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Above: Peter and Beth Shaw of Mildura give their garden an accessibility test.

A clear path for all

As we settle into the winter months and begin to prepare our gardens for spring plantings, why not take some time to make sure your garden isn't spilling out on to nearby footpaths or roads.

There's an easy test you can take – just walk along the front of your property or the path out the front of your house and see if you need to duck under a branch, step carefully over berries or leaves that have fallen or walk out onto the road because of a hedge or bush.

Now, let's imagine you're visually impaired, have a disability, drive a scooter or push a pram. How easily could you negotiate the environment out the front of your house?

At Council, we're encouraging everyone to take a closer look at their gardens and to make sure their plantings aren't causing problems for people using the footpath, road reserves or nature strips and that everyone can move freely passed properties.

Trees and shrubs on private property and which overhang footpaths need to be maintained by the property owner. We'd also love for you to let us know about any trees on Council property that need trimming too.

Further information about your responsibilities when it comes to gardens and nature strips is available from our Customer Service centres. Contact us on (03) 5018 8100



Memories unveiled on Mildura Riverfront

Titled "Memories" the mosaic artwork and sculpture on the Mildura Riverfront by internationally renowned Kurnu Barkandji artist Badger Bates, was unveiled 29 April.

The images on the mosaic seating depict a meeting place, shaped by Badger's memories of the people and landscapes of Mildura, with inspiration from the Mediterranean, including Spanish artist and architect Antoni Gaudi.

The beautiful mosaics tell the story of the Rainbow Serpent, who lives in the deep waterholes of the river and in the underground springs. As it travels, the Rainbow Serpent blows a rainbow, bringing life to the country.

The centre piece sculpture tells the story of Nurrunderi and Punti the Giant Cod, who carved out the Murray River. Nurrunderi speared Punti and chopped him into pieces, throwing them into the river, where they became the different kinds of fish: catfish, perch, silver bream and bony bream.

Thank you to Badger for this beautiful artwork and thanks to everyone who spent time with Badger and contributed to the mosaics. It truly is wonderful.





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The changing face of our arts precinct

The foundations for a dedicated arts precinct in our region were first laid in 1950 when Rio Vista Historic house was purchased by the then Council for £18,000.

Rio Vista was acquired for use as an art gallery to display the significant works bequeathed to the community by Senator R D Elliott in 1944. Further works were also bequeathed by his late wife, Mrs Hilda Elliott in 1970.

The original art gallery was officially opened on 25 May 1956 by Governor of Victoria General Sir Dallas Brooks.

Ten years later, further development of the Mildura Regional Arts Centre, as it was then called, was completed with the addition of a new gallery and theatre space. This was opened by the then Victorian Premier, Sir Henry Bolte on 12 November 1966.

Mildura Arts Centre now features a 444-seat theatre which was redeveloped in 2012, a regional art gallery, sculpture park and licensed café, with Rio Vista Historic House, still the centre piece of the site.

Mildura Arts Centre today

The regional gallery and permanent collection is at the heart of Mildura Arts Centre (MAC). MAC is home to the largest single collection of paintings by Anglo-Irish artist Sir William Orpen in the world and visitors are astonished to find a pastel by Edgar Degas, *Femme a la baignoire se coiffant*, as well as works by Sir Frank Brangwyn and a number of important Australian artists in the gallery.

There's always something on display in the gallery. From exhibitions from the permanent collection, to touring exhibitions, showcase exhibitions of established and emerging artists from the Murray Darling region and even local primary and secondary school students, MAC's programs have something for everyone. They also feature regular hands-on workshops for the general public.

The successes of exhibitions such as *Vassilieff: Journey to Mildura and Mildura Revisited* has drawn new visitors from across Australia and internationally, travelling to Mildura specifically to see these exhibitions.

And with space to host a range of private functions, meetings and conferences, MAC is a wonderful, intimate option for your next event.

A series of important contemporary art events known as the Mildura Sculpture

Triennials took place between 1961 and 1988 and undeniably put Mildura on the arts map on a national level. The legacy remains today with public art scattered in and around Mildura on the lawns and along Deakin Avenue.

The performing arts program is diverse and dynamic capturing drama, comedy, music, physical theatre, dance, children's theatre and much more.

In more recent times the focus has been on exploring the history of the Chaffey family and the restoration of Rio Vista to its original splendour. Rio Vista Historic House is undoubtedly Mildura's most important heritage building, visited by thousands of visitors, locals and school children each year.

Mildura Arts Centre boasts an experience with something for everyone right in our own backyard!

Celebrating in style

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations kick off on Friday 27 May with a gala exhibition featuring many items from the permanent collection and a few little surprises as well. The weekend party continues on Saturday 28 May with an Open Day full of talks, tours, live music and fun for the kids.

Find out more at www.milduraartscentre.com.au



2016 Push Start Comp winners Overwound.



The Mildura Rural City Council Youth Award winners for 2016



Making their mark

Achievements of our young people celebrated

Congratulations to the deserving winners of the 2016 Mildura Rural City Council Youth Awards. The winners were announced at a Recognition Dinner on Thursday 14 April 2016.

- **Youth Volunteer Award Joint Winners**
- Jemma Searle and Jack Perry
- **Youth Artist Group Award**
- Sunraysia Gang Show Movement Team - Lily Adams, Kayla Adams, Alicia Jones, Rhiannon Curtis, Emily McEwan, Catherine O'Callaghan, Jarrod Searle, Jemma Searle and Sharnie Stimm
- **Youth Carer Award** - Lexie Millward
- **Youth Artist Award** - Brooke Lauder

The awards were first given out four years ago as a way to say thank you to local under 25's who do their bit to support the many events, programs and people in our region and this year over 40 young people were nominated in four categories.



Some of the great new people joining the 2016 FReeZA Committee

Youth Pushing Ahead

Sunraysia's youth showcased their amazing musical talent in the recent FReeZA Push Start Comp. With the ambition of progressing to the regional round of the competition, solo artists and bands took to the stage to entertain their peers and impress the judges.

The music competition has been uncovering new artists for more than 20 years and offers local youth a unique opportunity to perform in a fully equipped stage environment.

The event which was hosted by Mildura Rural City Council's FReeZA Committee was well supported with over 150 local youth in attendance.

Overwound was the winning band on the night and band members Tyler Rodi, Sean Leersen and James Herbert, will now progress to the Regional Finals, where they'll compete for the opportunity to perform in the Grand Final in Melbourne in March next year.

A cool start to 2016

We're proud to welcome our 2016 FReeZA Committee.

FReeZA is a Victorian Government initiative, delivered in partnership with Council that supports young people to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, smoke and alcohol-free music and cultural events for other young people.

FReeZA Committee members help plan and stage events like the Push Start Comp and the Youth Arts Prize.

If you're interested in finding out more about our local FReeZA events, follow Council's Youth Services Mildura Facebook - www.facebook.com/youthservicesmildura, contact our Youth Services Team on 5018 8280 or email youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au

Planning for their future

Members of the Youth Action Committee attended the March Council meeting where the 2015 - 2018 Youth Engagement Strategy was formally adopted by Council.

The strategy will help council to work with local youth and other service providers to plan for future services and facilities, how to better engage with youth and work towards identifying the issues that impact youth, as well as looking at what stops young people participating in community activities and services.

www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth



Deakin Avenue Tree Redevelopment

At the March Council meeting approval was given to begin work on the Deakin Avenue Redevelopment Project between Ninth and Tenth Streets. Initial work is expected to commence in May. The redevelopment project forms a part of the Deakin Avenue Master Plan, which encompasses the central median strip between Seventh and Tenth Streets.

The staged work will include:

- an upgraded irrigation system
- additional street furniture
- replacement along the kerb of the medium strip
- removal of trees with significant structural faults
- replanting of trees propagated from original Deakin Avenue sugar gums, to preserve the visual and historical integrity of the boulevard.

Advances in tree management methods and knowledge have improved how we can care and maintain sugar gums. Council will now work towards providing a safe environment for motorists and pedestrians alike, and also ensure that our children's children will be able to enjoy Deakin Avenue and it will remain an iconic vista for all those who live or visit our region.



The toilet facilities at The Nowingi Place on the riverfront are a great example of CPTED designed public buildings.

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.

CPTED

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

(CPTED- pronounced Sep-Ted) is a crime prevention strategy which outlines how physical environments can be designed to lessen the opportunity for crime. This is achieved by creating conditions that: maximise risk to offenders, maximise the effort required to commit crime, minimise the actual and perceived benefits of crime, and minimise opportunities for inappropriate behaviour. In other words, designing public spaces that have good visibility and lighting and are not easily vandalised.

Ride a Scooter?



Did you know there are a number of local businesses who provide access to a power point for people who utilise motorised scooters, gophers & electric wheelchairs?

These power

points are made available so people can recharge the battery of motorised vehicle and gives people the confidence to know they can get to and from their destination.

A new recharge point has been established at Sunraysia Community Health Services corner of Deakin Avenue and Thirteenth Street, Mildura.

For more information about Recharge Points, contact the Rural Access Worker at Council on (03) 5018 8100.

Recognising of our First Peoples

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was adopted in May 2015 and we're proud to say we are progressing through a number of the actions in this plan.

Our RAP formalises our dedication to bridging the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The plan outlines the actions we will take to build strong relationships and enhanced respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

One of the actions was to formally acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our Deakin Avenue, Madden Avenue and Ouyen Service Centres are located. In March an Acknowledgement of Country brass plaque was unveiled and each service centre now proudly displays a plaque at the entrance.

Earlier in the year, we joined with the Aboriginal Action Committee to host an event to unveil a copy of Australia's National Apology to Indigenous Peoples.

The apology was signed on 13 February 2008 by the then Prime Minister, the Honourable Kevin Rudd. A copy of the apology now hangs in Council's Deakin Avenue and Madden Avenue Service Centres. The Apology marks a significant date in Australia's history in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For further information on Council's Reconciliation Action Plan please contact us on 5018 8100 or email mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au

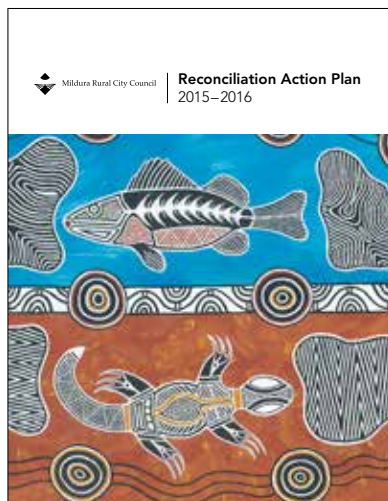
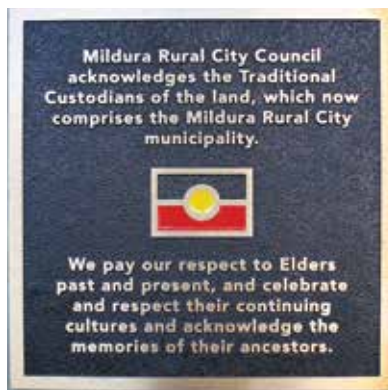


Image of front cover of Reconciliation Action Plan
Latji Latji artist James Baxter painted the artwork that features on the cover of the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Burning into winter

With the cooler months on their way, it's that time of year again when residents undertake burn offs and clearing of summer waste. Council is keen to remind residents not to be complacent about the dry conditions. Fire prevention and safety is everyone's responsibility.

Residents on irrigation properties are able to start clearing their properties of summer waste.

Did you know that:

- You mustn't burn without a permit
- You need to notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) 2 hours before lighting your fire
- If you've got neighbours within 200 metres of the burn, make sure you that you tell them 2 hours before you light your fire
- Check the weather forecast for the day of and after your planned burn
- Don't burn if the forecast exceeds 32 degrees or winds are stronger than 15 kilometres an hour
- Lighting fires in Residential and Commercial Zones is not permitted

We work closely with other agencies such as the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to monitor fire risk.

Both the Local Government and CFA Acts clearly stipulate landowners must not allow land to become unsightly or a potential fire hazard.

Fire permits are available from our service centres and further information about permits, fire safety and keeping your property tidy is available on Council's webpage www.mildura.vic.gov.au

Information on Fire Danger Ratings and Fire Restrictions can be found on the CFA's webpage www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Kindergarten and Long Day Care Open Days

Education week signals the start of Kindergarten and Long Day Care Open Days across our region

Visit your local kindergarten or long day care centre from **Monday 16 May**

Parents, carers and grandparents are encouraged to find out more about kindergarten and Long Day Care programs by attending any of the local open days that are occurring in the region.

For more information about Open Day dates, contact your local kindergarten, long day care centre or council on (03) 5018 8100 or email earlyyears@mildura.vic.gov.au

Find it online

Visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au to find a range of up-to-date information and services.



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View current vacancies and learn how to apply.



Lost animals

Pets and animals currently in Mildura Animal Shelter



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Are you organising an event, workshop, community activity, exhibition or performance?

Then add it to our online events calendar!

More than two thousand people view the calendar each month so it's a great way to promote your event.

Best of all, it's easy to use and completely free!

www.mildura.vic.gov.au/events



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

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