

community matters

MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER

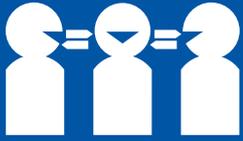
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*Council and community
come together*

Community spirit was alive and well in Irymple in May when local school students joined forces with Mildura Rural City Council staff and volunteers to spruce up the Mildura Animal Shelter. Participants helped plant trees in the animal exercise enclosure with the help of Council's Parks and Gardens staff, toured the Shelter facilities, learned about responsible pet ownership and how Council works to find homes for unwanted animals and helped decorate display boards at the facility. **Read more on page 5**





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

Most of us are pretty good at putting the right items in the right bin, but just one mistake can mean that your recyclables are contaminated and will have to be sent to landfill rather than recycled.

The dollar value of contaminated waste is unfortunately rising – it can cost Council \$3,000 extra each month to dispose of the contaminated recycling and that certainly adds up over a year.

Check your sticker!

For a quick reference to what can and can't go in your recycling bin check the sticker on your bin. If yours is faded, peeling or missing contact Council and we'll send you a new one.

Community Matters is recyclable. Make sure you pop this copy of Community Matters in your recycling bin when you've finished reading it!

MAKE SURE: Is everything you're putting in your recycling bin actually recyclable?

So what can go in your kerbside recycling bin?

- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Milk and juice cartons
- ✓ Aluminium and steel cans, foil trays and aerosols
- ✓ Rigid plastic containers and bottles
- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Letters, envelopes and office paper
- ✓ Advertising material
- ✓ Telephone books
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Syringes
- ✗ Soil and rubble
- ✗ Broken crockery
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Chemicals, liquids and paint tins

A plan for our future

Council has finalised the Council Plan for 2013-2017. This document sets out how we will work towards our vision of 'Making this the most liveable, people-friendly community in Australia' over the next four years.

The Council Plan will be used to guide management and delivery of Council services and infrastructure for residents and inform Council's annual planning and budget processes.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

The Council Plan is structured around four Strategic Outcomes that we will strive towards.

These include:

Community

We will create a safe and supportive place to live, where diversity and lifestyle opportunities are encouraged and participating in arts, culture, sport and recreation enhances community wellbeing.

Environment

We will initiate, develop and manage a healthy, sustainable natural and built environment.

Economy

We will create growth and prosperity.

Council

We will manage resources effectively and efficiently to provide services that are relevant, of a high standard and respond to identified community needs.

KEY RESULT AREAS

Within each Strategic Outcome are a number of Key Result Areas (KRAs) – all up there are 19 KRAs within the Council Plan. Each KRA includes a set of goals and the measures that we will use to evaluate progress towards these goals.

ACTIONS

The actions we will implement to reach the goals within the 19 KRAs are also outlined in the Council Plan. Each action has a specific timeframe against it.

You can view the 2013-2017 Council Plan online at www.mildura.vic.gov.au

What Matters to You?

What you told us in the surveys and workshops

635 people completed a survey
280 people attended a community workshop
276 people visited a drop-in stall

As part of the process to develop the Council Plan 2013-2017 we asked everyone in Mildura Rural City 'What Matters to You?'

Residents were invited to rate the importance of 21 key areas that Council works in, by completing a survey or attending a community workshop.

All up, more than 1,000 people had their say which provided Council with an excellent set of robust data to work with.

The graph below shows each of the 21 key areas people were asked to rate and the percentage of respondents who rated them as 'very important'.

Three simple questions

As part of the consultation process people were also invited answer three simple, but important questions. Below are the top five most common responses to each of the questions.



What do you love about living in the Mildura Rural City Council area?

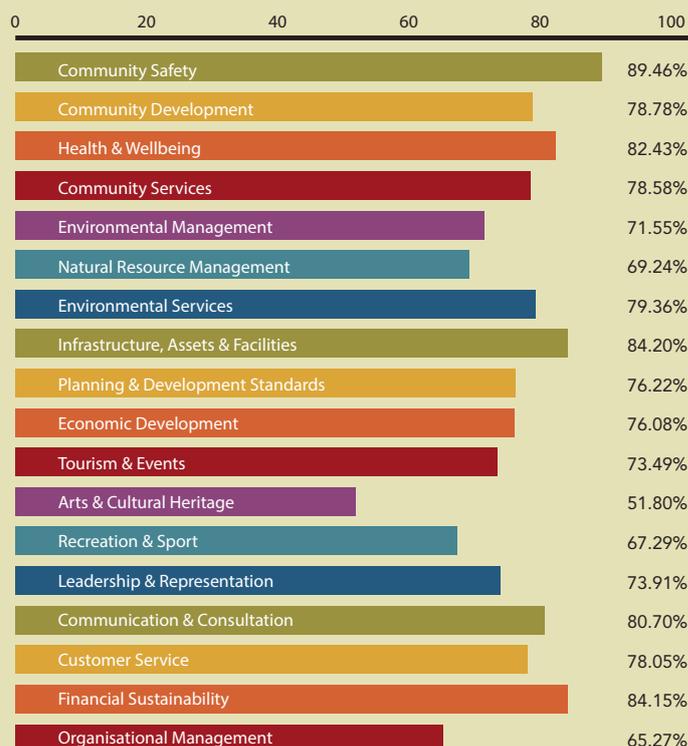
1. Lifestyle, rural living and space
2. Access to services, facilities and activities
3. Climate
4. Sense of community, great people and diversity
5. The river

What's the one thing you would like to see improve?

6. Riverfront
7. Support for local business development
8. Maintenance of roads and footpaths
9. The Mall and CBD parking
10. Clean and tidy environment

What's the one thing you would like Council to focus on?

11. Riverfront
12. Roads, footpaths and drainage
13. Access to services and facilities
14. Beautification of Mildura's CBD
15. Support for communities outside of Mildura





Mildura Riverfront Precinct Redevelopment

Making a great place even better

Have you been wondering what's happening with the riverfront redevelopment?

Funded by the Victorian State Government, the Australian Federal Government and Council, this \$18.3 million project is one of the biggest and most exciting our community will witness.

1.2km of riverfront parklands, between the Nowingi Place and the Powerhouse will be redeveloped, creating a unique space that both locals and visitors can enjoy for years to come.

Concept designs show how the riverfront's existing assets will be built on and additional features will be introduced to further enhance the riverfront experience.

The project will connect the river to Mildura's CBD at Langtree Avenue via a new pedestrian promenade that crosses the existing railway line and leads down to the riverfront.

This new entrance point will feature steps and ramps, making

it accessible for people on foot, in a wheelchair, pushing a pram or riding a scooter, skateboard or bike.

Already a key feature on the riverfront, the Mildura Rowing Club will be redeveloped as a double-storey building with boating and recreational uses maintained at ground level and a cafe with views across the river on the first floor.

The Ornamental Lakes site will also undergo a transformation, with the space to be transformed in to a safe water play area complete with jets, shallow channels and spouts for young children to enjoy.

A range of other upgrades to riverfront amenities are also earmarked. Initial landscaping and vegetation works across the precinct are expected to commence in August 2013.

The Mildura Riverfront Redevelopment Concept Designs are available to view on Council's website.

Project Highlights

- Pedestrian access from Langtree Avenue to the riverfront across existing railway line
- Mildura Rowing Club upgrade including a cafe on first floor
- Redevelopment of the Ornamental Lakes incorporating water play and possible wetland
- Upgraded lighting, landscaping and improved access to power and water around the Nowingi Place
- Upgrade to public toilets at Nowingi Place
- Skate Park landscaping and amenity upgrades
- Shared pathways connecting key sites within the precinct
- Access for all abilities and transport modes throughout the parklands
- Boardwalk and river lookout
- Improved safety and security
- Landscaping throughout the precinct using both native and culturally relevant plants

Our diversity grows

More people are choosing to make a commitment to the Aussie way of life and participating in Council-run ceremonies to officially become Australian citizens.

This year Council has conferred 69 new citizens, which is already more than in all of 2012!

Over recent months new citizens have been welcomed from many different lands including:

- Afghanistan
- Vietnam
- Burundi
- Iraq
- Philippines
- China
- England
- Netherlands
- Tanzania
- Bangladesh
- Tonga
- Turkey
- India

Council is thrilled our new Australian citizens chose our fantastic part of the country to make their homes.

Find out more about becoming an Australian Citizen at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Citizenship

Have your Say

Council represents the people of Mildura Rural City and it is important that the community has the chance to be part of Council decision-making processes.

That's why we often survey the community or invite the public to comment or provide feedback on projects Council is working on.

This might involve making a submission about a planning matter that affects you, commenting on a strategy Council is developing or sharing your thoughts about our services.

We're currently surveying residents about our annual mosquito control program and our food safety services.

Council advertises the details of items available for public comment in local newspapers. You can also view them whenever you like by clicking on the Have Your Say icon on our website, or going to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Our Indigenous community on show

Have you noticed all the beautiful banners adorning Mildura's CBD recently?

They depict the faces of local Indigenous community members and are on display to coincide with NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

The photos on the banners around town were captured by local Koori youths on work experience with Council in 2012. Their photography skills were put to use as part of a LEAP Project initiative, which offered free portraits to local Indigenous families.

As well as flying from street lights and poles throughout Mildura's CBD, some of the banners are also on display at a number of local businesses and Mildura Arts Centre.



Students, volunteers and Council partner up for a good cause

Around 80 students from Irymple Secondary College and Irymple Primary School helped plant trees and paint display boards at the Mildura Animal Shelter earlier this year. The day provided students with an opportunity to learn about the shelter and the wonderful work that Council staff and volunteers do there in support of lost and abandoned animals.

While hard work was the order of the day, Council staff also involved the students in an art project, shelter tours, environmental awareness session and helped students prepare

lunch. The Irymple Lions Club also helped out, cooking participants a yummy BBQ lunch.

Now the planting is complete, Irymple Rotary Club have committed to providing ongoing maintenance in the revegetated area. They also supplied the irrigation system which will soon be installed to water the trees.

What a great initiative by the students and staff of both schools and proof of how Council services aren't just stand alone entities, but a part of a wider community team.



AAC helping Council take action on Indigenous issues

Our region has a very significant local Aboriginal history and Aboriginal people continue to play a key role in our community today. In fact data from the 2011 Census shows that 3.6% of people living in the Mildura local government area identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

In recognition of the importance of our Aboriginal community Council launched the Aboriginal Action Committee (AAC) in November 2011.

So who are the AAC and what do they do?

The 12-member AAC works with Council to improve and enhance the wellbeing of Aboriginal people. AAC

members are from all walks of life, including local Elders, Indigenous community members, representatives from local organisations and Councillors.

Together, the AAC work with Council to highlight Indigenous issues and to educate the wider community about Aboriginal culture, heritage and foster mutual respect and understanding.

Since its inception, the AAC has worked with Council to develop the organisation's first ever Recognition Policy and lobbied for support of the Mildura Local Indigenous Network and Community Plan.

Investing in the community

Council is spending \$110.3 million in the 2013/14 Financial Year. These figures illustrate how different Council services, projects and infrastructure are funded in this year's budget.

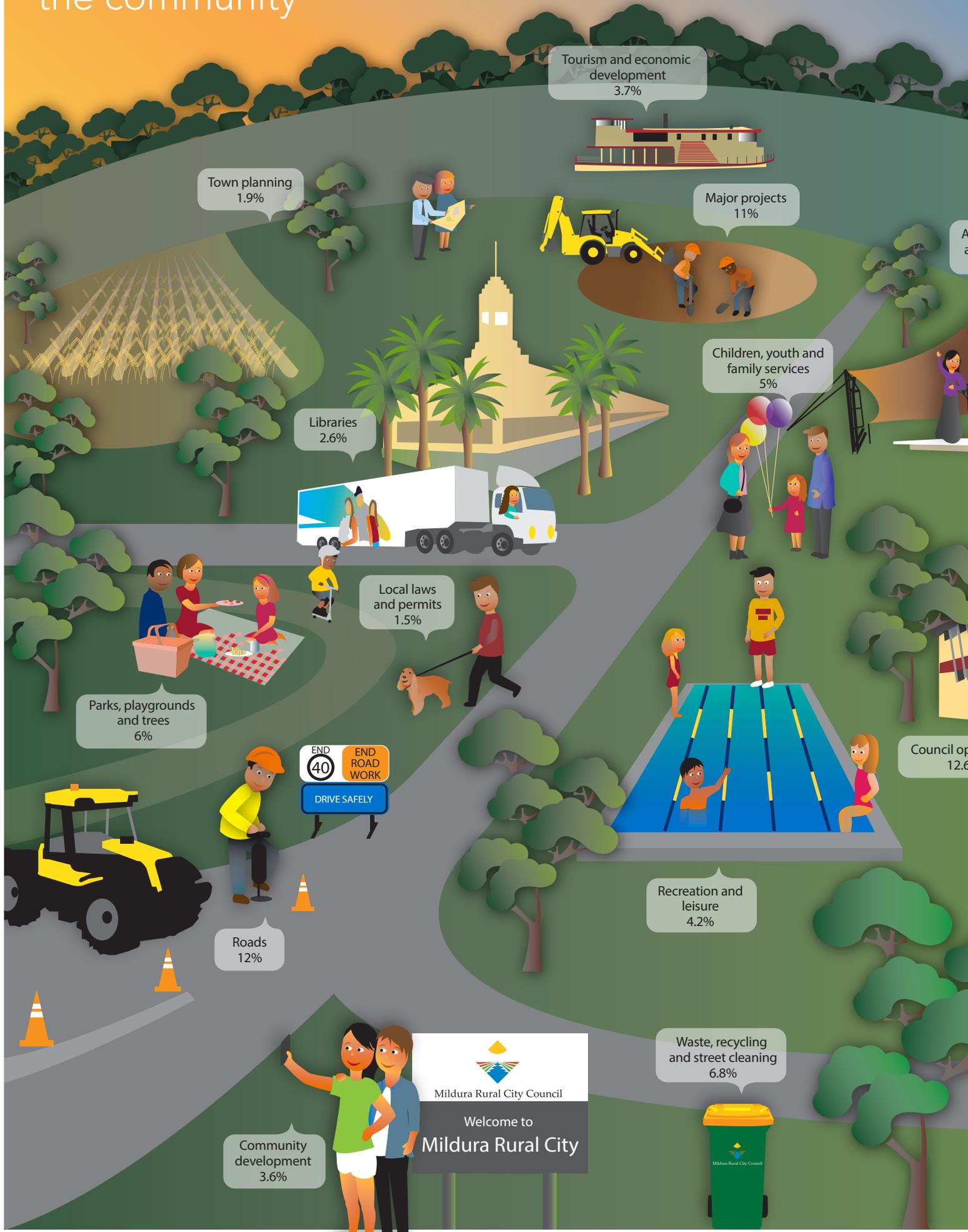




Illustration: Linda Cerkvenik, Ousource Design

Council sets Budget for 2013/14

Council has now adopted its Budget for the 2013/14 Financial Year.

Over the next twelve months, Council will spend \$110.3 million delivering important services, programs and infrastructure to our community of more than 50,000 residents, across an area of about 22,000 square kilometres.

This year will see Council take on its largest ever program of capital works, with \$38.6 million allocated in the Budget to replace, maintain and improve public infrastructure. Highlights include:

- \$11.3 million for Stage One of the Mildura Riverfront Precinct Redevelopment
- \$8.2 million to upgrade our extensive network of sealed and unsealed roads, footpaths, kerb and channel, school crossings and walking tracks
- \$2.1 million for drainage infrastructure works
- \$4.2 million for local parks and recreation facilities
- \$383,000 to upgrade CCTV infrastructure in Mildura's CBD and install CCTV in Red Cliffs CBD.

When preparing the Budget, Council considers the needs of the community in relation to its available income requirements for the coming year before deciding how much it should raise in general rates. It also takes in to account the extent of the rate burden on property owners.

In a bid to balance the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay Council has increased the total amount of revenue raised through rates by 5%. This will translate differently for different property owners.

You can view Council's 2013/14 Budget and those from previous years online or contact Council for a hard copy.



GET MOVING: Council has allocated \$4.2 million for upgrades and maintenance at local parks and recreation facilities in the 2013/14 Budget.



Referendum: Say 'yes' to federal funding for our community

The Referendum to be held as part of the upcoming federal election will give locals the chance to a secure critically important funding stream for our community.

While Council rates are used to fund local facilities, asset maintenance and a diverse range of community services, Council also relies on funds from the Commonwealth government to help maintain our local roads, and to build or upgrade facilities.

In the last five years Mildura Rural City Council received funds through federal government funding streams. This has enabled Council to undertake important projects such as the Mildura Riverfront Precinct Redevelopment and renovations at Mildura West, Irymple and Pasadena Kindergartens would not be possible.

Recent High Court decisions have called into question the legality of Commonwealth governments providing funds directly to councils. Unless a

small amendment is made to the Constitution, local road and community projects that rely on Commonwealth money may be at risk.

The upcoming referendum seeks to formalise what is already happening. By including local government in our Constitution, federal public funding direct to local communities will be put beyond legal challenge.

The proposed change to the Australian Constitution in no way alters the existing relationship between the State Government and Victorian councils. Local government will continue to be oversights and regulated by the Victorian Government.

You are encouraged to vote 'yes' at the upcoming federal election. This small change can help to protect the economic future and lifestyles of our community.

Find out more at:
www.councilreferendum.com.au

Fire Services Levy included on rates notices

This year all Council rate notices will include a Fire Services Levy. Council is required to collect this levy through rates on behalf of the State Government.

This money goes straight to the State Government and does not go to Council.

However, in accordance with the State legislation, it will be shown on the rate notice for every property.

The Fire Services Property Levy will fund the operations of Victoria's fire services (the CFA and MFB). It will replace the existing insurance-based funding model as recommended by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

The levy includes a fixed component (\$100 for residential properties and \$200 for non-residential properties) as well as a variable charge assessed on the capital improved value of the property. Different levy rates apply depending on the location of the property and the property type.

A concession is available to Department of Veterans Affairs gold card holders and Pensioner Concession Card holders.

For more information visit www.firelevy.vic.gov.au



How Council's rating system works

Just over half of Council's budget is funded through rates. Rates are a property tax based on the Capital Improved Value of a property.

Council collects rates to fund services and infrastructure to benefit the community as a whole. Rate payments are not connected with levels of service to individual ratepayers or to any specific group of ratepayers.

The 2013/14 Budget includes a 5% increase in the total amount of revenue Council receives through rates, compared to 2012/13.

Differential Rates

Council's rating structure comprises five Differential Rates, which means there are different Rates in the Dollar for different property categories.

The Differential rating system was introduced in 2003. Prior to this Mildura had a series of special rates to fund tourism, economic development and the city heart.

A new set of government guidelines released this year dispel the myth that differential rates are raised for a specific purpose and as such Council abandoned the drainage differential rate as part of the 2013/14 Budget.

Mildura Rural City's current Differential Rates include:

Differential Rate	Rate in the Dollar
Residential / Farmland Rate	0.7035
Business Differential Rate	0.8168
Mildura City Heart Differential Rate	1.0320
Langtree Mall Differential Rate	1.3148
Cultural and Recreational Rate	0.07035

Residential/Farmland Rate

Also known as the General Rate, this applies to residential or farm properties.

Business Differential Rate

The Business Differential Rate was previously known as the Economic Development and Tourism Levy. While the title will change, the purpose of this Differential Rate remains the same – it allows Council to apply a different Rate in the Dollar to a particular category of property type.

Mildura City Heart Differential Rate

This Differential Rate is applied to properties that are located within the defined Mildura City Heart area.

Langtree Mall Differential Rate

This Differential Rate is applied to properties that are located within the Langtree Mall.

Cultural and Recreational Rate

This Differential Rate is applied to properties which are considered "recreational lands" under the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963. The Act makes provision for a council to grant a rating concession to any "recreational lands" which meet the test of being "rateable land" under the Act. As a general rule this includes properties such as golf courses and other recreational facilities.

Rates payment support available

Council has a hardship policy dedicated to assisting any ratepayer experiencing difficulty making rate payments.

It is important that anyone having difficulty making payments contacts Council as soon as possible to discuss their circumstances and make alternative arrangements.

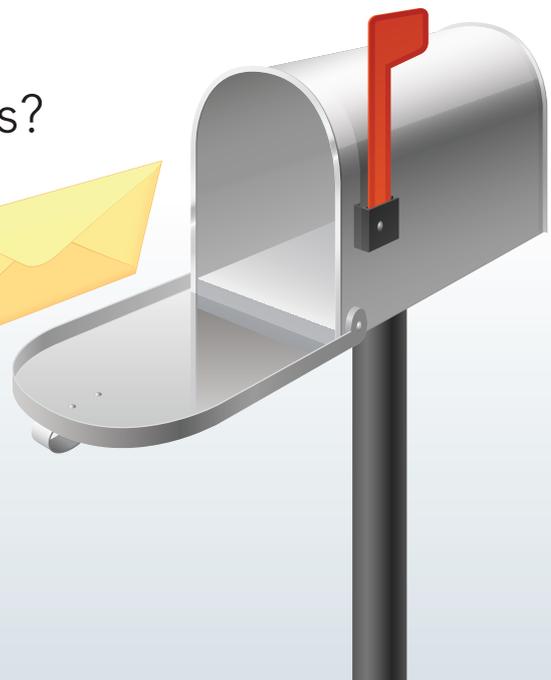
Information on Council's hardship policy is available online or by contacting one of our Service Centres.

Have you recently moved or changed your postal address?

To make sure you receive all your Council correspondence, please advise us if your residential, postal address, contact details or circumstances have changed.

Notifying Council will also ensure you receive your rates notices and other mail on time, reducing the chances of incurring interest on unpaid or overdue rates or registrations.

To update your details simply phone Council on (03) 5018 8100.





Australian Voices choir workshop

World renowned a cappella vocal group, The Australian Voices, brought their new show MOON to Mildura Arts Centre on Friday 31 May. Whilst visiting, the group hosted a special workshop with local choir members. The workshop is one of many creative opportunities that locals have participated in at MAC already this year.



Mildura Eco Village Education Centre opening

Saturday 15 June marked the official opening of the new Education Centre at the Mildura Eco Village. Built using sustainable design elements, practices and technology the centre is a multipurpose facility that is available for community groups to deliver or participate in a broad range of educational programs. The Mildura Eco Village, which is located on the Mildura Landfill site will be further developed to be a world-class demonstration site for sustainable living with a community garden, solar distillation park and Eco House. This project is supported by the Victorian Government Sustainability Fund.

Official opening of the Merbein Community Hub

Minister for Local Government the Hon Jeannette Powell officially opened the Merbein Community Hub on Friday 22 March. The \$2.2 million new facility comprises a library, and flexible new community meeting spaces. Council threw open the Hub's doors to the public on Saturday 23 March with a special Open Day to celebrate. Since opening its doors in April there have been 6,254 visits to the Merbein Library, which is up 113% compared to 2012. Library loans and memberships have also shot up, with 8,938 items borrowed in the past three months and 156 new members signed up.

National Playgroup Week celebrations

Hundreds of families turned out to Mildura's Park for Play in March for a special celebration to mark National Playgroup Week. The highlight of the day were two appearances from Nickelodeon favourite Dora the Explorer who thrilled youngsters by posing for photos. The special day was coordinated through Council's Supported Playgroups program along with Best Start Mildura.

Photographic credits, National Playgroup Week Kerren Miles, Mildura Eco Village Russell Murphy.

Our Clean up Australia Day:

2,000

schoolchildren

280

residents

5.28

tonne rubbish collected

24

sites

4

tonnes recycled



Locals pull up their sleeves and clean up big

Local native bushland, reserves, parks and schools are much healthier thanks to hundreds of hard working volunteers who helped out on Clean up Australia Day.

Residents across Mildura Rural City pulled up their sleeves and collected rubbish at 24 different sites for the national event.

All up they retrieved more than five tonnes of rubbish – including everything

from lolly pop sticks and cigarette butts to shopping trolleys and even a child's cot. Fortunately almost four tonnes of the materials collected were recyclable and did not end up in landfill.

Well done and thank you to all the community groups, businesses, schools and residents who helped out on Clean up Australia Day.

Recycle your unwanted TVs, computers and printers

Have you got an old TV, computer or printer collecting dust in a cupboard or spare room at home? Thanks to a national initiative you can now recycle them, for free!

A permanent e-waste drop-off service has been set up at the Mildura Landfill, which accepts the following items:

- Televisions
- Computers and tablets
- Monitors and projectors
- Printers and multi-functional devices
- Computer accessories such as power supplies, adaptors and cables

The service has been made possible by the National Television and Computer Scheme, the TechCollect program and Council.

The following items are not accepted as part of the program:

- DVD Players, VCR's, Set top Boxes
- White goods including fridges, washing machines and dryers
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Microwaves a other kitchen and household appliances
- Packaging and other materials

To recycle your old computers and TVs simply drop them off at the Transfer Station when you next visit the Mildura Landfill.



Landfill fee reminder

Disposal fees at Mildura Landfill changed on 1 July 2013.

Fees are based on levies charged by the State Government Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Council pays EPA levies for all waste that goes to landfill and for the rubbish it takes to the landfill through the kerbside collection service.

Generally, it costs more to dispose of waste that has a high impact on the environment. This aims to encourage people to recycle more and minimise the amount of waste they create.

Sorting through your load before you take it to the Landfill will help you save money at the weigh bridge, as many items are recyclable and can be dropped off free of charge.

Full details about landfill fees and how they charged are available at the Landfill and online.

upcoming events

There's always plenty happening in our region, this is just a handful of what's planned for Spring. To find out what other great local events are coming up visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au

The Shrine of Remembrance Schools Outreach Program

Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July

The Shrine of Remembrance Outreach Program is a hands-on travelling exhibition in collaboration with the Shrine of Remembrance and the Mildura RSL. The program travels to regional Victoria and includes activities with uniforms and other objects. The exhibition will be held at the Alfred Deakin Centre, corner Deakin Avenue and 12th Street.

www.shrine.org.au/Education/Outreach-Programs or **John Searle on 0419 602 373**

Zest Fest

Saturday 3 August to Saturday 10 August

A celebration of all things citrus comes to the City Heart and Feast Street during August. With cooking demonstrations by the Murray Valley Citrus Board at the Sunraysia Farmers' Market, Feast Street businesses offering tempting dishes with a citrus twist and a Marmalade Breakfast in the Mall, the sweet smell of all things citrus is sure to be in the air.

www.milduracity.com.au

The Merbein Great Australian Vanilla Slice Triumph

Saturday 17 August

Professional bakers, amateurs and home cooks are invited to enter one of the baking competition sections in the Great Australian Vanilla Slice Triumph at Merbein. Celebrity Chef Poh Ling Yeow will be there as the 2013 ambassador and don't forget that the dried vine grape bake-off is on again this year as well.

www.merbeinvanillaslice.com

Mildura Murray Masters

Saturday 24 August to Sunday 25 August

Swimmers from around Australia will be converging on Mildura Waves Aquatic and Leisure Centre for two days of competition for over 25's. The event is being run in conjunction with Masters Swimming SA with events in all strokes and over distances from 25 to 200 metres.

www.mastersswimmingsa.org.au

Euston Club Resort Mildura Cup

Friday 30 August to Sunday 1 September

The Mildura Racing Club's Cup Carnival weekend is a great annual event for both visitors and locals. Two fabulous days of horseracing in a fun and friendly atmosphere at the Mildura Racecourse suitable for all the family. With fast

and furious horseracing action, live entertainment, free kids entertainment, fashions on the field and much more, 'it's a great day out!'

www.countryracing.com.au/mildura-racing-club

Mildura Country Music Festival

Friday 27 September to Sunday 6 October

The 26th Annual Mildura Country Music Festival is Australia's biggest showcase of independent entertainers. A seemingly unending cast of highly talented professional country music artists who aren't signed to major record label deals will be entertaining Sunraysia residents and visitors and many venues around the district.

www.milduracountrymusic.com.au

Gazzanats Tri Series Burnout Championships

Saturday 5 October to Sunday 6 October

With over \$100,000 in prizes up for grabs, get out to the newly upgraded Sunset Strip and check out the sights and sounds of burnout championships. Entrants from all across the country will converge on Mildura to fight it out for rubber-burning supremacy.

www.sunsetstrip.org.au

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Want to tell people about your event?

If you're planning a community event, festival, workshop or gathering, make sure you list the details in Council's online Calendar of Events.

The details of your event will then appear on Council's website for free and maybe even end up on the back of Community Matters!

Just visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au and follow the links to submit a Calendar of Events listing form.



Mildura Rural City Council

"Making this the most liveable, people friendly community in Australia."

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