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## Planting for the future

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community spirit





# A Christmas wish from the Mayor and Councillors

As we near the end of another year, I just want to say how privileged I feel to live and work such a fabulous part of the world.

The festive season is an ideal time to reflect on all the good things we have in our life – our health, successes, achievements and all else we have to be grateful for, including the wonderful, caring people we are blessed to have in our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals, groups and organisations who work so hard throughout the year to help make our municipality an ever better place to live, including the region’s volunteers. This was most evident last month after the storm and flood events. I’d like to thank the emergency services and organisations who rallied around us in our time of need. I’d also like to mention the outstanding contribution of Council staff, who worked tirelessly putting the needs of the community first.

It’s a timely reminder that the gifts you give at Christmas don’t have to be gift-wrapped. Sometimes it’s the smallest acts of kindness that can make the biggest difference.

On behalf of myself, my family, my fellow Councillor’s and the staff at Mildura Rural City Council, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season. Hopefully 2017 will bring you all a year of love, happiness and peace.

**Cr Glenn Milne**



## Perfect places to cool down this summer

Swimming pools in our region opened on 1 November and once again are proving to be popular community assets.

Residents and visitors can escape the expected warm weather with a refreshing dip at one of the local swimming pools.

So what facilities are available at local swimming pools?

While each pool is a little different, all of them have change and bathroom facilities, a canteen for snacks and drinks, lovely lawns and shade areas and qualified lifeguards to keep an eye on swimmers.

Love visiting your local pool? Seasons passes are now for sale and can be purchased from any swimming pool or from our Customer Service Centres.

Make sure you check the opening hours before planning your pool visit. Each pool’s hours vary to suit the individual communities. Opening hour’s information can be found on our website at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools)



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## Students share their community spirit

Council's Parks and Gardens Team was delighted to have some extra hands on deck recently, after 17 community-minded students of Merbein P-10 College volunteered their time to spend a day with Council staff to help maintain some of our community parks and gardens in Merbein.

As part of their Neighbourhood Time class, the Year 8 students brainstormed ideas for a community service project and together decided they would like to help Council to enhance some of the public gardens and sites around the community.

The students rolled up their sleeves and worked on projects including tree planting, irrigation and mulching – all working to help protect and improve the appearance of the Merbein township, while teaching them a bit about horticulture.

At the end of the year the students will be presented with a certificate for the hours they've spent working in the community. They will also be able to watch the trees grow and flourish for many years to come, knowing they played a role in the development and maintenance of one of our fantastic community sites.

Council welcomes requests for work experience and aims to accommodate them wherever possible. Not only did this project help to enhance our community and the environment, but it was a great opportunity for the students to better understand what Council does and what it might be like to work for Council, introducing them to new career pathways.

## 2017 Australia Day Breakfast and Community Celebration

From 8am, Thursday 26 January  
The Nowingi Place  
Hugh King Drive, Mildura





## Rowing Club Redevelopment

Stage One of the Mildura Riverfront Precinct Redevelopment Project is entering its final phase, with construction work on the Mildura Rowing Club building well underway. A local contractor has begun work on the project, with an expected completion of the build in the first half of next year.

Work on the building will include the construction of a boat shed storage facility on the Ground Floor for the rowing club. The club rooms which will be located on Level 1, will have a kitchen, bar and function room. A café will be located on the Ground Floor and is expected to seat approximately 120 people and will feature a decked alfresco area overlooking the Murray River.

Others works completed as a part of the \$19.25 million Mildura Riverfront Precinct Redevelopment Project include a 1.2 kilometre pedestrian promenade alongside the river, installation of exercise equipment stations, a Water Play Park, Langtree Pedestrian Connection, art work, additional seating, a skate park, new garden and plantings, barbeque and toilet facilities. Two community reference groups have worked with Council to provide significant input into the project.

## New VicEmergency app

With the Fire Danger Period now declared and as we head into the hotter summer months, residents are encouraged to download the VicEmergency App, which now replaces the Fire Ready App. In order to receive location specific App alerts when warnings are issued or incidents occur, you must create a profile and watch zone.

The app includes warnings and incident notifications for fire, flood, storm, earthquake, tsunami, weather warnings, shark sightings, beach closures and more.

Warning and incident information is also available on the VicEmergency website.

You can download the VicEmergency from the App Store or Google Play.



## Watch out for mozzies this summer

With the Spring rains and the weather now warming up, mosquitoes are active. Mozzies thrive in warm, wet conditions, and breed in still water.

So there is greater chance of high mosquito numbers after it rains.

To protect yourself against mosquitoes and the potentially serious diseases they can transmit, cover up whenever you're outdoors by wearing light, loose clothing and using insect repellent containing picaridin or DEET.

You can also limit the chances of mozzies breeding around your home or yard by:

- Disposing any containers, old tyres, pots or tins that may hold water
- Regularly changing water in vases, bird baths and pet bowls
- Fixing any leaking taps or hoses
- Removing weeds and grass from drains so water can drain freely
- Cleaning gutters so pools of water don't form
- Maintaining lawns and gardens so you don't provide shelter for mosquitoes
- Installing and maintaining fly screens on all windows and doors
- Don't forget the kids! It's safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin

**For more advice** on protecting yourself against mozzies this summer, see the Beat the bite information on [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)



## Meet your Councillors

Mildura Rural City's nine Councillors were sworn in to office on 10 November, marking the beginning of a new era for the region. For the next four years, the Council team will act as representatives and advocates, guiding the strategic direction of our community and our region.

Just like the diverse population of people who live in Mildura Rural City, the Councillors come from a range of backgrounds, and they are united in their passion to see our communities thrive.

**Cr Glenn Milne** is serving his fourth consecutive term on Mildura Rural City Council; it is also the seventh time he has been elected Mayor. The father of eight, including two foster children, is both a Board and life member of the Mallee Accommodation and Support Program and also serves on the Board of Sunraysia Residential Services.  
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**Cr Jason Modica** joins Council for the first time in 2016 and has been elected Deputy Mayor. He hopes his role as a Councillor will enable him to advocate for growth through strategic planning and development that will bring a renewed and stronger region.  
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**Cr Greg Brown** served on three previous Councils and is pleased to have again been given the opportunity to represent local residents. Passionate about rural Victoria, Cr Brown is keen to ensure locals can access the services, infrastructure and facilities they need, regardless of where they live or work throughout the municipality.  
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**Cr Anthony Cirillo** joins Council for the first time in 2016. Cr Cirillo and his wife Vittoria are currently raising their young family and believe strongly in the wellbeing and future of our region, not only for his generation but future generations.  
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**Cr Simon Clemence** joins Council for the first time in 2016. Cr Clemence is passionate about the region and in his previous work he has worked toward the betterment of the community.

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**Cr Ali Cupper** served on the previous Council. Cr Cupper is a lawyer, child protection practitioner, academic and founding Director of the Australian Advocacy and Politics Summer School.

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**Cr Mark Eckel** served on four previous Councils and remains committed to consulting with the region's residents, local businesses and industries, working to make Mildura a better place to live now and into the future.

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**Cr Min Poole** joins Council for the first time in 2016. Cr Poole has particular interests in regional economic development and wants to work towards a vibrant, inclusive and progressive community for all.

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**Cr Max Thorburn** served on two previous Councils. Cr Thorburn is an experienced broadcaster, sports commentator and journalist, again plans to achieve solid outcomes for residents living across the municipality.

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## School Holiday Activity Fun!

With the Christmas holidays just a few weeks away, Mildura Rural City Council has a raft of activities to ensure the region's younger residents have plenty to do through programs run by Council's Mildura Youth Services, Library Services and Mildura Arts Centre.

### **Youth Services Mildura**

Targeted at young people aged 12 to 16, Mildura Youth Services' School Holiday Program runs from 11 January to 25 January and features an amazing variety of activities to keep young people entertained.

From a morning movie at the Deakin Cinema Complex followed by pizza, through to cupcakes and nail art and sessions on abstract art techniques.

For the more active, there are also Laserforce sessions, a Mega Splash Pool Party at Mildura Waves as well as Putt Putt and the Aqua Coaster.

The drop-off and pick-up venue for Youth Holiday Program is the Mildura Scout Hall at 39 Twelfth Street, Mildura.

### **Mildura Library Service**

Council's libraries at Mildura, Merbein, Red Cliffs and Irymple have school holiday activities planned throughout January, specifically targeted at primary school-aged children.

Children can choose from a wide variety of activities, including Lego sessions throughout the holidays as well exploring the wonders of science with the popular STEM (Science Technology and Maths) activity Marble Run.

Council's Library Service School Holiday program starts from 3 January and runs through until 25 January, with programs at all four libraries.

Cost is \$1.80 per child, per activity and bookings are essential. Bookings open Thursday 1 December.

### **Mildura Arts Centre**

Mildura Arts Centre has an exciting summer of holiday fun, contemporary art and design workshops planned for January with the NGV (National Gallery of Victoria) Kids On Tour 2017.

Targeted at young people aged 4 to 12, children and families will be able to engage with summer exhibitions from the NGV including Atelier:Viktor&Rolf for Kids and John Olsen's The You Beaut Country, through a range of hands-on activities and workshops.

There will also be opportunities to take part in a range of free workshops at Mildura Arts Centre and discover the fun of contemporary art and design.

Those aged 15 and over can also take part in a Watercolour Workshops by artist Graeme Drendel.

To register and view full program details please visit Youth Program: [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth) or phone (03) 5018 8100 | Library Program: [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/library) or phone (03) 5018 8350 | Mildura Arts Centre: [www.milduraartscentre.com.au](http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au) or phone (03) 5018 8330

Enjoy an evening of free family entertainment!

nickjr.



# New Year's Eve

*Bring a chair, picnic rug and count down to 2017!*

- Two fireworks displays 9.30pm and midnight
- NICK JR.'S PAW PATROL Ready for Action show and meet and greet
- Live music and entertainment
- Food and drink stalls
- Children's amusements and attractions
- Smoke, alcohol and glass-free event

The Nowingi Place  
Hugh King Drive, Mildura  
[www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au)  
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# 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 Centre and facilities throughout the holidays.

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

Closes 3pm Friday 23 December 2016  
Reopens 8am Tuesday 3 January 2017

## **Mildura Landfill**

Closed Christmas Day  
Open 8am - 3:45pm Monday 26 December  
Open 8am - 3:45pm Tuesday 27 December  
Open 7am - 4:45pm Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 December  
Open 8am - 3:45pm Saturday 31 December  
Closed New Year's Day  
Open 8am - 3:45pm Monday 2 January 2017

## **Ouyen Landfill**

Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

## **All other landfill and transfer station**

Opening hours will remain the same.

## **Kerbside recycling and rubbish collections**

All collections remain unchanged.

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

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

## **Mildura Arts Centre**

Closes 3pm Saturday 24 December 2016  
Closed Christmas Day  
Open 10am - 5pm all other days  
Café open 10am - 2pm

## **Mildura Library**

Closes 2pm Saturday 24 December 2016  
Reopens at 10am Tuesday 3 January 2017

## **Merbein and Red Cliffs Libraries**

Closes 1pm Saturday 24 December 2016  
Reopens 10am Tuesday 3 January 2017

## **Irymple Library**

Closes 5pm Friday 23 December 2016  
Reopens 10am Tuesday 3 January 2017

## **Mobile Library**

Closes 4pm Friday 23 December 2016 at Lake Cullulleraine  
Reopens on the usual timetable at Underbool on Tuesday 3 January 2017

## **Mildura Waves Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Irymple, Merbein, Red Cliffs and Ouyen Swimming Pools**

Closed Christmas Day  
Normal operating hours on all other days

## **Underbool, Murrayville and Colignan Swimming Pools**

Please contact each pool directly.  
Contact details can be found on our website.

For after hours emergencies requiring Council assistance call 1800 241 540

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.

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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.

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## **Ouyen Service Centre**

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