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## All aboard for Seniors Festival 2014

The 2014 Seniors Festival is on from 5–12 October and there's plenty planned for locals to enjoy. People over 55 are encouraged to get involved and make the most of the program of low-cost events and activities on offer. From movies and garden walks to concerts, lunches and a cruise on the historic Paddle Vessel Rothbury, there's something for everyone. Read more on page 5.





## Gerard José our new CEO

New Council CEO Gerard José is looking forward to moving to Mildura and getting to know locals when he commences in the role this spring.

Mr José, his wife Michelle and two teenage daughters will relocate to Mildura from Greater Taree City Council in NSW where he has been CEO for the past seven years.

Having also worked at Knox City Council, the Shire of Campaspe, the Municipal Association of Victoria, City of Nunawading, Ringwood City Council and the City of Heidelberg, Mr José has extensive local government experience and is excited about the opportunities and challenges facing Mildura Rural City Council. As Chief Executive Officer, his role is to oversee the day-to-day operations of the organisation.

Mr José will start work at Mildura Rural City Council on Monday 6 October 2014.

## Safer All Round

Safety has been improved at the intersection of Benetook Avenue and Sixteenth Street, with the new roundabout now open to traffic.

The roundabout has been constructed to cater not only for passenger vehicles, but also for heavy vehicles including A-Double trucks. The design will ensure clearer sight lines for vehicles approaching and navigating the intersection, which means there should be less reason for risky manoeuvres by drivers.

The Federal Government contributed \$656,000 to the project through their Black Spot program with Council chipping in an additional \$509,000.

Under the Black Spot program, Councils can apply for funding to repair and improve sections of road where serious accidents have repeatedly occurred.

Council has also received Federal Government funding to construct a roundabout at the intersection of San Mateo Avenue and Sixteenth Street and will hopefully kick off this project early in 2015.

## Ouyen's new lake on the way

Ouyen is set to get its very own recreational lake.

An old reservoir on the north western edge of the town will be transformed into a lake for swimming, boating, skiing and fishing. The new lake will adjoin the nearby golf and tennis clubs, providing important social, economic and environmental benefits for the Mallee Track community.

Stage 1 of the project is estimated to cost \$1.9 million, which will include construction of the lake itself, along with surrounding infrastructure, pipelines and filling the lake.

Work on constructing the new lake is expected to commence in 2015 and it is hoped it will be ready for use by 2016.

Council has worked closely with the Ouyen community to help secure funding towards the project and in July the State Government committed \$500,000 through its Putting Locals First Program. On top of the \$500,000 from the state government, Top End Training have committed \$500,000 in-kind support, Ouyen Inc. has contributed \$200,000 cash/in-kind support and GWM Water are contributing \$746,000.

An aerial concept of Ouyen's new lake.





A section of pipe being laid in Irymple.

## \$1 million upgrade for Irymple drains

More than 700 metres of concrete pipes are being installed beneath the roads and laneways in Irymple.

Ranging from 900mm to 1200mm in diameter, the pipes will significantly increase the capacity of Irymple's drainage infrastructure. Once completed, the new system will help reduced the chances of flash flooding throughout the Irymple catchment area.

Contractors are digging 3 metre deep trenches to accommodate the pipes which will run between the intersection of Koorlong Avenue, along McGowen Lane, Hassell Street and Elms Street to the Teleki Drive Drainage Basin (Wilkie Drive Drainage basin).

Work on the \$1 million project started in July and it is likely to be completed by the end of October, subject to weather.

Motorists are reminded to take care when driving in the Irymple area and that parking and access to all nearby businesses is still available.

## Riverfront water play area takes shape

Recent visitors to the Mildura riverfront may have spotted considerable activity along Hugh King Drive. Major earthworks and excavation is underway at the site of the Ornamental Lake, where a new water play area is being constructed.

Contractors have been working in the area since mid-July to remodel and extend the existing lake to incorporate safe water play elements. Plans include a shallow body of water with channels and weirs to reflect our irrigation history dotted with water play equipment, pop-up water jets and rocky shallows.

There will also be a new BBQ area, boardwalks, sand play zone, decking, seats, lighting, timber shade pergolas and new plantings including trees to enhance the space further over the coming years

The Mildura skate park will also be enhanced as part of this works package. A new terraced skate spot will be constructed, with a series of graduating ramps, perfect for skating, scooting or riding on, to extend down from the existing skate park and link it with the rest of the riverfront precinct.

These works are part of the \$18.3 million project Council is undertaking to reinvigorate Mildura's riverfront precinct. This project has already seen new public amenities constructed at Nowingi Place, along with upgrades to existing amenities, new BBQ facilities, pathways and landscaping around the area.

Later this year, work will start on all other elements of the riverfront redevelopment project, which include construction of a shared promenade-style footpath linking all zones within the precinct, redevelopments to the Mildura Rowing Club and the all-important pedestrian connection from Langtree Avenue which will link Mildura's CBD to the river via a street-level path across the railway line.

The Mildura Riverfront Precinct Redevelopment project is jointly funded by the Victorian State Government, Federal Government and Mildura Rural City Council.

Works underway to build a water play area on the Mildura riverfront.







New parents,  
Amy-Jo and Jesse  
with son Anders.

## First-time parent program supports mums and dads

First-time mums and dads are learning how to adjust to life after the birth of their precious bundle of joy thanks to Council's New Parents Group program.

The seven-week program aims to instil confidence in new parents by providing them with wide-ranging information and knowledge to help boost basic parenting skills. The sessions also provide an ideal environment in which to establish new and ongoing social support networks and friendships.

New parents can share their experiences with other first-time mums and dads, benefiting from the chance to hear how others are dealing with interrupted sleep, nappy changes and feeding challenges.

Guest speakers form an important part of the program. The experts in their fields cover a broad range of topics, from settling baby and baby massage to Playgroups, dental health and water safety.

The New Parents Group is just one of the ways Council works to support local families.

## 35th birthday celebrations for Family Day Care

This year marks the 35th birthday of Family Day Care services in the Mildura region, and everyone is invited to celebrate!

Family Day Care is a fully accredited child care and education service delivered from the home. Council oversees Family Day Care services in our region, and is responsible for recruiting, screening, training and providing ongoing support for local Family Day Care Educators.

Family Day Care services were first offered locally through the City of Mildura in 1979 in response to concerns about local children being taken on to fruit properties during harvest.

Today there are more than 35 registered Family Day Care educators across the Mildura region including the Wentworth Shire Council area. Educators provide a safe, secure, caring and stimulating environment for young babies through to pre-teens.

Over the past 35 years hundreds of people have opened their homes and cared for thousands of babies and children.

To celebrate this wonderful milestone a special Family Day Care 35th birthday celebration will be held from 9:30am to 11:30am on Thursday 23 October in the Benetook Room at the Alfred Deakin Centre, on the corner of Deakin Avenue and Twelfth Street Mildura.

Past, present and prospective Family Day Care educators and families are invited to join in the fun. There will be balloons, free face painting, craft activities and story time for the children as well as historical displays and information about Family Day Care.

For more information about Family Day Care email [fdcinfo@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:fdcinfo@mildura.vic.gov.au) or call Council on (03) 5018 8271.



Kinder fun at Playalong.

## New kinder program at Playalong

Playalong Early Learning Centre is now offering a four year old kindergarten program.

The kinder program implements the requirements of the National Quality Framework and the program curriculum is based on the Early Years Learning Framework, focusing on the interests, strengths and needs of the children.

Owned and operated by Council, Playalong has been providing occasional and long day child care services to local families for 25 years. Located at 73 Lemon Avenue Mildura, Playalong is an intimate and integrated early learning space, for children aged six weeks to six years.

For more information about Playalong call (03) 5018 8291.

## Free workshop for families and parents

A free community workshop in Mildura on October 31 will provide tips, techniques and strategies for connecting with children.

Local parents, carers and families are invited to attend the half-day event at the Mildura Workingman's Club on Friday 31 October from 8:30am to 12noon.

Guest speakers will share insights on how to connect with children and young people on a range of topics including road safety, healthy eating and exercise. Local social worker Lisa-Marie Stevens will also explore how children react differently, depending on their individual 'love language'.

Presented by Council and Best Start Mildura, this free community event is open to parents, carers, grandparents and Early Years professionals.

To register your attendance please book online at [www.geticketing.com.au/beststart](http://www.geticketing.com.au/beststart)

For more information call (03) 5018 8 271.

## Something for everyone at Seniors Festival

Last year hundreds of locals enjoyed Seniors Festival and it is hoped even more will do the same for the 2014 event.

The Festival, which is a state-wide celebration, runs from Sunday 5 October to Sunday 12 October. Anyone aged 55 years or over is invited to join in the festivities.

Council has partnered up with local organisations and businesses to put on a program of activities and events for seniors to enjoy. Highlights include an international themed luncheon prepared by SuniTAFE students, complete with multicultural entertainment, a photographic exhibition that embraces ageing with humour at Mildura Library and a bus trip to the Open Day at Meringur's Millewa Pioneer Park.

The week will finish with a bang when Australian show business legend Johnny Young performs live at the Red Cliffs Civic Centre.

For full Seniors Festival program details call Council or visit [www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au)

Tickets are available to purchase from Thursday 11 September at Council's Deakin Avenue and Ouyen Service Centres as well as the Merbein, Red Cliffs and Irymple Libraries.



ENJOY: An international-inspired luncheon and multicultural entertainment is one of the many events planned during Seniors Festival 2014.



# Hybrid excavator turning heads at Mildura Landfill

At Council we have over 430 different types of vehicles, plant and equipment, and staff work hard to keep them all in tip top working condition.

When we purchase new items of equipment, Council looks at a range of attributes including how environmentally friendly the items are. And with our environmental sustainability in mind, Council has just invested in our first hybrid heavy vehicle.

The Komatsu Hybrid Excavator is now operating at the Mildura Landfill and is proving to be just as powerful as the diesel fuel members of the fleet.

Depending on the type of work it is doing, on average the new hybrid excavator uses anywhere from 25% to 40% less fuel than a standard excavator. The electric swing motor also generates its own electricity and this leads to a significant reduction in CO2 emissions.

In addition to the hybrid excavator, Council also has eight hybrid passenger vehicles in our fleet of cars. This is another example of the how Council is working to reduce our environmental footprint and reduce our energy costs overall.



# Detox your Home on November 1

Do you need to dispose of unwanted household chemicals? You can reduce the risk of poisoning, environmental pollution and bushfire hazards, as well as improve recycling rates, by dropping off unwanted chemicals at the Mildura Landfill when the Detox your Home mobile collection comes to town on 1 November.

Detox your Home is a safe, free and easy-to-use service to dispose of common household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

Residents are invited to get rid of unwanted – and potentially dangerous – household chemicals through Detox your Home at the Mildura Landfill from 8am – 12noon on Saturday 1 November 2014.

To manage traffic flow and avoid queues on the day people are asked to register if they intend to use the Detox your Home service. You can register online or over the phone, then just turn up on the day with your unwanted items, and the trained Detox your Home team will do the rest.

Visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxmobile](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxmobile) to register or call 1800 353 233.

# Australia Day 2015 Awards

The Mildura Rural City Council Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievement and contribution of individuals and community organisations in our region. These prestigious awards are the highest honour a Council can bestow to publicly acknowledge the many local heroes within the community, whose dedication and contributions may otherwise go unnoticed.

Nominations close 5pm Thursday 13 November 2014.

Visit Council's website for more information about award categories and how to make a nomination.



# Investing in our community

Council is spending \$110.6 million in the 2014/15 Financial Year. These figures illustrate how different Council services, projects and infrastructure are funded in this year's budget.



# 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](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au)

## Mildura Revisited: Sculptures Exhibited 1961–1978

Friday 5 September  
– Monday 26 January 2014  
Mildura Arts Centre,  
199 Cureton Avenue Mildura  
[www.milduraartscentre.com.au](http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au)

## Mildura Speedway Drivers Club 50th Anniversary

Saturday 13 September  
Timmis Speedway,  
Deakin Avenue Mildura  
[www.milduraspeedway.com](http://www.milduraspeedway.com)

## Mildura Country Music Festival

Friday 26 September  
– Sunday 5 October  
Various venues and locations  
[www.milduracountrymusic.com.au](http://www.milduracountrymusic.com.au)

## Mallee Up in Lights celebrations

Friday 3 October  
The Roxy Theatre, Ouyen  
[www.milduraartscentre.com.au](http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au)

## Millewa Pioneer Park Open Day

Sunday 5 October  
Pioneer Park, Meringur  
[www.millewapioneerpark.org.au](http://www.millewapioneerpark.org.au)

## Cardross Spring Show

Saturday 11 October  
Cardross Hall,  
Dairtnunk Avenue Cardross  
(03) 5024 1141

## Mildura Show

Friday 17 October  
– Saturday 18 October  
Mildura Showgrounds,  
Twelfth Street Mildura  
[www.mildurashow.org.au](http://www.mildurashow.org.au)

## Patchewollock Music Festival

Friday 17 October  
– Sunday 19 October  
Federation Street, Patchewollock  
[www.patchewollockmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.patchewollockmusicfestival.com.au)

## Goanna Run

Saturday 25 October  
– Sunday 26 October  
Various locations  
[www.desertcityrodders.com](http://www.desertcityrodders.com)

## Mildura Jazz, Food and Wine Festival

Friday 31 October  
– Tuesday 4 November  
Various venues and locations  
[www.artsmildura.com.au](http://www.artsmildura.com.au)



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

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

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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.

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

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## Madden Avenue Service Centre

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Phone: (03) 5018 8600