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Ready for work

Nathaniel Warren is relishing working alongside Tony DeLitte in his new job as an apprentice mechanic. Nathaniel secured the role at Bravo Race Engineering thanks to the support of a Mildura Rural City Council initiative. Read more on page 3.



Nbn rollout progressing across Sunraysia

The rollout of the nbn is well and truly under way in our region with about 1,200 homes and businesses in the Red Cliffs area now able to connect to the new nbn fixed line network.

According to nbn, work is already under way on the next phase of the nbn fixed line rollout, with more than 20,000 homes and businesses in Mildura, Cabarita, Irymple, Merbein and Ouyen set to be connected by the end of next year.

Another 6,800 premises in the region meanwhile are able to take advantage of the nbn's fixed wireless technology, which was introduced in April last year, while nbn's satellite service, Sky Muster, may be available in some outlying areas of the region.

To find out when you'll be eligible to connect to the nbn network visit www.nbnco.com.au/switch.

Join us in walking for White Ribbon

We're once again gearing up for our biggest event of the year in support of White Ribbon – our annual White Ribbon Day Walk.

While White Ribbon Day falls on Saturday, 25 November, we're conducting our walk a day earlier in a bid to raise awareness about the fight to stop violence against women in a very public way, starting from Mildura's busy central business district.

The walk will take place on Friday, 24 November, starting in the Langtree Mall, making its way along Langtree Avenue and down the Langtree Avenue connection, concluding by our riverfront, where there will be a host of family activities to mark the occasion.

You may also have noticed the giant White Ribbon garden bed in the median strip near the intersection of Deakin Avenue and Fifteenth Street. This was an initiative of our Parks and Gardens Team, who came up with the idea and implemented it as a way to further raise awareness.

Mildura Rural City Council has been a White Ribbon Accredited Workplace for almost 18 months and at the time of our accreditation was one of only 45 accredited workplaces in the country.

More details about our White Ribbon Day Walk will be available on our website as the date draws nearer at www.mildura.vic.gov.au.



VICTORIAN SENIORS IT'S *Festival* YOUR TIME

9 – 13 October 2017

Over 55s are invited to enjoy a local program of low-cost events, activities and workshops

www.mildura.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival
(03) 5018 8100





Above: Bikram Karki. Inset: Nathaniel Warren.

Supporting locals to secure sustainable employment

Since January this year, Council has helped more than 60 people secure employment in our community.

Thanks to a State Government-funded program, Jobs Victoria Employment Network – Real People Real Jobs, we're supporting unemployed local people to gain sustainable employment in our community. We also work with employers to find suitable staff.

From healthcare and retail to agriculture and automotive industries, people of all ages and walks of life are now enjoying the many benefits that come from engaging in employment

Bikram Karki is just one of them. The Nepalese national has significant experience in hospitality however with only basic English skills, he found securing work in the industry a challenge. After being linked in with the Community Employment Program Bikram gained work as a bricklayer's labourer with local business Pro Masonry Works.

Being employed has given him and his young family a sense of security and will allow his wife to work less while she completes her nursing studies.

"I enjoy actually being able to make a living for my family. I was starting to feel like I would never get a job and I was getting down about it.

"My boss is teaching me to speak English, and every day he teaches me things about bricklaying."

As well as connecting Bikram with his new employer, our staff supported him to get the safety tickets he needed to work on a construction site. They also assisted with practical items including appropriate work clothing and boots.

21 year old Nathaniel Warren is relishing his new job at Bravo Race Engineering where he started as an apprentice mechanic in May.

"I've always been in to motorbikes so it's great to be able to work with something I'm passionate about," he said.

His apprenticeship gives Nathaniel plenty of variety, and he's already worked on motorbikes, go-karts, ski race boats, cars and jet skis.

"I'd done lots of different courses since I finished school and been looking for work for ages but could never get anything. It's so great now that I have something to go and do every day."

Nathaniel's boss, Tony DeLittle is extremely proud to be employing Nathaniel. He said the Community Employment Program had given him the chance to offer a young job-seeker a meaningful career pathway.

If you're a job seeker or employer looking to find staff, give us a call to find out more about the Community Employment Program.

More information is also available on our website.

Free Wi-Fi now available

Locals and visitors to Mildura can now enjoy free Wi-Fi in some of our most popular public places.

Council and Telstra have partnered up to connect twelve Telstra Air hotspots in the city heart and along the Mildura riverfront.

Anyone can use their Wi-Fi enabled device such as a mobile phone or tablet to access this free internet service which covers:

- Langtree Mall (not inside stores)
- Langtree Avenue dining precinct aka Feast Street (not inside stores)
- Pedestrian connection between Langtree Avenue and the riverfront
- Riverfront promenade and parklands between Jaycee Park and Nowingi Place.

According to Telstra, Australians are getting savvier at seeking out Wi-Fi hotspots to avoid tapping in to their mobile data. Usage on the Telstra Air network has more than doubled in the past year, so it is hoped the new hotspots in Mildura will be well-received by locals and visitors alike.

Council also provides free public Wi-Fi at local libraries, the Mildura Arts Centre and Ouyen Council Service Centre.



Walk, ride or scoot to school this October!

Primary school kids, parents and teachers are encouraged to get active and walk, ride or scoot to and from school during VicHealth's Walk to School month in October.

Council has teamed up with Healthy Together Mildura to get behind the initiative and there are some fantastic prizes up for grabs for participating schools.

Walking to school is a free, easy and fun way for kids to get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day and encourages them to build healthy habits for life. It's also a great way to make friends, improve their fitness, build their confidence and even help the environment!

To find out more information on Walk to School 2017 or to register, visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au or contact your local primary school.





Council is spending \$122 million in the 2017/18 Financial Year.

These figures illustrate how different Council services, projects and infrastructure are funded in this year's budget.

You can view the budget, along with the Community and Council Plan 2017-2021 at www.mildura.vic.gov.au

Budget Highlights



PARKS & OPEN SPACES
\$2.14 million

New play equipment at Park for Play and beautifying the George Chaffey Bridge entrance to Mildura are among projects planned across our 50+ parks.

DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE
\$7.7 million

Our stormwater drainage network includes 508km of road kerbing, 300 kilometres of underground drains, 10,185 drainage pits, 71 drainage basins, 29 gross pollutant traps and six wetlands.

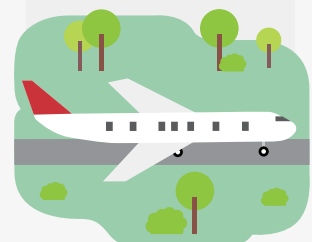


ROADS, FOOTPATHS & CYCLEWAYS
\$13.8 million

Council maintains more than 5,000 kilometres of roads, footpaths and walking tracks. A major reconstruction of Mildura's Madden Avenue between Tenth and Eleventh Streets and upgrade to Yelta Road, Merbein West are among road works planned for 2017/18.

MILDURA AIRPORT RUNWAY RECONSTRUCTION
\$8.5 million

Council secured \$8.55 million in Government Grants to contribute to this important infrastructure project in the 2017/18 Financial Year.



Health and safety crucial for beauty businesses

Next time you make an appointment with a beauty therapist, hair dresser, spray tanner or make-up artist, make sure you check that they are registered.

By law, all personal care, beauty and body art businesses must be registered with Council. Being registered means the operator has met specific health and safety standards, which are set by the State Government to protect the public health and wellbeing of everyone in our community. Council also inspects registered operators, to ensure they're meeting the required standards.

Whether the business operates from a shopfront, a private home or is mobile, there are still registration requirements.

The majority of beauty businesses are doing the right thing and there are currently 109 registered in the Mildura Rural City Council area. However the number of complaints we receive about unregistered operators is growing.

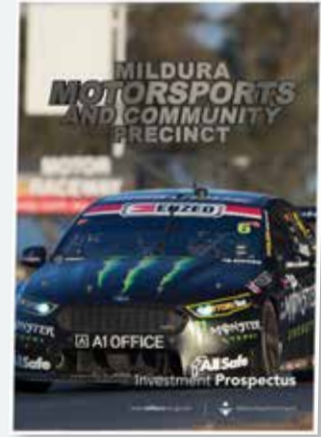
So if you've recently started a beauty business, currently operate one or want to make sure the one you're using is registered, please contact us for more information. Alternatively, go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/health to learn more.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD BUSINESSES?

There are health and safety standards for all food businesses too. Restaurants, cafes, wholesalers, caterers, home-based cake makers, food stalls, sausage sizzles and even vending machines must be registered with Council. There are different rules for different food business types, but they're all designed to protect the health and safety of the community and prevent outbreak of disease. To make sure you're using a registered food business, always ask the operator before you engage their services.



All hairdressers and beauty businesses must be registered



Mildura's future home of motor sport revealed

Last month we officially launched the two documents that underpin the future of the long-awaited Mildura Motorsports and Community Precinct (MMCP).

More than 100 people attended the launch at the Mildura Arts Centre foyer on Wednesday, 19 July, where the business case and investment prospectus were officially released.

These two documents are the result of several years' work and are designed to both attract interest and inform potential investors – explaining in detail what the project entails, how much funding is needed, and the economic benefits to both investors, Sunraysia and Victoria.

Attendees at last month's launch, which included some of the district's most well-known national motor sport champions, were told the project is expected to generate more than \$720 million in economic benefit for the region over 30 years.

Importantly, the project will also provide a significant boost to jobs, both directly and indirectly through increased business for sectors including hospitality, accommodation and training as visitors from across the country utilise the venue.

A second official launch will be held in Melbourne next month to attract interest and investors from across Victoria.



Books on the fly

Our local Library Service has teamed up with the Mildura Airport to give travellers access to free reading material.

Set up in May last year, Books on the Fly is a complimentary book swap service available to anyone departing, arriving or visiting the Mildura Airport.

The way it works is simple. Just browse the shelf, located in the Departures Lounge and if a book takes your fancy then take it with you on your journey. If you happen to be carrying an extra book that you no longer need, pop it on the shelf for another traveller to enjoy. There's no registration fee and you don't even have to be a Library member to use the service.

The Books on the Fly bookcase is stocked with a range of fiction, non-fiction, young adult and children's picture books. All books are from those no longer in circulation on library shelves or donated by the community. Library staff replenish the bookcase with new resources every fortnight.

This environmentally-friendly initiative has been a hit with locals and visitors alike. Our Library Service has received several complimentary messages of thanks from people who have used it and the Sunday Age even featured Books on the Fly in their Traveller lift-out earlier this year.



MCH Nurse Elaine meets with David, Amy and baby Eliza.

Continuing Maternal and Child Health care in our community

Council provides a free and confidential Maternal and Child Health service for all parents and carers of babies and young children.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary in Victoria, the service has provided support and advice to thousands

of families on everything from breastfeeding, child health, development and nutrition, sleep and settling, to family health and wellbeing.

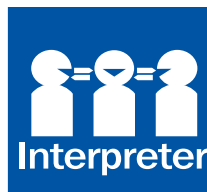
Following an initial home visit after a baby is born, a series of free follow up appointments are scheduled with a qualified Maternal and Child Health Nurse as the baby develops. It is recommended you visit one of our centres at your child's key ages and stages of 2, 4 and 8 weeks, 4, 8, 12 and 18 months, 2 and 3.5 years old.

Regular health checks with a Maternal and Child Health Nurse provide an opportunity to review your child's health, growth and learning development to help give them the best start in life. Our nurses will also connect you to a new parents group if it's your first child and refer you to other health services if required.

Give us a call or email mchs@mildura.vic.gov.au to make your next appointment or visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/children for more information.

Corroboree celebrates NAIDOC Week

Council was proud to work with the Aboriginal Action Committee to put on a special community event at Jaycee Park to mark NAIDOC Week for 2017, in the form of a Corroboree. We had a great turn out, with everyone embracing the opportunity to learn, experience and celebrate Aboriginal culture.



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.

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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.

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Belediye Hizmet Merkezlerine şahsen gittiğiniz takdirde 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 تلفون (۰۳) ۵۰۱۸ ۸۱۰۰ با شورای شهر روستایی میلدورا (Mildura Rural City Council) تماس بگیرند.

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.

Smoking is now off the menu

Smoking in outdoor dining areas is now banned. This new State Government law came in to effect on August 1 to protect the health of all Victorians and improve outdoor dining experiences for everyone.

Under the new laws, smoking is banned:

- In outdoor areas at hospitality and food venues used for eating food. This includes footpath

dining areas, courtyards and beer gardens during times food is being eaten, or is available to be eaten

- In all outdoor areas at food fairs. A food fair is an event where the principal activity is the supply of food for consumption at the event
- In outdoor areas within 10 metres of a food stall or food vendor at organised events (other than a food fair).

It is Council's role to inspect and enforce this law and we encourage smokers and food businesses to be aware of and follow these new laws.



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