

# community matters



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## Are you ready?

Would you know what to do if fire was threatening your community? Our local Country Fire Authority staff are ready for a hot summer and at Council, we're working hard to support them in their endeavours. Read about how you can be ready for an emergency on page 3.



A 5km walking trail is being built from Merbein to the Riverside Golf Course.

## On track for an active lifestyle

Council was pleased to receive \$300,000 from the State Government's Putting Locals First Program earlier this year to help complete over 5km of beautiful river trails leading from Blandowski Walk in Merbein along the river to Riverside Golf Course.

The new river trail, which will include crusher dust paths, signage, bollards and seating, is being designed for cyclists, walkers and runners and is scheduled to be completed by June 2016.

Tracks and trails are important infrastructure in our region and with a growing population, we need to cater for people who want to enjoy these popular recreation activities in a safe and pleasant environment.

The Mildura Tracks and Trails Strategy was adopted in December 2012 and includes more than \$6million of proposed new and upgraded infrastructure aimed at encouraging a more active lifestyle in our region.

## Blandowski Walk upgrades underway

In August 2013 Council was awarded \$272,000 from the State Government to renew and revitalise the beautiful Blandowski Walk at Merbein. Construction is now well and truly underway and will include 46m of staircase and 30m of boardwalk. Works are due to be completed by July 2015.

The walkway at Merbein has been an attraction for many years, guiding visitors from the lookout at the top, across the cliff face and down to the picturesque riverfront at the bottom.

The total cost of the project is \$408,000 with Council contributing \$103,000 in cash and Parks Victoria, Council and Australian Vintage contributing \$33,000 in-kind support.

## Pet space a success

The new Animal Introduction and Education Space at the Mildura Animal Shelter in Irymple is already being hailed a success by the groups utilising the space. It's fantastic to see so many people learning more about what it takes to care for animals and to see new adoptive families spending time with their new pets.

Since opening in September dozens of people have utilised the area, spending time with animals before making their lifelong commitment. The space is also being used regularly for meetings and weekly classes as part of SuniTAFE's Animal Studies program.

Council sincerely thanks the many organisations and individuals who contributed to this great project, from those who provided financial support, to those who donated items or chipped in with time and a bit of muscle.

Council is very proud to be part of what is a whole-of-community approach towards responsible pet ownership.

In the lead up to Christmas please think carefully about giving a pet as a Christmas present. It's important you involve the gift recipient in this important decision. We don't want to see unwanted pets being brought to the shelter in the New Year.

For more information about the Animal Introduction and Education Space or animals in the Mildura Animal Shelter call Council on (03) 5018 8100.



# Mildura Arts Centre revisits the Sculpture Triennials

Have you had an opportunity to see Mildura Arts Centre's major exhibition *Mildura Revisited: sculptures exhibited 1961–1978* yet?

The amazing exhibition opened in September and has received fantastic feedback with almost 6,000 visitors from all around Australia spending time viewing the works. Reviews in Art Monthly and The Australian newspaper, coverage on the ABC's 7:30 Report and a feature on Channel 9's Postcards series is giving the exhibition national exposure.

Curated by influential writer and sculpture expert Ken Scarlett, OAM, the exhibition includes sixty sculptures and personal documents from Mildura Arts Centre's own collection as well as loans from national, regional and private collections.

The exhibition focuses on the Mildura Sculpture Triennials and the influence of gallery directors Ernst Van Hattum and Tom McCullough, with many sculptures from years past reinstalled on the lawns surrounding the main building.

With summer now upon us, Mildura Art Centre's galleries are the perfect place to escape the heat so why not pop in to learn more about the extraordinary artists who called Mildura home during the 1960s and 1970s.

*Mildura Revisited: sculptures exhibited 1961–1978* is on show until Monday 26 January 2015.

## Visit at Twilight

Why not visit Mildura Arts Centre in the evening and enjoy Twilight? Held once a month, Twilight sees the galleries and Rio Vista Historic House open after hours. Enjoy live entertainment and unwind with a picnic on the lawns, a cool or hot drink from the café or pre-order a cheese platter. This summer Twilight at MAC is on Friday 12 December, Friday 23 January and Friday 20 February.

For more details visit [www.milduraartscentre.com.au](http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au)



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## Ready, React, Recover

Last year we saw firsthand the dangers of fires in our region, with our friends and family around Ouyen coming under threat from bushfire. The land around Ouyen still bears the black scars of a fire out of control.

Council takes its responsibilities for fire prevention very seriously. We work closely with the CFA and other local authorities to help plan for and prevent emergency situations in our region.

We have produced a special resource to help local residents understand the potential threats our community faces and to prepare for them. Ready, React, Recover, is a comprehensive guide that outlines what you can do before, during and after an emergency.

Most importantly, Ready, React, Recover looks at our specific local challenges and was produced with help of emergency services.

In the lead up to summer Council undertook annual property inspections to ensure landowners are fulfilling their obligations to reduce fire risk. Properties that needed attention were issued clean up requests. Any landowners who do not comply with the requests are issued infringement notices. But with some late spring rains and warm weather growth has been quick and many properties may need attention again.

If you notice a property that poses a fire risk, we encourage you to contact Council and discuss your concerns. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

In the meantime, free copies of Ready React Recovery are available now at Council Service Centres and online at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au)

# REFLECTIONS OF 2014

As another year draws to a close it's t  
 2014 has been a very big year for our  
 our team of 485 staff delivers more th  
 programs for the community. While n  
 rates, roads and rubbish, there's muc  
 small snapshot of what Council has a



**\$23.9M  
 OF CAPITAL  
 WORKS  
 PROJECTS**

**3,286KM OF  
 UNSEALED ROADS  
 AND 990KM  
 SEALED ROADS  
 MAINTAINED**



**39,831 HRS  
 OF HOME  
 CARE**



**79 PARKS AND  
 PLAYGROUNDS  
 MAINTAINED**



**40 SCHOOL  
 CROSSINGS  
 SUPERVISED**



**1,178 YOUNG PEOPLE  
 PARTICIPATED IN YOUTH  
 PROGRAMS**

**AND  
 ALSO**

**914  
 PARTICIPANTS IN  
 THE 2013 SENIORS  
 FESTIVAL**

**\$140K IN EVENTS AND  
 FESTIVALS GRANTS AND \$147K  
 IN SPORTS GRANTS DISTRIBUTED  
 BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY**

**1521 FIRE PERMIT  
 ISSUED**

It's timely to reflect on the past twelve months.

our region and for Council. As an organisation, more than 100 different services, facilities and for the most people know Council is responsible for much more to what we do. Below is a very list of achievements in 2014 ...



**14,238 BABIES AND CHILDREN IMMUNISED**



**336,303 CUSTOMER PHONE CALLS ANSWERED**



**415 LIBRARY STORY TIME SESSIONS HELD**



**CCTV CAMERAS INSTALLED IN RED CLIFFS AND UPGRADED IN THE MILDURA CBD**



**588 PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED**



**9138 PETS REGISTERED**

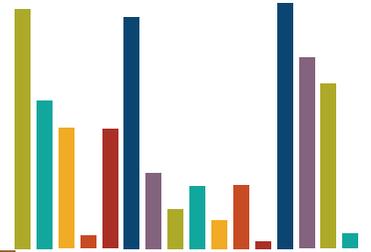
**165 PLAYING SURFACES AND 16 SPORTING RESERVES MAINTAINED**



**74 DRAINAGE BASINS MAINTAINED**



**117 NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS CONFERRED**



**THE TYPES OF PHONE CALLS COUNCIL RECEIVES:**



# Have a happy holiday season

Mildura Rural City Councillors and staff wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season.

Please note the following operating hours for Council Service Centres and facilities throughout the holidays.

## **Deakin Avenue, Madden Avenue and Ouyen Service Centres**

Closed 3pm Wednesday 24 December 2014  
Reopen 8am Monday 5 January 2015

## **Mildura Library**

Wednesday 24 December 2014 Closing at 3pm  
Thursday 25 December 2014 Closed  
Friday 26 December 2014 Closed  
Saturday 27 December 2014 Open 10am – 2pm  
Sunday 28 December 2014 Open 1pm – 5pm  
Monday 29 December 2014 Open 1pm – 5pm  
Tuesday 30 December 2014 Open 10am – 5pm  
Wednesday 31 December 2014 Closed  
Thursday 1 January 2015 Closed  
Friday 2 January 2015 Resume normal operational hours

## **Irymple, Merbein & Red Cliffs Libraries**

The Red Cliffs, Merbein and Irymple Libraries will close on Wednesday 24 December 2014 at 3pm.  
They will all re-open on Friday 2 January 2015 operating with normal opening hours.

## **Mobile Library**

The Mobile Library will not visit Cowangie, but will commence operations at 10am at Murrayville on Wednesday 24 December 2014. It will then close at 1pm.  
It will reopen at Werrimull on Friday 2 January 2015 on the usual timetable.

## **Mildura Visitor Information and Booking Centre**

Closed Christmas Day  
Open 9am – 5:30pm weekdays  
Open 9am – 5pm weekends and public holidays

## **Mildura Arts Centre**

Closed Christmas Day  
Open 10am – 5pm daily

## **Mildura Landfill**

Christmas Eve 7am – 3pm  
Closed Christmas Day  
Closed New Years Day

## **Lake Cullulleraine and Werrimull Transfer Stations**

Closed Christmas Day

### **Kerbside recycling and rubbish collection**

No rubbish or recycling collections on Christmas Day  
No rubbish or recycling collections on New Years Day  
If your bins were scheduled for collection on these days they will be collected on Saturday 27 December 2014 and Saturday 3 January 2015 instead.  
All other collection schedules remain unchanged.

**For after hours emergencies requiring Council assistance call 1800 241 540**



## Celebrate Australia Day!

January 26 2015 marks Australia Day and it's the perfect opportunity to come together and celebrate our great nation.

Council's official Australia Day celebrations will be held at Mildura's Nowingi Place on the riverfront from 8am. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities. Delicious breakfast choices will be available to purchase from the Mildura Lions

Club and Clove Organics Café and there'll be live entertainment and children's activities.

Celebrations will include an Australian Citizenship ceremony as well as the presentation of Council's 2015 Australia Day Awards.

Other towns throughout the region will also be hosting Australia Day events, so be sure to join in the celebrations wherever you are.

# Recycle Right this Festive Season

With as much as 30 per cent more rubbish produced during the festive season, spare a thought for the environment this Christmas.

Items such as polystyrene and cardboard can be recycled free of charge at our local landfills and with a bit of thought and effort, we can ensure the hard work done throughout the year to recycle right continues through the holiday period.

Instead of spending time folding down boxes and breaking up polystyrene, just throw them in the boot of your car or the back of the ute and drop them in to the landfill on your way past.

Meanwhile, all aluminum cans, plastic drink bottles, party hats, empty wine and beer bottles, fruit mince pie trays and biscuit tins can still go into your kerbside recycling bin.

Council's landfills and transfer stations will be operating each day throughout the festive season, except Christmas Day. The Mildura Landfill will also be closed on New Year's Day.

For more information contact Council on (03) 5018 8100.

## CHANGES TO BIN COLLECTION DAYS

**There will be no kerbside bin collection service on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Bins will be collected on the Saturday of those weeks instead. This impacts people who usually put their bins out on a Wednesday, for collection on Thursday.**



## Your elected Council representatives

Mayoral elections were held in November with Councillor Glenn Milne elected as Mayor for a third consecutive term and Councillor John Arnold elected as Deputy Mayor for a second consecutive term.

Councillors are democratically elected representatives of our community and are available to talk to you about issues in our region. Many of the Councillors also hold portfolio positions, which means they are specifically briefed on particular aspects of Council business.



**Mayor, Glenn Milne**

Governance and Corporate Planning Portfolio



**Deputy Mayor, John Arnold**

Economic Development and Tourism Portfolio



**Councillor Greg Brown**

Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio



**Councillor Ali Cupper**

Community Development and Safety Portfolio



**Councillor Mark Eckel**

Recreation and Sport Portfolio



**Councillor Judi Harris**

Environmental Sustainability Portfolio



**Councillor Jill Joslyn**

Arts and Culture Portfolio



**Councillor Sharyon Peart**

Community Wellbeing and Services Portfolio



**Councillor Max Thorburn**

More information about your Councillors is available online at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/councillors](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/councillors)

# upcoming events

Mildura Chaplaincy's  
Carols by Candlelight  
7pm Sunday 14 December  
The Nowingi Place, Hugh  
King Drive, Mildura  
0433 033 875

Ouyen Carols by  
Candlelight  
7pm Sunday 14 December  
The Roxy Theatre, Ouyen

Carols in Barclay Square  
8pm Friday 19 December  
Barclay Square, Red Cliffs  
0402 946 248

Willowfest Australian  
Cricket Club  
Championships  
Friday 26 – Tuesday 30 December  
Various locations and venues  
www.willowfest.com.au

Mildura Motorcycle  
Club Dudley Bradshaw  
Sidecar Shootout  
5:30pm Saturday 27 December  
Olympic Park Speedway,  
Eleventh Street, Mildura  
www.milduramotorcycleclub.org

River Rockfest  
Gates open 3:30pm Sunday 18 January  
The Nowingi Place, Hugh  
King Drive, Mildura  
www.riverrockfesttour.com.au

Murray River International  
Music Festival  
Monday 19 – Saturday 31 January  
Various locations and venues  
www.artsmildura.com.au

Mildura Wentworth  
Arts Festival  
Friday 6 – Sunday 15 March  
Various locations and venues  
www.artsmildura.com.au

## New Year's Eve on Mildura's riverfront

Join in the count down to 2015 with free family fun at Nowingi Place on Mildura's riverfront.

Council's annual New Year's Eve celebration will be as spectacular as ever with two incredible fireworks displays, great food and excellent live entertainment.

The stage show will kick off with children's favourite Postman Pat, before local performer Todd Griffiths takes to the stage to entertain the audience with his amazing acoustics. The fun continues with the Justice League crew taking to the stage with Wolverine and Batman making a special appearance. After the first of two fireworks displays, the party will continue with local act Ratbags revving the crowd up with covers of all the greats from the 70's and 80's. To finish the show, INXSIVE will be pumping out their tribute show to Australian rock greats INXS. At the stroke of midnight the skies will light up once again for the second fireworks display to cap off the celebrations.

This drug, alcohol and glass free event will kick off at 8pm. The fireworks displays will run at 9:40pm and midnight.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic rug, deck chair and make a night of it at Mildura's Nowingi Place, Hugh King Drive Mildura.



If you would like to know more about the 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 ζητήστε 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 umusobanuzi 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 Belediyesini (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.

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



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