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## Growing skills at Mildura Eco Village

The Mildura Eco Village is looking wonderful at the moment, thanks to the hard work of a very special group of helpers. Find out more on page 3.

Pictured: Nathan Manley



## THE 2016 GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT

AUSTRALIA – SOUTHWEST CHINA SISTER-CITY PHOTO COMPETITION

### Snap a photo to win a trip to our Chinese sister city

Fancy a trip to Dali, Mildura Rural City Council's sister city in Southwest China?

Then be sure to enter the Give it Your Best Shot photo competition. You could win the trip of a lifetime to Dali, including return airfares, accommodation and a week of activities.

Open now until midnight on April 14, the competition is designed to strengthen ties between the Mildura region and our sister city Dali, as well as eight other Australia-Southwest China sister city pairs.

To enter, simply submit a photograph that showcases the Mildura region, giving the people of Dali a glimpse in to the local landscapes, customs and culture that make our region unique.

Shortlisted photographers from our region will be invited to have their photos displayed in Dali at a community exhibition. One lucky winner from Australia and one from southwest China will win a trip to their sister-city so they can 'see it like a local'. Runners up will win return flights between Australia and Southwest China on Sichuan Airlines.

The Give it Your Best Shot photo competition is an initiative of the Australian Consulate-General in Chengdu and is supported by participating local councils across Victoria, including Mildura Rural City Council.

For more information and to submit your entry go to [www.sistercitycompetition.com.au](http://www.sistercitycompetition.com.au)

Entries close at midnight on 14 April 2016.

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## Pipeline to Ouyen Lake almost complete

The transformation of an old reservoir into a recreational lake on the north western edge of Ouyen is underway.

GWM Water has installed two kilometres of 200mm diameter PVC pipeline that will eventually be used to supply water to the site. This includes a 120m section of pipeline that runs under the Calder Highway and Ouyen railway line.

The water supply pipeline is an important element of this exciting community project, which has been more than 15 years in the making. The planned lake is proposed to be about 1km long, providing the perfect retreat for locals and visitors to undertake a wide range of recreation activities.

The vision for the lake includes playing host to walkers, swimmers, skiers and boat users, bird watchers and fishermen. Future plans include facilities that offer boating access, camping facilities, a grassed area where the public can use BBQs and other amenities.

As well as providing a great recreational space for locals, the lake will also play a role in maintaining and developing the area's social, economic and environmental sustainability.

The Ouyen Lake project is a partnership between community, government and industry with Ouyen Inc., the State Government of Victoria, GWM Water and Mildura Rural City Council all working together to make it a reality.

Artists impression of the Ouyen Lake.





## Developing skills and helping create a sustainable future

The community gardens at the Mildura Eco Village have never looked better and it's in part thanks to the great work of local Work for the Dole participants.

In conjunction with the Sunraysia Sustainability Network, Work for the Dole program participants have been learning new gardening skills at the Mildura Eco Village.

From preparing and maintaining the Hugel garden beds, building a new worm farm, learning how to care for compost and about sustainable ways to water, weed and clean-up around the yard, the hardworking team were an absolute pleasure to spend time with.

The group even planted and maintained their own vegetable patches and grew fresh produce to take home and share together.

The Mildura Eco Village Work for the Dole program has been one of the most successful examples of this program in the region and we're pleased to see some of the team now volunteering in their own time to help maintain the Eco Village site.

More information about what's happening at the Eco Village is available at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/milduraecovillage](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/milduraecovillage).

## First parklet unveiled

The first of three new parklets is now open on Mildura's Langtree Avenue. Parklets are a new type of public space and serve as "mini parks," providing space for people to sit, relax, and enjoy the city around them.

### What is a Parklet?

Parklets are created within on-street parking spaces, with a platform built over the parking space at the same level as the footpath. Once the platform is installed, amenities such as benches, tables, chairs, landscaping, shade devices and bike parking can all be placed on top.

While parklets are paid for by private sponsors or hosts, the amenities of a parklet are free and available for any member of the public to use. Parklets can be used as alfresco dining spaces adjacent to restaurants or cafés, however they are also available for general public use.

A total of twelve parking spaces in Feast Street have been earmarked for use during the trial. While this means less space for vehicles, benefits of the parklets outweigh the challenges of reduced parking spaces. In other cities where parklets are established, businesses have experienced increased foot traffic and patronage, despite the loss of parking bays.

Council has also installed additional parking spaces within a two minute walk of Feast Street to compensate for the reduced parking on Langtree Avenue.



### FIND IT ONLINE

Visit our website to see pets and animals currently in the Mildura Animal Shelter.



## Acknowledging our Australia Day Awardees

Council's Australia Day Awards recognise individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to our community. Congratulations to recipients of Council's 2016 Australia Day Awards.

### **Citizen of the Year – Frank McCormick**

Mr McCormick's dedication to our local community spans more than 60 years, having moved to Mildura in 1954 and purchasing a local newsagency. From that time he has been a member of a wide range of organisations, clubs and sporting and social groups, volunteering his time for the betterment of the district.

His volunteer and charity work hasn't been limited to just one area needing support and has included the establishment of his own charity – Stamps for Charity – which involves sourcing, restoring and selling old stamps to collectors, with the profits then donated locally.

### **Young Citizen of the Year – Indi Clarke**

As an emerging leader in our local Indigenous community, Indi Clarke's achievements over the past few years have proven to be hugely significant for local Aboriginal youth. His commitment to raising awareness about Indigenous Youth issues as well as those affecting the wider Aboriginal community, has seen Indi become a role model for all.

Indi certainly has gone above and beyond in his endeavours to build stronger multi-cultural relationships in our region, working with MDAS as a Youth and Community Engagement Officer, as a convenor and facilitator of the Koorie Youth Network and participating in the Northern Mallee Leaders program and on the local NAIDOC Committee.

His willingness to help others be the best they can be, his positivity and dedication to his culture and community are just some of the reasons Indi was selected for this award.



**Community Event of the Year  
– Patchewollock Music Festival**

The Patchewollock Music Festival is a great example of how dedicated residents in our rural areas pull together to create a sense of community.

The Festival uses music, poetry and storytelling to bring the sometimes isolated residents of both Mildura Rural City Council and surrounding Shires together for a weekend of socialising, conversations and fun.

An enthusiastic committee, made up of volunteers from eight Mallee Track towns including Ouyen, Walpeup and Underbool, worked together to promote the event not just to locals, but also to visitors to the Mallee.

The innovative, community driven, cross-municipality event gives this part of our region a wonderful social, cultural and economic boost each year.

Pictured L-R: Young Citizen of the Year Indi Clarke, Citizen of the Year Frank McCormick, June Yetman, Janine Yetman and Michael Robertson from the Patchewollock Music Festival.



## On a motorsports mission

The upcoming Easter holiday period marks one of the busiest times for events in our region. From tennis tournaments and rowing regattas to markets and a free community Easter egg hunt, there's plenty planned for locals and visitors alike to enjoy.

Easter is also when our region revs its motorsports engine. Action includes a vehicle Show and Shine in the Mildura CBD, the Mildura 100 Ski Race, drags, speedway and motorcycle racing.

These motorsports meets are just a taste of what the region hosts. In fact, there are more than 100 different motorsports events held annually, with the industry estimated to inject more than \$21 million to our economy each year.

Maximising and building on our strong motorsports sector is the focus of a major Council project currently underway. Thanks to \$103,000 in funding from the Victorian State Government we are working on a Business Case for the Mildura Motorsports & Community Precinct.

Due for completion by mid-2016, the Business Case will include a staged development plan and investment prospectus for a major, multi-purpose motorsports precinct located at Mercer Street, Koorlong. The facility could potentially cater for a bitumen raceway, speedway, karts, drag racing and more, as well as offering opportunities for boating groups.

The Business Case will detail economic, tourism and social impacts, funding and management model options, engineering designs and environmental impacts of the potential project. Once completed Council will use it to help attract future government and private sector funding towards the project.

Input from a range of experts including peak motorsports bodies, local clubs and the wider community is being used in the development of the Business Case.



LEFT: Manjeet is one of the many Family Day Care Educators working in our region.

## Our award-winning child care service

Mildura Rural City Council's Family Day Care service has been recognised as one of the best in the country, taking out the Family Day Care Victorian Service of the Year Award for 2015.

Established to recognise the valuable work Family Day Care Coordination Units undertake to support Family Day Care Educators and their communities, the Awards were open to all 304 Coordination Units across Victoria.

Of the 30 Coordination Units nominated, Mildura Rural City Council was selected as the best in the state by a panel of early childhood professionals.

The award is not only a testament to the great efforts of the many Family Day Care Educators who work throughout our region but also to the children and families who have been

utilising this wonderful service since it was first offered locally more than 35 years ago.

### What is Family Day Care?

Family Day Care is a flexible home-based child care and education service that offers a safe, secure, caring and familiar environment for young babies through to pre-teens.

More than 203,000 children attend Family Day Care across Australia, learning from fully qualified Educators who are carefully selected by a Family Day Care Coordination Unit.

Mildura Rural City Council is the local Coordination Unit, providing support to the some 35 Family Day Care Educators that operate in Mildura, Irymple, Red Cliffs, Merbein, Nangiloc, Gol Gol, Buronga and Dareton.

### Want to become a Family Day Care Educator?

We're always on the lookout for more Family Day Care Educators! If you enjoy the company of children and want to provide quality care and learning experiences from your own home, then a career in Family Day Care could be for you! A career in Family Day Care offers flexibility, stability and support. While Educators are self-employed, they are carefully selected, trained, supported and approved by Council's Family Day Care Coordination Unit.

### Find out more

Call our Family Day Care Coordination Unit on (03) 5018 8271 or visit [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/familydaycare](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/familydaycare)

## Acronyms

Here at Council we sometimes use acronyms and abbreviations when talking about our teams and services. Here's a few common ones you might hear of from time to time.

### ELT

#### Executive Leadership Team

ELT is the name given to the collective group of senior leaders of the organisation. ELT has four members – our CEO and the three General Managers – who meet regularly to discuss organisational matters. ELT also attend the monthly Council meetings and work closely with Councillors on matters in their portfolios.

### MAC

#### Mildura Arts Centre

Operated and managed by Council, Mildura Arts Centre is the creative hub of the Sunraysia region. Located just a stone's throw from the banks of the Murray River, MAC is home to a 444 seat performing arts theatre, art gallery, Rio Vista Historic House, sculpture park and licensed cafe. MAC also runs a range of ongoing cultural programs.

## Fifteenth Street reconstruction underway

The major reconstruction of a section of one of Mildura's busiest roads is underway.

We're rebuilding and resurfacing 600 metres of Fifteenth Street between Deakin Avenue and Walnut Avenue. Currently more than 9,000 vehicles use this road every day.

Work got underway on the \$850,000 project in February, with Lower Murray Water upgrading the water main beneath the road's surface. Since then crews have moved on site to undertake road construction works. The existing road will be removed and a new crushed rock pavement and asphalt surface constructed.

The existing kerb and channel or 'gutters' in the street are also being removed and replaced.

Modifications to the Deakin Avenue roundabout approach will also be made. An additional lane will be added to the approach, which will allow two vehicles to enter the intersection at once, reducing congestion and improving safety.

Work on this project is scheduled for completion in July, subject to weather conditions. Motorists are reminded that only local traffic is permitted in the area during this time, with Fifteenth Street closed between Walnut Avenue and Deakin Avenue.

We encourage people to plan ahead and allow extra travel time if necessary. Motorists are also asked to be mindful of local residents when using alternate routes as there will be extra traffic on some roads near the work site.



## Pet registrations due April 10

Cats and dogs come in all shapes and sizes. There's active dogs, friendly felines, playful puppies, lazy cats and clever canines.

But no matter what type of cat or dog you have, it must be registered with Council.

All pet registrations are due on April 10 2016.

Registering your pet is the best thing you can do to ensure it is returned safely if it gets out or ends up in our Animal Shelter.

If your pet was registered last year you will receive a registration renewal notice in the mail. If you have a new pet or your address has changed, please contact us to arrange registration.

CELEBRATING  
SIXTY YEARS



## MILDURA ARTS CENTRE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Friday 27 May to Sunday 31 July

Make the most of this rare opportunity to view works from our founding collection displayed across four gallery spaces. As well as seeing jewels by Brangwyn, Orpen and Degas, you can also view historic photographs and documents from the opening of the art gallery in 1956.

**Mildura Arts Centre Open Day! 11am - 4pm, Saturday 28 May**

For more information: Mildura Arts Centre 199 Cureton Avenue, Mildura VIC 3500  
**Tel: 03 5018 8330** milduraartscentre.com.au

Image: Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks arrive at Rio Vista on 25th May 1956 for the opening of Mildura's new arts centre. Photograph courtesy of Ted Lawton



Mildura Rural City Council



# Have a happy Easter

Mildura Rural City Councillors and staff wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter.

Please note the following operating hours for Council Service Centres and facilities throughout the Easter period.



If you would like to know more about the information in this document please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 and ask them to telephone Mildura Rural City Council on (03) 5018 8100.

You can also request an interpreter when you visit Council Service Centres in person.

Council is open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Αν θέλετε να μάθετε περισσότερα σχετικά με τις πληροφορίες που περιέχονται σ' αυτό το έγγραφο, σας παρακαλούμε να καλέσετε την Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (TIS National) στο 131 450 και ζητήστε τους να τηλεφωνήσουν τον Περιφερειακό Δήμο της Mildura στο (03) 5018 8100.

Μπορείτε επίσης να ζητήσετε για διερμηνεία όταν επισκέπτεστε τα Κέντρα Εξυπηρέτησης του Δήμου αυτοπροσώπως.

Τα γραφεία του Δήμου είναι ανοικτά από 8πμ έως 5μμ Δευτέρα έως Παρασκευή.

Per maggiori informazioni sul contenuto di questo documento chiamate il Servizio di traduzione e interpretariato (TIS National) al 131 450 e chiedete il collegamento con il comune di Mildura al numero (03) 5018 8100.

Potete anche richiedere l'interprete quando vi recate di persona agli uffici del comune. Gli uffici del comune sono aperti dalle ore 8 alle 17, dal lunedì al venerdì.

Ni waba wipfuzza kumenya izindi nkuru ku bijanye n'uru rwandiko turagusavye uterefone Igisata kijejwe gusobanura (TIS National) kuri 131450 kandi uzobasabe guterefone Mildura Rural City Council kuri (03) 5018 8100 Urashobora kandi gusaba umusobanuzi mu gihe ugendeye Council Service Centres wewe nyene.

Council yugurura 8am (isaha zibiri z'agatondo) gushika 5pm (isaha cumi n'imwe z'umuhungamo) Kuwambere gushika Kuwagatanu.

Bu belgenin içeriğiyle ilgili daha fazla bilgi edinmek isterseniz lütfen Çeviri ve Tercümanlık Hizmetini (Translating and Interpreting Service – TIS) 131 450 nolu telefondan arayarak Mildura Kırsal Şehir Belediyesini (03) 5018 8100'dan aramalarını isteyiniz.

Belediye Hizmet Merkezlerine şahsen gittiğiniz taktirde de bir tercüman talep edebilirsiniz.

Belediyemiz hafta arası sabah 8 ile akşam 5 arası açıktır.

چنانچه می خواهید درباره معلومات این سند بیشتر بدانید، لطفا با سرویس ترجمه و ترجمه شفاهی ملی (TIS National) به شماره تلفن ۴۵۰ ۱۳۱ در تماس شوید و از آنها بخواهید از طریق شماره (۰۳) ۵۰۱۸ ۸۱۰۰ با شورای شهر روستایی Mildura (Mildura Rural City Council) تماس بگیرند.

شما همچنان می توانید زمانی که شخصا از مراکز خدماتی شورا (Council Service Centres) بازدید می کنید، درخواست مترجم شفاهی نمایید.

شورا در روزهای دوشنبه الی جمعه از ساعت ۸ صبح الی ۵ بعد از ظهر باز است.

## Madden Avenue, Deakin Avenue and Ouyen Service Centres

Closed Good Fri 25 Mar  
Closed Easter Mon 28 Mar

## Mildura Landfill

Closed Good Fri 25 Mar  
Open Sat 26 Mar 8am–3.45pm  
Open Easter Sun 27 Mar 8am–3.45pm  
Open Easter Mon 28 Mar 8am–3.45pm

## Ouyen Landfill

Closed Good Fri 25 Mar

## Kerbside recycling and rubbish collections

All kerbside collections will remain unchanged. Collecting on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

## Mildura Visitor Information and Booking Centre

Open Good Fri 25 Mar 9am–5pm  
Open Sat 26 Mar 9am–5pm  
Open Sun 27 Mar 9am–5pm  
Open Mon 28 Mar 9am–5pm

## Mildura Arts Centre

Closed Good Fri 25 Mar  
Open 10am–5pm all other days

## Mildura Library

Closed Good Fri 25 Mar  
Closed Sat 26 Mar  
Closed Sun 27 Mar  
Closed Mon 28 Mar

## Irymple, Merbein and Red Cliffs Libraries

Closed Good Fri 25 Mar  
Closed Sat 26 Mar  
Closed Sun 27 Mar  
Closed Mon 28 Mar

## Mobile Library

Closed Good Fri 25 Mar  
Closed Sat 26 Mar  
Closed Sun 27 Mar  
Closed Mon 28 Mar

For after hours emergencies requiring Council assistance call 1800 241 540.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

## Annual survey your chance to rate Council performance

From recycling and roads to child care and sporting facilities, Council provides dozens of different services to our community.

Our annual community satisfaction survey is your chance to provide feedback on each of these services and let us know where we can make improvements.

The survey is open now and asks you to rate 71 different areas of Council in terms of their importance to you and their performance.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved.

The survey closes on April 10 2016.

You can access the survey at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) or by visiting a Council Service Centre or a Council Library where hard copies will be available to complete.



## HAVE YOUR SAY

Visit our website to comment on Council projects, surveys and plans.



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## Madden Avenue Service Centre

108 Madden Avenue, Mildura  
Phone: (03) 5018 8100

## Deakin Avenue Service Centre

76 Deakin Avenue, Mildura  
Phone: (03) 5018 8100

## Ouyen Service Centre

79 Oke Street, Ouyen  
Phone: (03) 5018 8600

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