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Enrolments
Now Open**



New Mildura Regional Development CEO

The newly-formed Mildura Regional Development (MRD) has its first Chief Executive Officer in Daryl Buckingham.

MRD will take over the functions of the Mildura Development Corporation and Mildura Tourism from July and appointed its first CEO last month.

Mr Buckingham takes on the role after serving as Senior Manager Marketing and Digital Transition at the City of Playford in South Australia, as well as previous senior management positions in marketing, communications and economic development in both the private and government sectors.

In his most recent role at the City of Playford, Mr Buckingham was responsible for developing a Smart City Strategy which included a digital transition and innovation economy plan to attract investment in preparation for the impending closure of Holden later this year, and its impacts on the local economy and jobs.

Mr Buckingham will begin his new role on 29 May 2017.

\$1.6m Madden Avenue reconstruction nearing completion

Work is well under way on a \$1.6m project to reconstruct one of the city's busiest sections of Madden Avenue.

The project involves the installation of roundabouts at the Ninth and Tenth Street intersections of Madden Avenue, as well as reconstructing about 300 metres of roadway between the intersections.

The first stage of the project started in January this year, focusing mainly on the intersection of Madden Avenue and Ninth Street.

It included the completion of the first roundabout as well as a host of works on the immediate section of Madden Avenue, including new kerb and channelling, drainage, construction of new road base, stabilisation works, asphalt surfacing and line marking.

These works were completed on schedule in March this year, paving the way for the second stage at the Tenth Street end of the project.

Drainage works at the site of the second roundabout were completed in early April, while kerb and channelling, asphaltting and construction of the new roundabout in Tenth Street are expected to be completed next month.

The works, funded through Council's allocation of the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program, were driven by a desire to improve road safety at both intersections as well as making them easier to negotiate. The poor condition of the road between the two intersections also necessitated reconstruction of this section of Madden Avenue.



1 in 3 women experience physical and/or sexual violence perpetrated by someone known to them*

*(Australian Bureau of Statistics)

 **White Ribbon**
Australia

Take the oath

New Central Enrolment Service for six Kindergartens



If you are looking to enrol your child in three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten next year, you may now need to lodge your enrolment through Council, instead of the kindergartens directly.

We now operate a Central Kindergarten Enrolment (CKE) service which caters for children in pre-kindergarten (three-year-old) and funded (four-year-old) kindergarten programs for the following kindergartens:

- Irymple Kindergarten
- Kathleen Kelly Kindergarten
- Mildura South Kindergarten
- Nangiloc & District Kindergarten
- Mildura West Kindergarten
- Red Cliffs Kindergarten

Kindergartens not listed above will still be taking enrolments directly so please contact them for further information.

Enrolments are now open and first round places close 5pm Friday, 30 June 2017. Enrolments submitted after this date will be considered for second round placements, closing on 31 July. Third round places will continue until children have been allocated places. We encourage you to visit kindergartens and attend open days prior to enrolling your child.

Enrolment forms are available from Council Customer Service Centres, participating

kindergartens, Council's Maternal Child Health Team, Mallee District Aboriginal Services, Mallee Family Care or our website.

When enrolling, it is important to have the following documents required with your child's enrolment form:

- Proof of your child's birth (e.g. a copy of a birth certificate or passport – please do not send originals).
- Health Care Card and/or Pension Card, if applicable.
- Proof of immunisation by providing an Immunisation History Statement.

You can request an Immunisation History Statement from our Maternal Child Health Service, or by contacting the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) on 1800 653 809 or visiting their website, or by accessing your MyGov account or visiting a Medicare Service Centre.

Enrolment forms for participating kindergartens can be lodged at any of our Customer Service Centres, or by emailing kindergarten@mildura.vic.gov.au or posting to Kindergarten Enrolment Officer, PO Box 105 Mildura, Victoria, 3502.

For more information or to book an appointment with our Kindergarten Enrolment Officer, contact us.



Have your say on Council's future priorities

Two of our most influential documents and plans are now on public exhibition, and we're keen to hear your thoughts.

Our Draft Community and Council Plan and Draft Budget have now been completed, not only setting out Council's priorities over the coming four years, but detailing how they'll be funded in the coming 12 months.

Both plans went on public exhibition in early May.

Our Draft Community and Council Plan is our organisation's most important document. It will guide our priorities, strategies and objectives for the coming four years in four broad areas - Community, Environment, Economy and Council.

It's the result of months of work by our staff, but importantly, is also the result of many weeks of community consultation by Council staff, senior managers and Councillors.

Community consultation was a critical element in developing the plan to ensure it reflects what our residents feel is important.

The feedback we received revealed residents believe the following areas should be priorities for us:

- Ensuring sustainable economic development, including attracting and supporting diverse businesses and industry, creating local employment opportunities.
- Crime prevention, including addressing drug and alcohol issues.
- More community events, festivals, markets, tourist attractions and major events.
- Further development and activation of the riverfront.
- Introduction of green/organic waste services.
- Feeling safe in the community.
- Development and maintenance of roads.
- Advocate for return of the passenger train.
- Provision and access to quality services and facilities.

We've been taking submissions from the community since the beginning of May, however there's still time to provide your feedback. Copies of the Draft Community and Council Plan are available from our website at www.mildura.vic.gov.au. Written submissions will be taken until 5pm on Monday, 5 June.

Our Draft Budget meanwhile is also available for the public to view and provide feedback, outlining our funding priorities for the coming 12 months, including how we'll fund the more than 100 services we provide across the region.

The \$122 million budget includes a capital budget of more than \$33 million, which will pay for upgrades to our extensive network of sealed and unsealed roads, footpaths, school crossings and walking tracks. It will also inject funding into the completion of the Mildura riverfront precinct crib wall, drainage infrastructure upgrades and investment in our local parks, playgrounds and trees.

The Draft Budget forecasts a net surplus of \$5.1 million with no new borrowings for the coming 12 months.

It also proposes a general rate increase of two per cent, which is below the rate forecast 12 months ago.

We're keen to get your feedback on our Draft Budget. Copies are available by contacting our Corporate Services Branch on (03) 5018 8100, visiting www.mildura.vic.gov.au or viewing a copy at our Service Centres and libraries.

Written submissions to the budget must be lodged by 5pm on Monday, 5 June. Submissions can also be made online for the first time this year via our website.

Photograph by Vicki Kendrigan



\$1.4m Mildura Recreation Reserve redevelopment completed

The biggest redevelopment of the Mildura Recreation Reserve since its inception has been completed.

In a massive undertaking, construction of new netball courts and change rooms and levelling and resurfacing of the Number 1 Oval playing surface were all completed in time for the start of the 2017 Sunraysia Football Netball League (SFNL) season last month.

For the first time since netball has been played at the venue, players can now compete on three brand new, modern courts as well as having access to dedicated change rooms for females.

The redevelopment was funded through the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (\$723,000) and a joint contribution from Council (\$468,500) and relevant clubs and associations (\$255,000).

Major components of the redevelopment include:

- three new netball courts and associated lighting;
- new car park;
- dedicated netball change rooms;
- re-aligning of Number 1 and 2 Ovals and associated resurfacing works;
- new, more efficient raw water irrigation system;
- new cricket turf wicket; and
- new, additional toilets.

The successful completion of the redevelopment in time for the SFNL season paves the way for a new era for the Mildura Recreation Reserve precinct and was the result of a cooperative effort between Council, local contractors and associated sporting and user groups.

It followed a comprehensive review of Council's Mildura Recreation Reserve Master Plan two years ago in consultation with key stakeholders and sporting groups.

Work last year centred on completing detailed design work as well as further consultation with user groups, including the Sunraysia Cricket Association, to determine the timing of the works, which were planned to be completed in time for last month's SFNL season start.

While the majority of works as part of the redevelopment have been completed, there are still some minor works remaining.

These include completion of netball court fencing, a privacy screen which will soon be erected in front of the existing toilet block, and the transition of the new irrigation system, which has been operational since February, to a dedicated raw water supply.

Neither of these works are expected to interfere with sporting club activities at the Mildura Recreation Reserve.



Mildura Airport runway upgrade on track

Mildura Airport is set to complete the \$25 million extension to Runway 09-27 on schedule and on budget.

The significant upgrade will extend the runway by 120 metres as well as strengthen it with an additional layer of up to 150mm of bitumen, extending the life of the runway by 15 years.

It will also ensure aircraft such as the Boeing B737-800, which is a key aircraft serving Mildura, can depart the airport on hot days with heavier loads.

The project is the result of an analysis of the runway capacity by Mildura Airport.

Mildura Airport board and management determined the runway upgrade and strengthening was critical to the future growth of the airport and set about allocating funds, as well as applying for State, Federal Government and Local Government funding for the project.

Existing asphalt and heavy aircraft parking bays will be replaced with new concrete pavement and a fifth bay, created to facilitate the construction and provide additional regular passenger transport parking in times of heavy demand.

The \$25 million project has been funded by the Australian

Government through the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (\$10 million), Mildura Airport (\$6 million), Regional Development Victoria (\$5.047 million) and Mildura Rural City Council (\$4 million).

Project contractors, Fulton Hogan, were appointed on 23 December last year and started work on site in March this year.

Much of February was spent establishing their own on-site asphalt production plant and aggregate storage facility on airport land.

The first phase of the project involved excavation and placing base material for the runway extension, which was completed by the end of March, triggering the next stage of works, the majority of which have been carried out at night to minimise disruption to the airport's operation.

By late last month, the runway extension was completed, with work now focused on completing asphaltting of the runway surface, which will include an additional 150mm layer of asphalt to preserve and strengthen the existing pavement.

Work is also well advanced on construction of the first of the new heavy aircraft parking bays, known as bay Number 5. The \$25 million project is on track to be completed in July.



Mildura South Wetlands set for major maintenance program

Mildura South residents will notice some activity in their area over coming weeks as we embark on a major maintenance program at the Mildura South Wetlands.

Wetlands such as those in the Mildura South area, bordered by Walnut and Ontario Avenues and Fifteenth and Sixteenth Streets, serve a vital role filtering urban stormwater before it is released into the natural environment.

Constructed wetlands are generally shallow waterways featuring water plants that help to filter and clean the water passing through them.

Over time however, contaminants such as dirt and silt build up in the wetlands, reducing their effectiveness while increasing the risk of stagnant water and the resulting odours impacting on nearby residents.

When this happens, we need to dredge and remove unwanted vegetation to ensure the wetlands continue to flow.

The proposed works at the Mildura South Wetlands aim to do just that - improve the function and efficiency of the basin by removing unwanted and overgrown vegetation as well as silt build-up from the basin floor.

Excavators will be used to remove the vegetation and silt from the wetlands which will be stockpiled on site, allowing the material to dry before being transported to landfill. During this brief period, nearby residents may notice an unfavourable odour from the drying vegetation.

Although the dredging may look unsightly for a short period, it is necessary to ensure the wetlands continue to function efficiently.

If you are in the area at the time of works please avoid any exclusion areas that have been marked for safety reasons. There will also be localised traffic management during some of the works allowing for the loading/unloading of equipment also transport of removed material.

The works are planned for this month and will take two to three weeks to complete.

Council working with sporting clubs to recover from Remembrance Day storm

Merbein was one of the areas hit hardest by the Remembrance Day storms last year, with many residents still working through the recovery and insurance claim process to repair and move back into their homes.

Unfortunately, the Merbein Football and Netball Club was among those severely impacted by the storms, which left their Kenny Park facilities unusable.

In a bid to ensure the Magpies could train on their home ground and host home games from the start of this year's Sunraysia Football Netball League (SFNL) season, we have worked with the club to provide temporary facilities until the insurance claim process is completed.

These facilities, including temporary change rooms, toilets and showers, and all the associated plumbing and electrical work, were completed in time for the start of the 2017 football and netball season.

The first step was to ensure the club could store its equipment safely and securely and involved supplying and transporting a shipping container to Kenny Park in March this year.

We've since transported and installed change rooms and toilet and shower blocks, as well as installing a new catch fence behind the goal posts on the Calder Highway/Third Street end of the ground.

These facilities are a temporary measure only as we work through the insurance claim process to determine if the clubrooms and associated facilities will be rebuilt or if new facilities are constructed.



Stage Two of Deakin Avenue Master Plan soon to commence

Stage Two of the Deakin Avenue Master Plan will soon commence with the removal of 25 trees between Ninth and Tenth Streets. Stage One saw the removal of two of the most dangerous trees in October last year.

An independent arborist's assessment identified a number of trees with significant structural faults that have now reached their end of life expectancy and these trees will be removed to ensure the safety of the community.

Council is working closely with a number of groups including the Chaffey Trail Reference Group, Greening Mildura and the Mildura & District Historical Society to ensure we maintain the historical integrity of the space currently occupied by the existing trees. Sugar gums propagated from the original trees will be established in their place and appropriately setback from the kerb to limit damage to roads and footpaths.

With outdated pruning practices to blame for much of the damage to the existing trees, the new trees will be pruned, maintained and inspected to ensure they are safe and healthy.

The Deakin Avenue Master Plan will activate the space along Deakin Avenue to create an accessible environment which is safe and comfortable for the community to enjoy, while complementing the existing streetscape and historical structures along the avenue.

Further works to be undertaken in this section of Deakin Avenue will include the installation of a more efficient underground irrigation system, garden beds, improved lighting and outdoor furniture.

Motorists are asked to be patient or seek an alternative route, as there may be disruptions to access along Deakin Avenue during this stage of the project.



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

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