

Community Matters

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A day on the front line

Jasper, Jeshurun and Gia from Trinity Lutheran College (pictured above) joined hundreds of other locals from across the region at our Mildura Emergency Services Day. Read more on page 5.

Stage 3

Deakin Avenue works are

COMPLETE

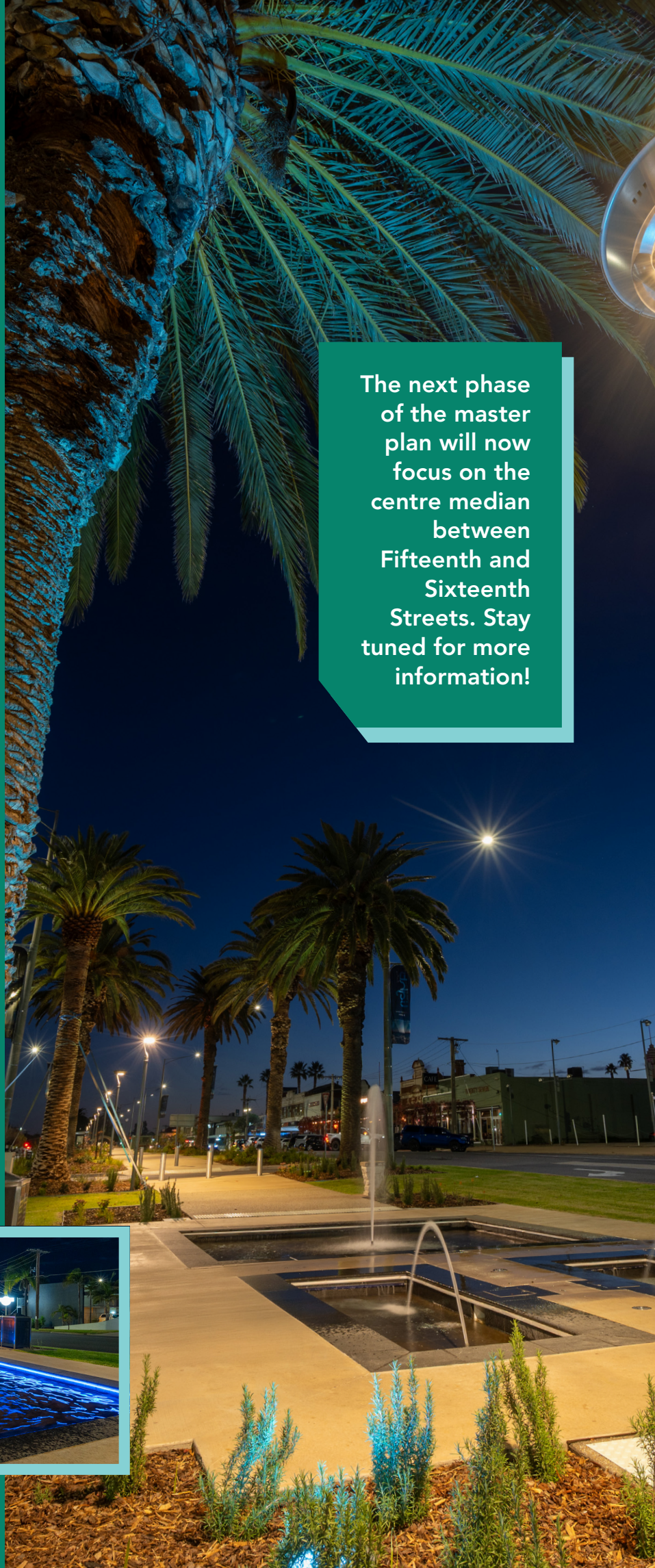
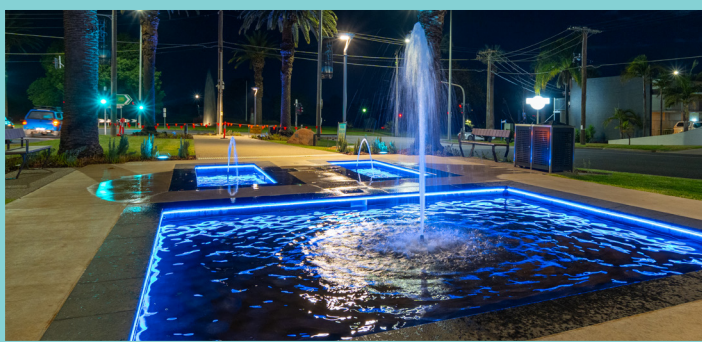
Works to enhance the Deakin Avenue median between Seventh and Eighth Streets are now complete!

Forming the third stage of the Deakin Avenue Landscape Master Plan, completed works included:

- Replacing the previously removed sugar gums
- Creating a new central footpath
- Planting more than 1,600 new plantings, introducing more colour to the centre median
- Feature lighting to highlight various aspects of the new landscape
- Grassed areas, mature plants and landscaped features
- Updated street furniture
- Refurbishment of the existing historic limestone structure
- Replacement of the existing public toilet
- Refurbishment of the water fountain
- A raised platform for public art displays

The \$1.9 million redevelopment has been funded though \$1.2 million from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

The next phase of the master plan will now focus on the centre median between Fifteenth and Sixteenth Streets. Stay tuned for more information!



TRAIL OF lights

Bra Mura.



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A moment
of stillness

Funding recipient Anthony Telfer is pictured with
Councillor for Events and Tourism Rebecca Crossling.



Funding windfall for 40 local events

More than \$250,000 has been awarded to 40 local events as part of Council's annual Event Funding and Support Grants Program.

Successful applicants cover everything from sporting events to festivals, the arts, state and national sporting titles and international cricket tournaments.

Council's ongoing commitment to local events has only grown in the past 12 months, with more than 60 grants awarded through the Event Funding and Support Program in that time.

The impact of these events on our local economy is estimated at \$51 million, while also supporting 211 jobs.

They are also bringing more people to our region, including an additional 58,000 day-trippers and 106,000 overnight stays during that time.

2025 Youth Awards



COMMUNITY
IMPACT

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HERO

Help celebrate our incredible local youth

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Youth Awards, which aim to recognise young people for their achievements and contributions to the community.

Three categories are available, including Unsung Hero, Volunteer and Community Impact.

Open to young people aged 12 to 25, awards will be presented across two age categories: 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years.

Do you know someone who deserves recognition? Nominations can be submitted by individuals, community organisations, schools and local groups. You can even nominate yourself!

Visit mildura.vic.gov.au/youthawards for more information and to complete a nomination form before 21 July 2025.

Congratulations to our 2025 Nature Strip Showdown winners!

The latest winners of our popular Nature Strip Showdown have been crowned, showcasing some of the best nature strips in our region while illustrating the enormous pride our residents take in their gardens!

Congratulations to Mitch Coffey and Ross Griffiths whose nature strips were judged our region's best by our partners Greening Mildura.

Both Mitch and Ross received a \$500 Mildura City Heart gift card for their efforts.



Mildura Emergency Services Day proves a hit with local students

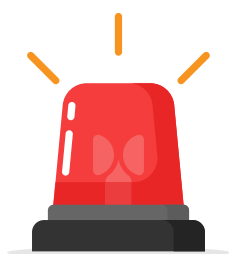
Hundreds of local school students got up close with our local emergency services through a range of hands-on and interactive activities at Nowingi Place in June.

The Mildura Emergency Services Day showcased the variety of emergency services roles available across career and volunteer opportunities.

Local services hosted demonstrations – including the jaws of life – displayed key equipment, and were on hand to answer questions from visiting students and locals.

A big thank you to our partners, Victoria Police and NSW Police, Fire Rescue Victoria, Country Fire Authority, Rural Fire Services, Northern Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network, Ambulance Victoria, Victoria State Emergency Services, Australian Red Cross, Mildura Life Saving Club and Community RoadSafe Mildura.

The Mildura Emergency Services Day was delivered thanks to funding from Emergency Recovery Victoria.



Irymple's newest playground set to *spark joy* this Spring



The design for a new playground in Milan Drive in Irymple has been completed, a contract has been awarded, and we're gearing up for installation just in time for the September school holidays.

We met with local families to get their valuable input into the design and together we've created a space for all ages featuring inclusive play elements like:

- Basket swing
- Accessible digger
- Sand play
- Banister slide
- Nature-based challenges for kids aged 5+



Accessible paths will make sure everyone can join the fun, and a shade sail will help beat the heat.

We also have new trees coming this July to create a green buffer between homes and the play area.

We can't wait to see the community enjoy this vibrant new space for years to come!



Mildura Rural City Council hits MEGA MILESTONE

We have achieved a significant milestone in our quest to become the Solar Capital of Australia.

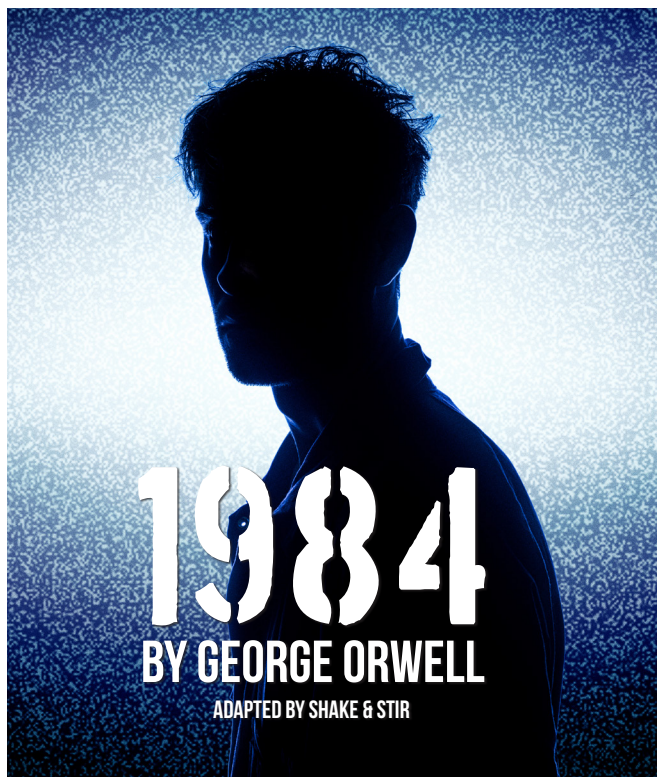
The recent 180 kilowatt solar PV installation at the Red Cliffs Early Years Hub means that we have now installed more than 1 megawatt of solar PV across our buildings and facilities, the most of any local government in central and northern Victoria.

The installation also includes 212 kilowatt hours of battery storage.

The combined solar installations are estimated to save Council and ratepayers more than \$300,000 on energy bills annually.

Other key environmental features of the new Red Cliffs Early Years Hub include:

- 100% electric facility
- Energy efficient heating/cooling system
- Energy efficient electric hot water heat pumps
- Energy efficient LED lighting
- Electric induction cooktops and ovens
- Double glazed windows and doors
- Rain water tanks
- Water efficient taps, toilets and showerheads



BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING

7.30PM WEDNESDAY
6 AUGUST

MILDURA ARTS CENTRE



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Australian Government

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Australia

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CREATIVE VICTORIA

Discover the Library of Things



Did you know you can borrow more than just books at the Mildura Library?

With a Library of Things (LoT) membership, you can borrow handy items for free - like tools, electronics, household gadgets, a sewing machine, toys, outdoor gear and more.

With over 50 useful items to choose from, it's a fun and practical way to try before you buy, borrow for one-off projects, and live more sustainably!

You can borrow two items for up to two weeks.

▶ Getting started is easy!

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Sign the LoT Terms and Conditions.

Not a member yet?

Join the library and complete the LoT form.

To learn more and browse the collection visit mildura.vic.gov.au/LoT

2026 Kindergarten registrations now open!

Visit mildura.vic.gov.au/kindergarten to register your children in three and four-year-old kinder



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