

Community Matters

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Supporting seniors to embrace tech

Our library service is supporting seniors to learn to use technology more confidently.

Many locals have already made the most of the new Tech Hub sessions, including Merbein resident Margaret O'Rourke, pictured with Library Officer Tiri Pestrivas.

Learn more about this free initiative on page 2.

Seniors embracing technology at local Libraries

Our library service is supporting seniors to learn to use technology more confidently.

The Tech Hub initiative is a free service aimed at improving wellbeing, communication, and access for older people.

Residents can book in for one-on-one and small group Tech Hub workshops, covering topics such as smartphones, data and apps, understanding the internet and how to get the most out of tablets and laptops.

This new service kicked off in August and is funded through the Victorian Government's Digital Literacy for Seniors Program.

It has already proven popular, empowering seniors with valuable skills and the capacity to communicate, connect and access services and find information easier and quicker than ever before.

Tech Hub workshops are available at the Mildura, Merbein, Ouyen, Red Cliffs and Murrayville Library branches. To book or find out more call 5018 8350.



Visit mildura.vic.gov.au/Libraries to see what's on at the Library



JOIN US as we campaign to stop family violence in our community.

Friday 17 November 2023

Save the date and keep an eye out for more details soon.



Mildura Rural City Council



White Ribbon
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The concept design for a redeveloped Feast Street.

Transformative design vision for Mildura's Feast Street

New trees and more shade, wider footpaths that sit level with the road and a vine-covered arbour along either side of the street are some of the highlights of a plan to update Mildura's Feast Street.

Council approved the design concept for the popular Langtree Avenue strip, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, earlier this year. It aims to transform Feast Street into an even more vibrant, attractive and entertaining precinct.

The concept design also includes parallel car parking in Langtree Avenue and additional angle parking in Seventh Street, feature planters, new lighting and opportunities for public art.

Hundreds of people, including Feast Street traders, business owners and the wider community contributed their ideas for the design.

A specialist consultant will now work with council and key stakeholders to develop the concept design in greater detail. Council will then use this detailed design to help secure government funding to undertake the project.

Learn more and view more images of the Feast Street concept design at yoursay.mildura.vic.gov.au/CBDRevitalisation

Langtree Mall improvements planned

A series of minor upgrades are planned for the Langtree Mall, to make it a cooler, more inviting and vibrant public space.

Based on extensive input from the public and CBD businesses, Council and Mildura City Heart will deliver five key projects in the Mall. These include:

- Lawn areas to relax on
- Planter boxes and raised garden beds
- Light installations
- Improved public address system
- Cooling misters

Specific details for these upgrades are currently being finalised and work is expected to start in the 2023-24 Financial Year.

Stick to 40km per hour

Speed limits in many of Mildura's residential streets are now 40km per hour and we need your help to spread the word.

If your wheelie bin is still displaying a 50km sticker, please remove it. You can also collect a new 40km sticker from our Madden Avenue Service Centre or give us a call on 5018 8100 and we can organise to send you one.

A speed limit of 40km per hour makes our streets safer for everyone. The reduction from 50 to 40km per hour can decrease the risk of death by as much as 48% (Austroads, 2018).





Transfer Stations like this one at Lake Cullulleraine are one of the few waste and recycling services rural residents can access.

Reviewing Lindsay Point, Millewa and Mallee Track waste and recycling services

We're reviewing how we provide waste and recycling services to people living in rural areas of our region.

Currently, around 1,500 properties do not have access to a kerbside bin service.

These are located around the Millewa, Lindsay Point and Mallee Track areas including Linga, Torrita, Boinka, Cowangie, Tutye, Carina, Danyo, Mittyack.

Without a kerbside bin service, residents in these areas must

take all their waste to a local transfer station or dispose of it elsewhere.

We're calling on rural residents to complete an anonymous survey about their current waste disposal methods and how much waste they produce.

Information collected through these surveys will help Council better understand the waste management needs of rural residents. It will also help us to plan for future waste and recycling services in the Mallee Track, Millewa and Lindsay Point areas.

For more information or to complete a survey visit mildura.vic.gov.au/ruralwaste or call our Waste Education Officer on 5018 8100.

WNBL ACTION RETURNS TO MSP!

Strap in Sunraysia! Women's National Basketball League action is coming back to the Mildura Sporting Precinct (MSP) in 2023!

WNBL contenders the Bendigo Spirit will play two games at the venue in September and November.

The Spirit will first test themselves against the CBL Mildura Men's Heat side in a preseason outing from 1.30pm on Saturday 23 September, before returning to take on the Sydney Flames for WNBL premiership points on Friday 10 November.

Tickets for both fixtures are on sale now, providing locals with a chance to see some of the best WNBL has to offer.

Tickets for the preseason game are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children aged 6 to 17. Under 5s can come for free!

The in-season game against the Flames, will be streamed live on 9Now, showcasing Mildura and the Precinct to the rest of Australia.

Tickets for the main event are \$20 for adults, \$16 for concession, \$10 for children aged 6 to 17 and free for those five and under. Families (two adults and two children) can attend for \$50.

A special Pre-Game at the P package is also available for the Spirit-Flames clash, and includes dedicated courtside seats, a drink card and finger food, and access to an exclusive area on the MSP lawns pre-game.



Tickets for both games, including Pre-Game at the P, are available online at mildurasportingprecinct.com.au or eventsmildura.com.au



**What do
you think?**

**Your input is
important!**

At Council we provide dozens of different services, deliver projects, maintain infrastructure and assets and support the community to help make our region a great place to live, work and visit.

As a government organisation, we exist to serve the public. So, community feedback and input are vital to everything we do.

There are many different ways you can give us feedback, contribute to the work we're doing or find out about what we're up to.

Your Say

Your Say is our official digital community engagement platform where you can learn about current projects, proposals or plans and have your say on them. Simply visit yoursay.mildura.vic.gov.au and start contributing!

Community surveys

If you receive a telephone call from a market research company asking about Council's performance, please take the time to complete the survey. We engage an independent company to survey residents and ratepayers four times each year. Information from this survey helps us plan and improve how we deliver services.

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

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Watch or attend a Council meeting

Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5.30pm in our Deakin Avenue Service Centre. You can attend in person or watch the live stream online at mildura.vic.gov.au/meetinglivestream

Follow us on social media

Keep up-to-date with Council projects, events, service changes and news on Facebook, X and LinkedIn.



**Victorian
Seniors
Festival
2023**



2023 Seniors Festival

Learn. Love. Live.

Mildura Rural City Council proudly presents a local program of events during October to mark the 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival, with something for everyone!

Scan the QR code to download a copy of the program, and stay up-to-date with what's planned!



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Red Cliffs Kindergarten students and staff are excited they will be getting a new facility.

\$6m Early Years Integrated Hub for Red Cliffs

Children and staff at the Red Cliffs Kindergarten are jumping for joy with news the town will be getting a brand-new facility for children to learn and play in.

The existing kindergarten building will be replaced with a modern hub, that will house early years services to meet the demand of the growing Red Cliffs community.

The new Early Years Integrated Hub will include four kindergarten rooms which will allow twice as many local children to attend kindergarten programs in Red Cliffs.

It will also house Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and allied health consulting rooms, Toy Library facilities, a multi-use community space, breastfeeding room and large foyer area.

Council has secured \$6 million through the Victorian Government's Building Blocks Capacity Integrated Children's Centre grant program to build the new facility.

Congratulations and thank you to the many people involved in helping make this grant possible, especially the Department of Education, YMCA, broader kindergarten community, Toy Library and MCH teams.

Construction is expected to start in 2024, during which time the kindergarten, Maternal and Child Health services and Toy Library will be temporarily relocated. The Department of Education is leading discussions with stakeholders including Mildura Rural City Council and the YMCA to seek a suitable temporary site to support the continuation of the program throughout 2024.

Is it time for your child's MCH visit?

If you have a baby or child under the age of five, it is important to take them to regular visits with one of our Maternal and Child Health nurses.

Free visits are recommended at 10 important milestones:

- Home visit soon after your baby is born
- 2 weeks
- 4 weeks
- 8 weeks
- 4 months
- 8 months
- 12 months
- 18 months
- 2 years
- 3.5 years

At each visit, the Maternal and Child Health nurse will check your child's health, growth and development.

They can also support you on your parenting journey and provide information about things like sleep and settling, feeding and starting solids, immunisations, family wellbeing and starting kindergarten and school.

You don't have to wait until your child's next scheduled visit to contact a Maternal and Child Health nurse. If you have concerns, please call us to arrange a booking sooner. You can also call the 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Support Line at any time on 13 22 29.

To book a Maternal and Child Health visit call us on 5018 8277.



MCH nurse Katie chats with Janeth and baby Derick.



WIN*

UP TO \$2,000 OFF YOUR COUNCIL RATES BILL!

Register to receive your rates notices via email by 30 September 2023 and go in the draw for a chance to win.

Anyone already registered will automatically go in the draw.

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*Ts&Cs apply. Visit mildura.vic.gov.au/ratesdraw for details





CEO Martin Hawson and Mayor Liam Wood with joint winners of the 2023 Community Event or Project of the Year Award, North West Victorian Motorcycle Club (Hattah Desert Race) and the Red Cliffs Centenary Committee (Red Cliffs Centenary Celebrations).

Nominate and celebrate someone great!

Do you know a person or group who has made an outstanding contribution to our community?
Then why not nominate them for an Australia Day Award!
Nominations for the 2024 Awards are open now and will be announced on Australia Day next year.

Award categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event or Project of the Year

These awards are designed to recognise the achievements and contributions of individuals and groups throughout our community.

Submitting an award nomination is an opportunity to say 'thank you' to the people in our community who make a difference to our everyday lives.

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 3 November 2023.

For more information and nomination forms visit mildura.vic.gov.au/Awards

Hard copy forms are also available on request by calling us on 5018 8100.



Interpreter

If you need an interpreter we can help. To access an interpreter, call TIS National on 131 450 and ask them to call Mildura Rural City Council on 03 5018 8100. You can also ask for an interpreter when you use any of our services.

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

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