# community matters



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# Council grants help grow community groups

Christine Richardson, Peter Webb and Marian Tobin were all smiles when their community group, *Greening Mildura* received a \$4,000 Council grant in May. The group will use their grant to run a community tree planting program and increase shade in urban areas. Read more about Council's community grants program on page 7.



### Are you recycling right?

Every time you put a non-recyclable item in your kerbside recycling bin, you could be contaminating an entire truck load of recycling. This is not only costly, it means the good work everyone else is doing to recycle properly, is wasted.

So take a little extra time when you're emptying your recycling, and if in doubt, leave it out.

For more information go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/waste



### Transfer Station for Murrayville

- Polystyrene

- Household rubbish

A Transfer Station will be established at the Murrayville Landfill thanks to a \$150,000 grant from Sustainability Victoria.

Murrayville residents will see very little change to their service, but the funding does signal a significant change to environmental practices.

Designed to replace the existing landfill, the Transfer Station will make it easier for locals to recycle, with facilities to drop off sorted recyclable materials, as well as general rubbish. All items dropped at the site will then be collected and transferred for recycling or disposal.

The new Transfer Station is expected to be in operation at Murrayville within the next twelve months. Once completed, Council will start rehabilitating the landfill site, which involves covering with soil, planting native vegetation and ongoing monitoring.

### Safely dispose of household paint, batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs for free

Residents can now benefit from a free, easy-to-use service to safely dispose of household paint, all types of household batteries and compact flourescent lightbulbs (CFLs) thanks to a new facility that has opened at the Mildura Landfill.

While the dangers associated with improper disposal of household paint, batteries and CFLs cannot always be seen straight away; these products can pollute the environment for future generations, as well as harm your health. Please do not pour paint down the drain or put these products out with your regular rubbish collection.

Instead, you can reduce hazards in your home and protect the environment by disposing of these products safely and easily throughout the year at the Mildura Landfill. The products collected are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

This free service is administered by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with Council and is funded by the Victorian landfill levy.

For more information go to www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome



- Nappies

Plastic bags

- Medical waste including syringes

and syringe disposal containers



### Makeover brings new look to Langtree Mall

Two table tennis tables, a bridge, giant deck chair, sculptures, plants and a book swapping system are among the new additions to Mildura's Langtree Mall following a 7 Day Makeover of the space in June.

More than 50 locals volunteered their time to activate the Mall, with a limited budget and just seven days to do it. Learning from experienced place-maker David Engwicht of *Creative Communities*, the volunteers devised a plan to make the mall a place where people want to be.

The seven days from June 1 to 7 were jam-packed with training, planning, sourcing materials, converting items and coordinating the logistics of the makeover itself. The result is an injection of new energy and a series of points throughout the Mall where people can interact with the space.

There's a life-sized frame where you can pose for photos, comfy spots to relax with a book, lush plants and flowers to admire, 38 hidden fish to find and much, much more. Some of the changes will be permanent, some will evolve, and some will have a limited life, just like the furnishings in anyone's house.

Pop down to the Langtree Mall to check out the great work of the volunteers who dared to make a difference.

> ABOVE: Some of the many locals who helped out on the Langtree Mall 7 Day Makeover

RIGHT: Irymple Progress Association President Dorothy Knight with Tony and Simon Lloyd.

# Lloyd Park – from disrepair to community oasis

Congratulations to the Irymple community on the grand opening of the newly revitalised Lloyd Park. This great community project has seen a disused block transformed in to a green open space for locals and visitors to enjoy.

With strong support from the Irymple Progress Association, many wonderful community members volunteered their time to see the vision become a reality. A community High Tea was held on Sunday 7 June to celebrate its reopening.

Lloyd Park is situated on Fifteenth Street in Irymple, adjacent to the Ambulance Station. About 660m², it was earmarked for sale in 2013 but the Irymple community were keen to see it remain in public hands and put together a great strategy and detailed plan for the future of the site.

Council invested \$15,000 in the project and the community raised an additional \$5,000 to complete the work.

The park now boasts beautiful garden beds planted with citrus and herbs, which will be maintained by the community, as well as tables, chairs and other items kindly donated by local businesses. Council's Parks and Gardens team will ensure the lawns are kept well maintained and work with the community on future projects in the park.

With plans to see Lloyd Park flourish as an example of a true community garden, we can't wait to see how it develops and grows into the future.

#### Who is Lloyd Park named after?

John George Lloyd (1911–1998) was Shire Engineer of the Shire of Mildura between 1961 and 1973. A strong supporter of community projects, he set aside the land on which the park now stands as open space when the then Shire Offices were built nearby.

Mr Lloyd's sons Simon and Tony attended the official opening of Lloyd Park and planted a commemorative tree to mark the occasion.





# Riverfront redevelopment celebrates Indigenous culture

Elements of Indigenous culture and history are being woven in to the redevelopment of Mildura's riverfront precinct.

The Murray River features prominently in the stories and customs of local Aboriginal people. It is therefore fitting that a major project on the banks of the Murray River celebrates and respects their continuing culture and acknowledges the memories of their ancestors.

Under guidance from the project's Aboriginal Reference Group and Traditional Owners, Indigenous art, a replica scar tree and ceremonial smoking pit will all be incorporated in to the redeveloped parklands.

### Sculpture

Barkandji artist Badger Bates is creating a sculpture shaped by his memories of the people and landscapes of Mildura, which will be installed on the lawns between the Rowing Club and Mildura Wharf. The work will include two seats adorned in mosaic, encircling a stone sculpture, featuring carvings of the Rainbow Serpent.

#### Signage

New signage to direct people around the riverfront precinct will take the form of a Boundary Tree. Long before European settlers, Aboriginal people used Boundary Trees as navigational landmarks. By grafting together the branches of young saplings, they created ring-shaped portals in adult trees that acted like viewfinders: pointing out areas of significance and marking boundaries between tribal areas. As a tribute to this ancient tradition, the new riverfront signage will feature this tree portal motif in their design – a symbolic acknowledgement of their importance to the region's first people, past and present.



#### **Replica Scar Tree**

A spectacular contemporary art piece representing a majestic River Red Gum Scar (Canoe) Tree will be featured in the new Water Play area. This will be an important marker in the precinct and a ceremonial celebration for Traditional Owners, the broader Aboriginal community and industry partners of Mildura.

### **Smoking Pit**

A smoking pit will be installed as part of the new Langtree Connection. This will serve as a historical acknowledgement of traditional owners of the land and also provide a space for the living practice of Aboriginal culture, where smoking ceremonies can be conducted by the community in the future.

### Welcome to Country Arbour

The names of the various tribal groups from across Australia who now call Mildura home will be incorporated in to an arbour. The arbour will inform a Welcome to Country ceremony, which Aboriginal people have performed for thousands of years to welcome visitors to their traditional land. As people walk through the arbour - which will connect Langtree Avenue to the riverfront – they will be able to read the names of the various tribal groups.



# Healthy alternatives for catering

A second edition of the popular Healthy Catering Handbook was launched earlier this month.

Developed by Healthy Together Mildura in partnership with local caterers, the handbook aims to make healthy catering easier by providing a list of local healthy catering providers, along with a menu of available healthy options.

The handbook was originally developed in response to requests from workplaces wanting to offer healthier options at catered events, but is a great guide for anyone hosting an event or get-together.

The first Healthy Catering Handbook was launched in 2013 with just five caterers and has now grown to include nine local businesses who have embraced the project and put together a wide range of tasty healthy options.

Businesses involved in the handbook had to do a lot of work to be included, with Nutrition Australia's Healthy Eating Advisory Service assessing each menu item to ensure all foods included in the handbook are indeed healthy.

Participating caterers include: Banjo's Bakery Café, Clove, Espresso Drive, Food for the Mood, The Good Cooks, The Gourmet Chef, Subway, Sumo Salad and Zambelli's Kitchen.

The Healthy Catering Handbook is free and is available from all participating caterers as well as online at www.healthytogethermildura.com.au

Healthy Together Mildura is funded by the Victorian Government and is a partnership between Mildura Rural City Council and Sunraysia Community Health Services.

> ABOVE: Some of Healthy Together's caterers show off the yummy healthy options available for your next event.



Council adopted its budget for the 2015/16 Financial Year on June 25. In the next 12 months the organisation will invest \$108.9 million delivering more than 100 different services, facilities and infrastructure for the community.

The figures above provide a breakdown of where the budget is allocated.

You can read the 2015/16 Council Budget in full online at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/budget



# Planning for the future of Lake Hawthorn

Council and other agencies are working together on a plan for the future management of Lake Hawthorn.

The use of Lake Hawthorn for managing salt and receiving stormwater has changed over time. Changes to irrigated agriculture and increased urbanisation of the lake catchment has led to changed expectations for amenity, recreation and environmental value.

It is therefore timely to develop a Lake Hawthorn Management Plan to manage and, where possible, enhance the important values held by agencies and the community about Lake Hawthorn.

Council, Lower Murray Water, Goulburn-Murray Water and the Mallee Catchment Management Authority will work together to develop the plan.

The Plan will consider the needs and interests of all users of the lake, including adjoining landholders and licensees, recreational users and government agencies. Once complete it will include a list of key issues and priorities to manage the lake and the surrounding areas.

Key communities and users of the lake have had input in the development of the Plan and the wider community will have the chance to review it before it is completed in October.

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### 45 recipients share in \$178,000 worth of grants

45 different community groups, sporting clubs and event organisers are the latest beneficiaries of Council's community grants program.

- Almost \$179,000 in grants were announced in May, with recipients using the funding for important projects and initiatives that will benefit the wider community. Grant categories included Recreation Facilities Upgrade, Recreation Development, Environmental Projects, Rural Access, Arts Development and Events and Festivals.
- More community groups will have the chance to apply for funding when the next round of Council's community grants program opens for applications in August.
- For more information go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/grants

### Five year plan to improve community safety

The Community Safety Plan 2015 to 2020, prepared by the Northern Mallee Community Partnership (NMCP), was adopted at the Council Meeting in May.

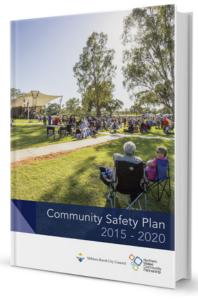
This collaborative plan outlines how community groups will work together to improve perceptions of safety in our community over the next five years.

The plan is broken in to six key areas, each with specific goals and actions. Key areas include safety in public spaces, partnerships and collaborations, community strengthening and how to reduce the harm associated with alcohol abuse and the impact of illicit drugs in the community.



you can support the Community Safety Plan by picking up a copy from Council or downloading it from our website. The Community Safety Plan was developed with support and input from:

- Victoria Police
- Department of Justice and Regulation
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Youth Justice, Department of Health and Human Services
- Mildura District Aboriginal Service
- Mildura Law Courts
- Northern Mallee Community Partnership
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Victims Assistance and Counselling Program, Sunraysia Community Health
- Healthy Together Mildura
- Mildura City Heart Inc.
- Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council



### Find it online

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### Make a request

Submit an online customer service request



### Have your say

Comment on Council projects, surveys and plans.



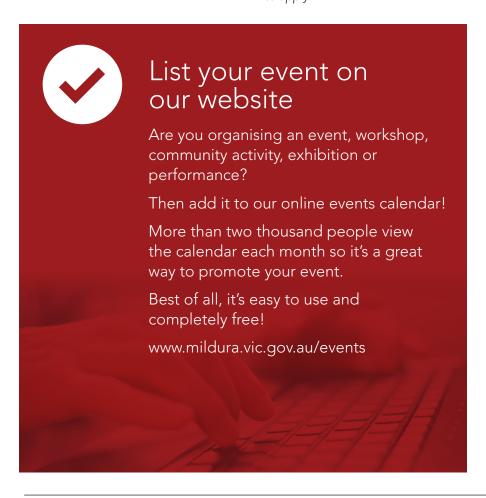
### Work for Council

View current vacancies and learn how to apply.



### animals

Pets and animals currently in Mildura Animal Shelter





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