibition. The students have been meeting since Term 1, learning and talking about 'what is culture', what is NAIDOC, talking about their flag and learning and experimenting with different mediums to finally produce a piece of artwork.

This is part of the HOPE Project (Hope, Opportunity, Purpose and Education) and the aim of the project is to encourage strong school attendance, and strengthen cultural identity and to provide opportunities to develop social capacity for inclusion in the mainstream community through sport and the arts.

SUNRAYSIA GARDEN CLUB INC.

Thursday 7, 7.30pm, Aero Ovals Club Rooms, 11th St

Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to learn more about your plants or share your ideas? Do you enjoy sharing the joy you get from your garden? If you answered yes to any of the above then you are invited to join the Sunraysia Garden Club. For more information contact 5024 1287 or 5023 2508.



ANNUAL DOLL & TEDDY SHOW

Saturday 9 to Sunday 10, 10am, Trinity Lutheran College, Fifteenth Street

A Doll and Teddy Display. A Doll and Teddy Competition, non-members welcome to enter. Trading tables, local and visiting traders. Raffles, light refreshments, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea available. Awards Dinner with auction held at Belvue Restaurant. All proceeds, this year, will go to Heartbeat Sunraysia. Entry: Adult \$5, Under 12 \$2, Under 5 Free. Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday, 10am-4pm. For more information contact 5023 8182 or 5024 1287.

MILDURA & DISTRICT ANTIQUE FAIR

Saturday 9 to Sunday 10, 10am, Old Mitre 10 Building, (McKendricks), Langtree Avenue

Over 30 stalls of antiques as well as collectables. You will find there is a treasure trove of goodies. Something for everyone. Saturday 10am-5pm, \$5 and \$4 concession and Sunday 10am-4pm, \$4 and \$3 concession. For further information contact 5024 6604.

SUNDAY CITY HEART MARKET

Sunday 10, 8am-1pm, Langtree Ave (between 9th & 10 Streets)

Find a gift among the many stalls that have lovely items for sale. There are crafts, socks, clothing, home cooking, fruit and vegetables as well as jams, pickles and dried fruit. You will also find jewellery, natural beauty products, books, plants, fancy cards, woodwork items, bric-a-brac and lots more. Enjoy a BBQ lunch or snack. If you are interested in having a stall with us please ring 0400 032 803 Mon-Fri 9am-6pm.

PSYCHE PUMPS RUNNING DAY

Sunday 10, 11am-4pm, Psyche Bend Road

The steam driven engine and pumps were designed by George Chaffey and provided irrigation water for Mildura from 1891 to 1959. The unique design is the only operational one of its kind in the world. The engine and pumps were built in England by Tangye in 1889-90 and installed and commissioned at Mildura in 1891. Admission Adults: \$4.00, Family:\$10.00. The Psyche Pumps are operated and maintained by the Sunraysia Steam Preservation Society Inc.

MILDURA WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Thursday 14 to Sunday 17, Various Venues



The Mildura Writers' Festival brings together some of Australia's best writers in an intimate, winter program of workshops, lectures and discussion forums. This event has evolved to be acclaimed to be among the finest literary festivals in the country, not only because of its literary pleasures, but also because of the talent it attracts and its atmosphere of conviviality showcasing the local and regional gourmet food and wine. Guests for 2011 include Judith Brett, Peter Beilharz, Paul Carter, Stefano de Pieri, Morag Fraser, Professor Alan Frost, Anna Goldsworthy, Trevor Hogan, Gail Jones, Paul Kane, Jamie King-Holden, Geoffrey Lehmann, Shane Maloney, John Martin, Peter Rose, Elliot Perlman & Simon West. For more information go to www.artsmildura.com.au

SUNRAYSIA FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday 16, 9am-1pm, Ornamental Lakes, Hugh King Drive



The Sunraysia Farmers' Market is located along the Murray River at the picturesque Ornamental Lakes. A sumptuous breakfast, using local in-season produce is served from 9.30am to 12noon. Crisp fresh produce, dried fruits, plants—from seeds to trees, marvellous muffins and pastries, honey, jams and chutneys, meats, freshly ground coffee and even something for your pampered pooch can be found at the market. For further information contact 0439 252 342.

MERBEIN STREET MARKET

Sunday 17, Commercial Street and Pit Stop Forecourt



The Merbein Street Market is held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. You will find local and interstate stalls, fresh produce, arts and crafts, bric-a-brac, entertainment and the local second hand shops are open. For more information phone 0427 888 708.

BETFAIR MURRAY MONDAY

Monday 18, 11am, Mildura Racecourse, Sandilong Ave

Catch you at the races for a great day out! Gates open at 11am. Adults: \$10, Aged Pens: \$6, Children 17 and under Free. For more information go to www.countryracing.com.au



NEWCOMERS CLUB CATCH-UP

Monday 18, 7.30pm, The Office, Langtree Ave

Are you new to town? Then why not join the Mildura Newcomers Club for their monthly calendar catch up? You can enjoy a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, meet new people and learn about what activities are coming up. The Mildura Newcomers Club has been helping newcomers make connections in their new community for over 35 years and have a range of opportunity for social and professional networking. For more information go to www.milduranewcomers.com.au or telephone 0427 609 774.

TRACS TREK, RED CLIFFS TO WENTWORTH

Friday 22, 9am, Red Cliffs Vintage Machinery Museum, Azolia Avenue

The tractor trek from Red Cliffs to Wentworth will complement the Great Wentworth Tractor Rally. Most tractors entered are grey Fergusons as they featured most in the 1956 flood. One hour is allowed at the museum before starting the trek, going to Red Cliffs to wave to Big Lizzie as we go by slowly, then back onto Cocklin Ave and Cureton Ave, into Psyche Bend Pumping Station, if track is dry and pumps are open. Then onto Jaycee Park, Hugh King Drive for lunch. The trek will then go to Kenny Park, Merbein for a 'cuppa and chat' at 2.45pm. And then it's onto Wentworth ending at Fotherby Park at 5pm. Tractors participating will be at least 25 years old and some already entered date back to 1943. There are over 100 tractors that will be joining the Great Wentworth Tractor Rally. The trek speed is 16kms/hour (10 mph). For more information call 5027 3386 or email jvkm@bigpond.com.au



THE GREAT WENTWORTH TRACTOR RALLY

Saturday 23, Wentworth Showgrounds, Armstrong Street



It's time to dust off those old tractors and start getting ready for the Great Wentworth Tractor Rally. It has been 5 years since the 50th anniversary of the Festival of the Flood and so now we are celebrating the 55th anniversary. For those enthusiastic about the tractor we would like to see you and your friends visit our town located on the historic river port at the junction of Australia's two mightiest rivers-the Murray and the Darling, for another great time and yarn with old friends around the camp fire. For more information contact 5027 5027.

SUNDAY CITY HEART MARKET

Sunday 24, 8am-1pm, Langtree Ave (between 9th & 10 Streets)

Find a gift among the many stalls that have lovely items for sale. There are crafts, socks, clothing, home cooking, fruit and vegetables as well as jams, pickles and dried fruit. You will also find jewellery, natural beauty products, books, plants, fancy cards, woodwork items, bric-a-brac and lots more. Enjoy a BBQ lunch or snack. The market is managed by the Sunraysia Region Girl Guides. Market insurance is available. If you are interested in having a stall please ring 0400 032 803.

KOORLONG CAMP OVEN COOK OFF

Saturday 24, 10am to 5pm, Benetook Ave, Koorlong

The Koorlong Camp Oven Cook Off is a competition requiring teams to create a three course meal from scratch to be served to the public for a fee. Each team is supplied with a budget to buy provisions and the meals are judged accordingly so that a winner is determined.

Bring the family along and experience camp oven food at its finest. The competition will be fierce and teams are out to impress. Tickets available for a three course camp oven meal or alternatively a BBQ and drinks will be sold on the day. All proceeds of this event go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Koorlong Hall. Tickets available from the Mildura Visitor Information Centre and Koorlong General Store. For camp oven or BBQ Adult: \$20, Child: \$10 and Family: \$50 or gold coin entry. First course served at 12noon. For more information contact 0429 933 661 or email lifegood@bigpond.com.au

MILDURA GOLF WEEK

Friday 29 to Saturday 6 August, Riverside Mildura, Red Cliffs & Coomealla Golf Clubs

The tradition continues for nine days. Featuring Murray Valley Championships. Men A Grade 72 holes - Ivo Whitton event. Men B & C Grade - 54 holes. Women 54 holes. Mixed and medley competitions on non-championship days. Daily trophies for handicap winners and runners up. For more information contact 5022 2447 or email trevor.carol2@bigpond.com

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Sunday 31, 9.30am to 11am, Hollywood Boulevard, South Mildura

Planting native shrubs and trees is one of the simplest ways to improve our environment. Native trees promote biodiversity and have a better chance of survival than other plants because they have adapted over millions of years to thrive in local conditions. Why don't you help our local environment by getting involved in National Tree Day. Green thumbs and garden enthusiasts are needed to help beautify the greenbelt off Hollywood Boulevard in Mildura South. A free barbeque lunch and great plant give-aways are on offer, so bring your gloves, sunscreen and a drink and help improve our environment. Register online or call Council for more information. T: 5018 8454 or www.treeday.planetark.org



I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed.
- Robert H Schuller



MILDURA RJ SHIELD CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Sunday 31, 12.30pm-5pm, Sunraysia TAFE, Benetook Ave



The Mildura RJ Shield Chess Tournament will be held 4 times a year. It is an open event, with Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 18 and Open Divisions. Everybody, from the beginner to the Master is encouraged to come along and have a fun afternoon. Everybody plays 7 timed games, with a maximum of 15 minutes per player per game. The winner in each division in each of the competitions then qualifies to represent Mildura in the RJ Shield finals, which are held which are held by Chess Kids in Melbourne in November of each year. Each year, the 4 tournament results will also be collaborated, to determine our overall Mildura Champion in each of the individual divisions. For more information go to E: sunraysia.chess@gmail.com W: www.sunraysia-chess.com

SUNRAYSIA UKULELE NETWORK (SUN)

Sunday 31, 2pm-4pm, Old Mildura Homestead Cottage, Cureton Avenue



Did you know there is a ukulele group in Mildura? We meet on the last Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm, and not only do we play the uke but we enjoy a good old fashioned sing-a-long. We play a variety of music and music styles to suit different levels of playing. Everyone is welcome to join us and take pleasure in the virtues of this humble instrument. Ukuleles are available to borrow. Come on, join us and have some fun. And it's free! For further information call 5024 1986.

coming soon



20-28 August 2011

It's a wonderful biennial event held since 2001 that embraces the spirit and vitality of mature-aged participants, as they compete with others the same age in a wide variety of sports. Sport provides valuable opportunities for people of all ages to improve themselves, display teamwork and become engaged in community activities.

The Mildura Masters Games are a fantastic incentive for people to renew, maintain or start sporting activities, while socialising at the same time. The games contribute to the health and well-being of our community and the real success comes, not from winning, but from participating.

Sport and participation is important for helping to build character, whether young or old. When involved in sport, individual character comes out, as well as determination and the ability to be part of a team.

For more information go to www.milduramasters.com.au

