

community matters



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**JUMP INTO
SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES**

Mildura Youth
Services



Are your holidays booked yet?

Each Victorian school holidays, our Youth Services Team run a School Holiday Activities Program for young people aged between twelve and sixteen years old, who live or attend school in our municipality. The program provides social, recreational and education activities that are free or at a discounted fee. The aim of the program is to help students increase their participation, skills and knowledge so as to enhance their overall well-being.

Past activities have included a Basketball Fun Day, Cupcakes and Nail Art, Golf Range and Ten Pin Bowling, Arts Day and a Mungo National Park Tour. The last program had 178 bookings across the nine days that the program ran. Some of the most popular and fastest filling activities were the Movie and Pizza, Laserforce and House of Bounce sessions.

Our September program welcomes twelve year olds who are in Grade 6 and will be going into Year 7 in 2017.

We encourage them to attend and join in activities and perhaps, make some new friends before starting secondary college.

To ensure your child can attend their preferred activity session, make sure you register them early. To find out more about our September program or how to register your children for our Youth Services School Holiday Activities Programs, please visit – www.mildura.vic.gov.au/School-Holiday-Program

If you'd like any further information about the program, please contact our Youth Services Team on (03) 5018 8100 or email youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au

And don't forget to keep up to date on what's happening for youth on our Facebook page - Mildura Youth Services.

Looking after your bins

While all Council issued rubbish and recycling bins are the property of Council, it is your responsibility to look after them. You should keep your bins clean and make sure any items you place in your recycling bin are empty.

Keep your bin in good working order by taking it off the street after it is emptied and store it in an appropriate location on your property.

If your bin is not picked up or if your bin is damaged and needs repairs, please give our Customer Service staff a call.

Get it sorted

Did you know there are two Landfills and six Rural Transfer Stations in our region?

We've recently made some changes at our Rural Transfer Stations in an effort to improve and streamline waste services and encourage residents to recycle more. From 1 July our rural sites have had fees introduced for non-recyclable and unsorted waste. However, sorting and separating your waste can save you money, with many items able to be recycled for free.

All of our facilities offer both waste disposal and recycling services, however what is accepted at each site does differ, so check with us before taking rubbish or other materials to your local waste facility. It makes good economic and environmental sense to take a little extra time to sort your load before you leave home.

For information on any of these facilities, fees and what can be disposed of for free, please visit our website or contact Customer Service.



WHAT CAN GO IN YOUR BINS?

RECYCLE BIN



CARDBOARD, GLASS JARS, BOTTLES, MILK CARTONS, CANS, AEROSOLS, RIGID PLASTIC CONTAINERS AND PAPER



FOOD SCRAPS, GARDEN WASTE, NAPPIES, CLOTHING, PLASTIC BAGS, SOFT PLASTICS WRAPPERS, CONTAINERS AND CROCKERY



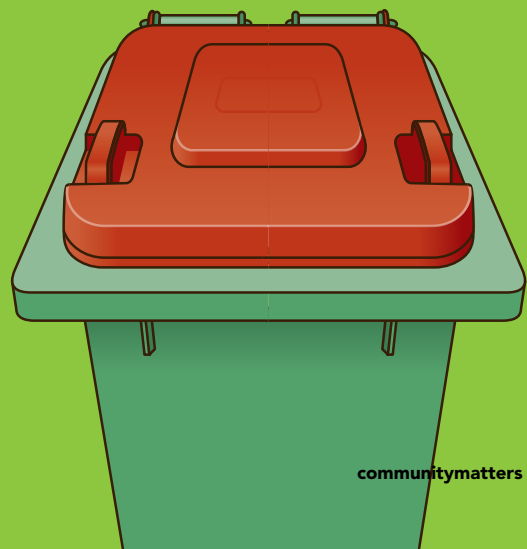
RUBBISH BIN



PLASTIC BAGS, POLYSTYRENE FOAM, HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH, PLASTICS, NAPPIES, GARDEN WASTE AND FOOD SCRAPS



HOT ASHES, LIQUIDS INCLUDING OIL, PAINT & SOLVENTS, SOIL AND ROCKS, MEDICAL WASTE AND BUILDING MATERIAL INCLUDING ASBESTOS





Investing in our community

Council is spending \$125 million in the 2016/17 Financial Year. These figures illustrate how different Council services, projects and infrastructure are funded in this year's budget. You can read the full 2016/17 Budget online at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/budget and also read the Council Plan 2013–2017 online.

Community Budget 2016/17

As always, the 2016/2017 Budget includes a lot of great capital works projects. Some are major infrastructure projects and some are smaller, but no less significant, community works.

The big ticket items this year include:

Riverfront redevelopment - \$2.34 million

Works on the riverfront will continue with finalisation of the Langtree Connection, the new Rowing Club development and work on the Crib Wall all scheduled for completion in the next financial year.

Roads and footpaths - \$12.47 million

With over 5,000kms of roads and more than 370kms of walking tracks and footpaths in our region, maintenance, upgrades and repairs of these important assets will always be one of our biggest investments each year.

Drainage Infrastructure – \$2.26 million

As with roads, our maintaining and upgrading our extensive drainage network is an important budget item. The drainage system is made up of 479kms of kerb and channel, 330kms of underground drains, 9100 drainage pits, 26 gross pollutant traps and six wetlands.

Mildura Airport Runway Reconstruction - \$14 million

With \$10 million in grant funding secured to upgrade the runway at Mildura Airport, this project will continue to allow easy, direct access to our region from our closest capital cities.

It's a revaluation year, so what does this mean for your rates?

How much you pay in rates is partly determined by the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of your property and this year, Council was required by the State Government to revalue every property in our municipality.

All properties in the municipality were revalued as at 1 January 2016 and this valuation will generally remain in place until 30 June 2018.

How do you determine CIV?

CIV is essentially the estimated market value of a property and includes the value of the land and any improvements on the property (such as houses, sheds, swimming pools and gardens).

What if I disagree with my new valuation?

If you believe your property valuation is not correct or is too high, you should contact our Property Services Team and enquire about lodging an objection to the valuation. This must be done within two months of the issue date of your annual rate notice.

Need more information about Property Valuations?
Visit our website at www.mildura.vic.gov.au

The components of your annual council rates bill



A council can only raise its general rates and charges above the 2.5% cap if it has consulted with its community and been granted permission by the Essential Services Commission.

This year, six other Victorian councils were granted a rate cap variation.

The waste charge pays for kerbside waste collection, recycling, waste disposal and State Government landfill levy a charge the council must pay when depositing waste at landfill.

Waste charges are not subject to the rates cap.

All Fire Services Property Levy money collected by councils is passed onto the State Government to fund fire agencies.

This charge is set by the State Government and is not subject to the rates cap.

Your bill may be more or less than you expected because the 2.5% rate cap applies to the

overall rate revenue collected by each council, not your individual property.

The 2.5% rate cap does not apply to waste charges, the fire services property levy or property revaluations.



Mildura Remote Control Car Club were recipients of \$6,000 for the Recreation Facilities Upgrade Grant to construct a storage and shade structure and received an Events and Festivals Grant of \$500.

Five fantastic grant programs open now

Our latest funding round is now open and we're accepting applications from community groups and organisations for the following grants programs:

- **Community Project**
- **Environmental Project**
- **Recreation Development**
- **Recreation Facilities Upgrade**
- **Events Funding and Support** (For events planned to be held between 1 July and 30 December 2017)

We encourage applications for events, programs and initiatives that support the community to strengthen and celebrate our region, experience arts and culture, participate in and deliver events and projects, as well as allow local sport and recreation groups to maintain and develop their facilities.

Potential applicants should contact Council to discuss their application prior to submission.

Community groups and organisations proposing projects on Council owned or managed facilities, must apply for and receive approved Land Managers Consent prior to submitting a grant application. Groups requiring Land Managers Consent are encouraged to contact Council prior to starting a grant application, as the approval process may take up to 6 weeks from receipt of a completed consent application form.

Grant applications for this round of funding close at 4pm on Monday 12 September 2016. For further information about our grants programs, please visit our website or email grants@mildura.vic.gov.au



Croquet anyone?

Congratulations to the Mildura Croquet Club (MCC) on the recent opening of their great new clubrooms at Mansell Reserve.

Until recently, the MCC had shared a space in Council's Maternal Child Health building. They have worked very hard to establish their own facility overlooking the croquet greens.

The new building was originally situated at the Mildura Recreation Reserve and MCC worked with us to relocate the disused building and refit the interior. The club contributed an amazing \$13,500 to the \$30,000 project.

The Mildura Croquet Club was founded in 1985 and was originally based near the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club before moving to Jaycee Park in 1987 and then to Mansell Reserve in 1994.

Croquet is a fun game for people of all ages and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Mildura Croquet Club just pop in and visit the members on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 1pm.



If you're planning a burn off, make sure you have the appropriate fire permits in place first. For further information about fire permits visit our website www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Fire-Safety

Spring into action

With the winter months coming to an end and Spring about to begin, it's the perfect time to get out in the garden or clean up the yard and nature strip. If you're a bit of a green thumb and doing some pruning, trimming, edging, hedging or mowing, then remember these simple tips to keep your green waste under control:

- ✎ Chip or spray prickly weeds like caltrop and khaki weed in spring when they are beginning to seed to stop them spreading.
- ✎ Separate garden waste – such as lawn clippings, small branches, weeds and pruning's - from other rubbish and take it to a landfill or transfer station where you can dispose of for free.
- ✎ Start a home composting system and use your green waste to create compost for your garden beds.
- ✎ If you're taking a trailer load to the landfill make sure it is tied down and secured so nothing blows away.
- ✎ Green waste in landfill is not good for the environment and ideally we'd encourage the community to compost or mulch their green waste at home, or take it to one of our landfill or rural waste stations for recycling. Please ensure that you don't put green waste in your kerbside recycling bin.

VICTORIAN SENIORS Festival
IT'S YOUR TIME
OCTOBER 2016

Festival programs and more information
www.mildura.vic.gov.au/SeniorsFestival
(03) 5018 8100

THINKING ABOUT STANDING FOR COUNCIL

WHEN TO NOMINATE

Nominations open Thursday 15 September and close
12noon on Tuesday 20 September 2016

WHERE TO NOMINATE

Victorian Electoral Commission
118A Eighth Street, Mildura

DOCUMENTATION

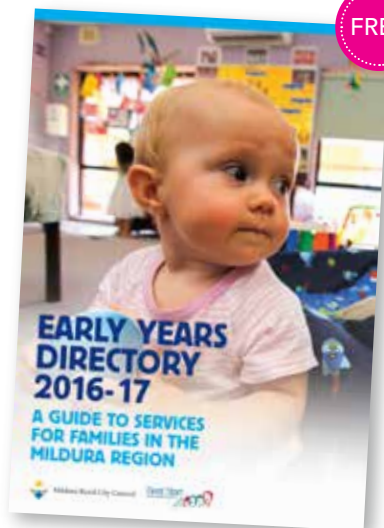
Statements and accompanying documentation can
be lodged from Thursday 15 September until 12noon
Wednesday on 21 September 2016

For further information on nominating or lodging your
statement and accompanying documentation, please
contact the Victorian Electoral Commission on 131 832
or info@vec.vic.gov.au



New Early Years Directory Available

The 2016-17 Edition of the Early Years
Directory is now available. This handy
resource is a comprehensive guide to
services, facilities and support available
to local families. Produced as part of
the Mildura Best Start program, in
partnership with Council and local
service providers, the directory includes
listings and details about everything
from breastfeeding and playgroups to
parenting support and primary schools.
Copies of the 46 page directory are
available at sites throughout the region,
Council Service Centres and on our
website.



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All details were correct at
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information in this document please call
the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS
National) on 131 450 and ask them to telephone
Mildura Rural City Council on (03) 5018 8100.

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

Council is open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Αν θέλετε να μάθετε περισσότερα σχετικά με τις
πληροφορίες που περιέχονται σ' αυτό το έγγραφο,
σας παρακαλούμε να καλέσετε την Υπηρεσία
Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (TIS National) στο
131 450 και ζητήσετε τους να τηλεφωνήσουν τον
Περιφερειακό Δήμο της Mildura στο (03) 5018 8100.

Μπορείτε επίσης να ζητήσετε για διερμηνεία
όταν επισκέπτεστε τα Κέντρα Εξυπηρέτησης
του Δήμου αυτοπροσώπως.

Τα γραφεία του Δήμου είναι ανοικτά από
8πμ έως 5μμ Δευτέρα έως Παρασκευή.

Per maggiori informazioni sul contenuto di questo
documento chiamate il Servizio di traduzione e
interpretariato (TIS National) al 131 450 e chiedete
il collegamento con il comune di Mildura al
numero (03) 5018 8100.

Potete anche richiedere l'interprete quando vi
recate di persona agli uffici del comune. Gli uffici
del comune sono aperti dalle ore 8 alle 17, dal
lunedì al venerdì.

Ni waba wipfuzza kumenya izindi nkuru ku bijanye
n'uru rwandiko turagusavye uterefone Igisata kijejwe
gusobanura (TIS National) kuri 131450 kandi
uzobasabe guterefone Mildura Rural City Council
kuri (03) 5018 8100 Urashobora kandi gusaba
umubabwira mu gihe ugendeye Council Service
Centres wewe nyene.

Council yugurura 8am (isaha zibiri z'agatondo)
gushika 5pm (isaha cumi n'imwe z'umuhungamo)
Kuwambere gushika Kuwagatanu.

Bu belgenin içeriğiyle ilgili daha fazla bilgi
edinmek isterseniz lütfen Çeviri ve Tercümanlık
Hizmetini (Translating and Interpreting Service –
TIS) 131 450 nolu telefondan arayarak Mildura
Kırsal Şehir Belediyesi'ni (03) 5018 8100'dan
aramalarını isteyiniz.

Belediye Hizmet Merkezlerine şahsen gittiğiniz
taktirde de bir tercüman talep edebilirsiniz.

Belediyemiz hafta arası sabah 8 ile akşam
5 arası açıktır.

چنانچه می خواهید درباره معلومات این سند بیشتر بدانید، لطفاً با
سرویس ترجمه و ترجمه شفاهی ملی (TIS National) به شماره
تلفون ۱۳۱ ۴۵۰ در تماس شوید و از آنها بخواهید از طریق شماره
۰۳) ۵۰۱۸ ۸۱۰۰ با شورای شهر روستایی میلدورا (Mildura
Rural City Council) تماس بگیرید.

شما همچنان می توانید زمانی که شخصاً از مراکز خدماتی شورا
(Council Service Centres) بازدید می کنید، درخواست مترجم
شفاهی نمایید.

شورا در روزهای دوشنبه الی جمعه از ساعت ۸ صبح الی ۵ بعد از
ظهر باز است.

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108 Madden Avenue, Mildura

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Deakin Avenue Service Centre

76 Deakin Avenue, Mildura

Phone: (03) 5018 8100

Ouyen Service Centre

79 Oke Street, Ouyen

Phone: (03) 5018 8600