

Community Matters

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Spreading Christmas cheer

The popular Christmas Lights Map and Competition is back again for 2022! More than 100 addresses were listed on the map last year, including the Chick family's Irymple property. David, Georgia, Rowie and Tegan (pictured) are looking forward to spreading festive joy again this year. Read more page 2.



Work is well underway on several new structures at the Powerhouse precinct.

Powerhouse transformation continues

Work is powering ahead on the \$9.156 million transformation of the Powerhouse precinct on Mildura's riverfront.

Contractors have been busy constructing the new boiler room shade pavilion which stands adjacent to the Powerhouse building. Built on the footprint of where a previous boiler room once stood, this structure pays homage to the heritage of the riverfront and will create a shaded outdoor events space when complete.

Tucked partly beneath the roofline of the boiler room, a new public amenities block is also taking shape.

Comprising multiple accessible toilets, this facility will be well-utilised by the thousands of locals and tourists who visit our beautiful riverfront every year.

Construction of the future new home of Shippy's Café is also well underway. The popular café will have more space and expand its hospitality offering when it relocates to a new stand-alone building within the precinct in 2023.

Inside the Powerhouse itself, tradesmen are working to create a large flexible events space at the rear of the building and a smaller event space in the basement below. A lobby at the front of the building will house a visitor experience area, tourism business operation and mezzanine level event space.

The Powerhouse precinct project is possible thanks to funding from the Australian Government, Victorian State Government and Council.

You can view artists' impressions of this project and learn more at mildura.vic.gov.au/powerhouse



Light up for a chance to win

The countdown to Christmas is on and residents are urged to light up their homes, workplaces and businesses to brighten community spirits as the end of the year approaches.

Mildura Rural City Council has again partnered with the Sunraysia Daily to run the 2022 Christmas Lights Map and Competition.

Locals can register their address on a virtual Christmas Lights Map on Council's website. The Map will be updated daily and published in the Sunraysia Daily in the lead up to the

New Year, giving everyone the chance to find the best local light displays to view.

All registered addresses will also be in the running to win a \$500 voucher at the local business of their choice with People's Choice and Mayor's Choice Awards up for grabs.

Everyone is invited to cast their vote for the People's Choice Award online.

Follow the map at mildura.vic.gov.au/Lights





15 Nov, 2022: Ranfurly Way between Mildura and Merbein (courtesy Robert Klarich).

Community rallies against flood threat

The 2022 Murray River flood event is certain to go down in the history books as one of the largest riverine floods to hit our region.

The Murray was expected to peak in Mildura at 38.6 metres AHD (Australian Height Datum) in late November or early December*, with Council staff, key agencies and the community rallying together to prepare in the weeks leading up.

Council teams spent most of October and November decommissioning assets set to be in the flood water's path, while also helping to reinforce and construct levees to protect private properties along the riverfront.

We also launched our Community Relief Service - to aid those impacted by floodwater – and helped host a series of information sessions designed to keep our community informed.

Our dedicated flood webpage became a source of information for many in the community, attracting approximately three times more visits than average in the month of November alone.

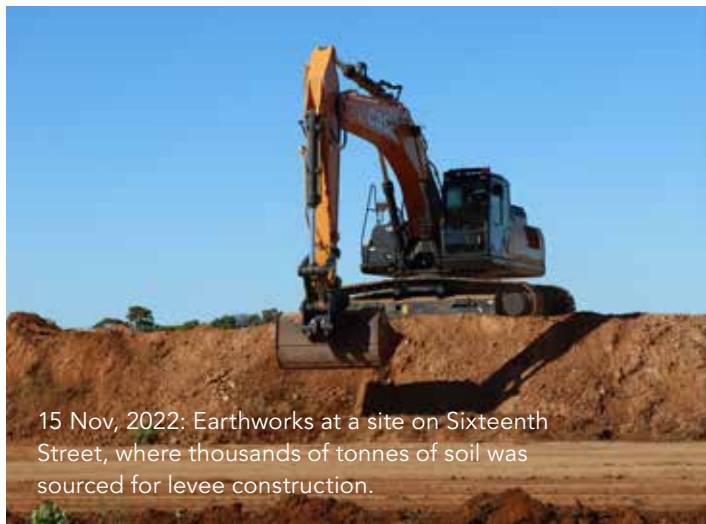
Thank you to everyone involved in the flood response for all your efforts.

Visit mildura.vic.gov.au/flood for the latest updates.

*This information was accurate at time of printing



21 Nov, 2022: A fallen tree near Mildura Lawn Tennis Club, Hugh King Drive, Mildura.



15 Nov, 2022: Earthworks at a site on Sixteenth Street, where thousands of tonnes of soil was sourced for levee construction.



14 Nov, 2022: Nowingi Place, Hugh King Drive Mildura.



Leadership team locked in

Cr Liam Wood and Cr Helen Healy will lead Mildura Rural City Council as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively for the next 12 months.

Both Cr Wood and Cr Healy were elected to their positions, and with the full support of their fellow Councillors at the November Annual Council Meeting.

For Cr Wood, the result marked a second consecutive term as Mayor, while Cr Healy will serve as Deputy Mayor for the second time.

Both Cr Wood and Cr Healy said the current Murray River flood event was their top priority, while also indicating a desire to continue to push ahead with major projects across our region.

Mayoral visits available

Did you know that our Mayor and Deputy Mayor are available to speak to your school or community group?

Simply touch base with our Executive Services Team to check availability.

Mayor Cr Liam Wood recently visited Ranfurly Primary School to talk to young students about his role, while also discussing the upcoming upgrade to the Nowingi Place Playground.

Students in return wrote letters thanking the Mayor for his visit.

If you would like the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to visit your school or group in 2023, please contact our Executive Services Team on 03 5018 8100.



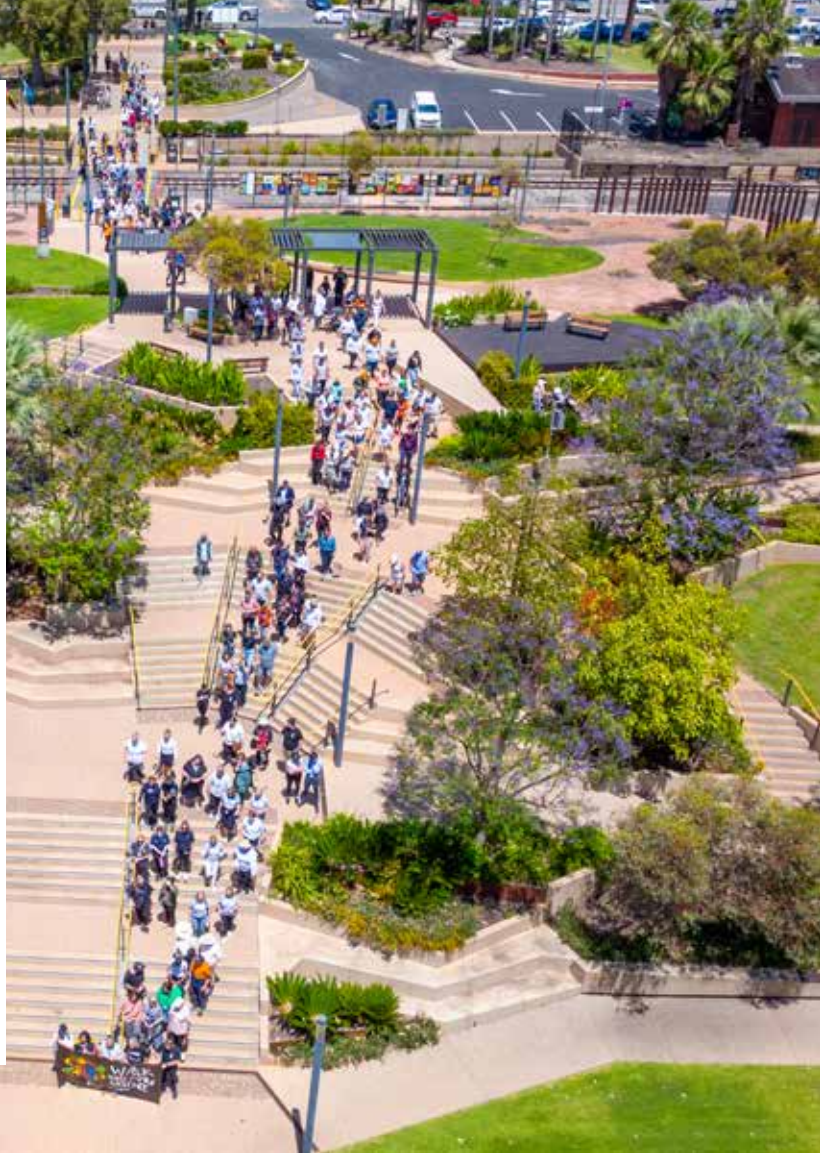
Hundreds Walk Against Family Violence

A big thank you to the hundreds of people who helped make the 2022 Walk Against Family Violence a success.

Marking a successful return following two COVID-interrupted years, a sea of people helped raise awareness about men's violence against women, and the work of White Ribbon Australia, by marching from the Langtree Mall to Jaycee Park on 18 November.

Participants were encouraged to wear something white to clearly show their support for the event, with information stalls from key service providers and a free community barbecue also available.

Thank you again to the many hundreds who turned out to make the event a success. Find out more about White Ribbon at www.whiteribbon.org.au



Glass recycling coming July 2024



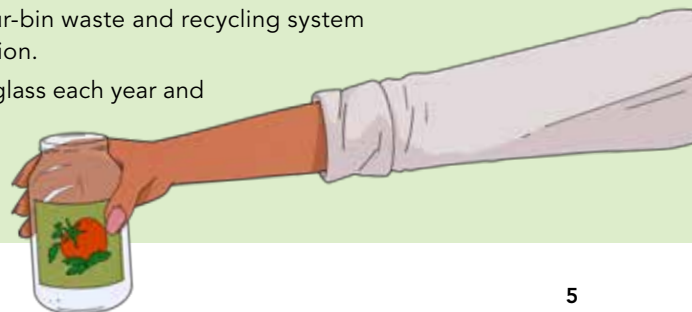
Thousands of tonnes of glass bottles and jars will be processed locally and turned into new products like road base when a new household glass recycling service starts in 2024.

Mildura Rural City Council residents will get a fourth kerbside wheelie bin with a purple lid which will be emptied once a month. Separate glass recycling drop-off points will also be set up at rural transfer stations.

All Victorian councils must provide households with a standardised four-bin waste and recycling system – including glass recycling – by 2030, under State Government legislation.

Locally, the new service could potentially recycle up to 2,365 tonnes of glass each year and will boost the local economy, creating jobs at a new processing facility which will be established at the Mildura Landfill.

Learn more at mildura.vic.gov.au/glass



Summer school holiday fun

There will be plenty to keep young people engaged and entertained when school goes out this summer. Our services and facilities have a great range of free and low-cost activities on offer for all ages.

Libraries

Primary school aged children can enjoy fun craft-based activities at their local library throughout January. These low-cost and creative sessions will be held at Mildura, Merbein, Red Cliffs, Ouyen and Murrayville Libraries and the Rural Outreach Van at Cullulleraine, Walpeup and Underbool. Bookings are essential. Visit mildura.vic.gov.au/library or call 5018 8350 for more details.

Youth Engagement Services

An awesome program of recreation and educational activities for people aged 12-25 will run from 5 -25 January, 2023. Bookings will open in late December so keep an eye on the Youth Engagement Services Facebook and Instagram pages for updates or visit mildura.vic.gov.au/youth to view the full program.

Twilight at Mildura Arts Centre (MAC)

Get comfortable on the lawns at MAC for Twilight. Enjoy live music, food and drink, explore Rio Vista House and the galleries. Kids can get creative with activities, games and chalk drawings. Twilight will be held on 20 January, 17 February and 17 March 2023. MAC will also host summer school holiday activities and workshops. Visit milduraartscentre.com.au for details.

Kids can get creative at Twilight and many other school holiday activities this summer



Mildura Sporting Precinct

Our region's newest sports facility will be open for casual hire from 21 December to 22 January. Have a run on the air conditioned indoor courts playing basketball, netball, volleyball or badminton. Open weekdays 11am to 6pm, weekends 11am to 4pm, closed public holidays and Christmas Eve. Visit www.mildurasportingprecinct.com.au and the MSP Facebook page for more details.

BECOME A FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATOR TODAY!

Are you looking for a career in childcare? Do you want flexibility to set your own work hours as a small business owner? Do you want to make a difference in children's lives by providing quality care and learning experiences from your own home?

A fulfilling career awaits in the Family Day Care industry!

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

A start-up payment may be available to assist with initial set-up costs.

Please contact us if you think this could be the job for you. Or, alternatively, fill out and submit the Expression of Interest Form Council's website and email it to fdcinfo@mildura.vic.gov.au



For more information, please call 03 5018 8100 or visit mildura.vic.gov.au/FDC



Meet our team

Get to know one of our 600+ employees and learn how they're working to make our region a great place to live, work, visit and play.

Kylie Sergi | Facility Services Coordinator

From maternal and child health centres and offices, to sporting pavilions and libraries, Council manages more than \$200 million worth of buildings and facilities on behalf of our community.

Managing these assets is no easy task, but Kylie Sergi is more than up for the challenge.

"I lead a diverse team of 18 and our main aim is to provide functional, well-maintained, safe and clean facilities."

533 buildings, nine swimming pools and 213 structures and shelters are just some of the assets Kylie and her team oversee. Their work involves managing reactive maintenance, planned maintenance including several large service contracts, security, capital works delivery, and aquatic maintenance, in a fast-paced environment.

Kylie's strategic thinking and asset management skills, plus tertiary qualifications in Applied Science, Business Management and Project Management are the perfect fit for her role.

"I have been with Council for 16 years now and I love how dynamic local government is. I find great value in working for my community and my home town."

"The facilities we're managing are vitally important for our community and our everyday lives. As the custodians of these assets Council has a responsibility to ensure they are safe and fit-for-purpose."

While traditionally a male-dominated industry, Kylie said that facility services was an innovative sector with something for everyone.

"Whether you're an engineer, project or contract manager, administration officer or in the trades, it is truly a fulfilling career choice."

MILDURA ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

NYE 2022 Celebration

THE KAZOOS
MAGIC SHOW

BRANDON KITT
REVIVE BAND
ALL OUT 80'S BAND

FOOD TRUCKS
KIDS ACTIVITIES
LIGHT UP GLOW NOVELTIES

FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT
9.30PM & MIDNIGHT

GATES OPEN FROM 6.30PM
AT NO.3 OVAL

Drug and alcohol-free event



Best wishes for a safe Festive season

Council Service Centres will close at 3pm on Friday 23 December 2022 and reopen at 8am on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

You can report emergencies by calling us on 03 5018 8100.

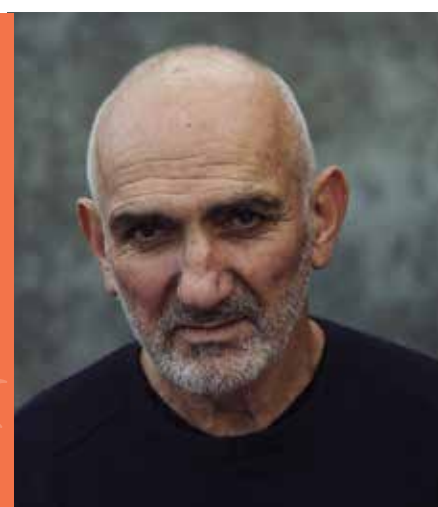
There will be no change to kerbside bin collections during this period.

Visit our website for holiday operating hours of our other services and facilities.

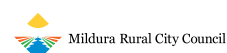


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Call or email us from 8am to 5pm weekdays.

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Madden Avenue Service Centre 108 Madden Avenue, Mildura

Ouyen Service Centre 79 Oke Street, Ouyen

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