



# Community Matters

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## More shade to play

Several parks and playgrounds across our region just got a little cooler! We've been adding shade structures to local parks and playgrounds as part of our Annual Shade Program.

Read more about the initiative on page 7.



# Mildura Bilingual Storybook Project

The region's rich, multicultural roots are being celebrated through a new series of childrens storybooks.

Eleven storybooks have been created in English, Arabic, Punjabi, Dari, Kirundi, Filipino and Uyghur and other languages through the Mildura Bilingual Storybook Project – a joint partnership between Mildura Rural City Council, SuniTAFE and other community groups.

The books have been written, illustrated and translated by community volunteers following a series of writing and illustration workshops held throughout 2023.

The books, which were launched at a special celebration at the Mildura Arts Centre, are available for download from Council's website.

Audio versions of the books are also available, while limited hard copies have been made available to local schools and other organisations.

Those interested can download a copy of each book, and listen to the audio recordings, at [mildura.vic.gov.au/BilingualBooks](http://mildura.vic.gov.au/BilingualBooks)

Each story is unique, celebrating what it means to call our region home. The project also provided an opportunity to build relationships and partnerships – with many of the participants forging life-long friendships through their collaboration.



Bilingual Storybook participants get a close look at their work, before attending the recent Mildura Arts Centre launch.



**Celebrating our region's rich multiculturalism**





# Something for everyone this Easter Long Weekend

Our region is set to come alive at Easter thanks to a spectacular calendar of events from Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April 2024.

The 2024 Easter long weekend is again expected to be headlined by the ever-popular Easter Powersports showcase, attracting thousands of visitors to the region.

It all starts on Good Friday with the annual Show 'n' Shine in the Mildura City Heart, while the ski racing action of the Mildura 100 will bring the river to life on Saturday 30 March with the Top 40 Shootout, followed by the main event race on Sunday 31 March.

The Supercharged Shootout will offer an amazing drag racing experience

for all motorsport enthusiasts on Saturday, while Arenacross and speedway action will draw visitors from far and wide.

Meanwhile our iconic riverfront Boutique Markets on Saturday morning will showcase our region's finest local produce and crafts, while for the tennis fans the Mildura Easter Tennis Open will also draw big crowds.

Don't miss all the action this Easter long weekend, with up-to-date information about events and activities planned available at [visitmildura.com.au/whatson](http://visitmildura.com.au/whatson) or on our on social media channels on Instagram and Facebook.



## MSP IS READY TO HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT!

The Mildura Sporting Precinct (MSP) is ready to host your next event thanks to its four amazing on-site function spaces.

These rooms can cater to conferences, corporate training days, awards nights – the list goes on!

You can hire spaces individually, or hire multiple spaces depending on the size of the gathering.



MSP can also host birthday parties, engagements and other special events, with the commercial kitchen and servery spaces available to cover catering needs.



Scan here to book





# Awards celebrate our region's finest

Mildura Rural City Council's 2024 Australia Day Award recipients have been officially recognised, highlighting the outstanding achievements residents and community groups make within our region.



**Jackson Mugenzi**

## *Young Citizen of the Year*

Jackson has accomplished significant achievements personally and academically in a short amount of time, and has become a role model and leader in the Mildura community through his contributions at Youth Council.



**AMES Multicultural  
Cup Soccer Tournament**

## *Community Event or Project of the Year*

In partnership with Football Federation Sunraysia, Mildura English Language Learning Centre and Mildura Rural City Council, the AMES Multicultural Cup aims to nurture social cohesion and build connections between diverse communities and the broader community.



**Kevin Willersdorf**

## *Citizen of the Year*

Kevin has dedicated countless years to volunteer work within the Murrayville community and has had extensive involvement across numerous sporting clubs, emergency services and community groups that reflect a lifetime of commitment.





# Green light for Final stage of Deakin Avenue redevelopment



Work will soon start on the third and final stage of the biggest upgrade to our iconic Deakin Avenue centre median in the city's history!

Mildura Rural City Councillors have endorsed final plans for the redevelopment of the centre median between Seventh and Eighth Streets, which will follow a similar theme to the completed stages between Eighth and Tenth Streets, including:

- replacing the previously removed sugar gums
- a new central footpath
- 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 facility
- refurbishment of the water fountain



The majority of the \$1.9 million redevelopment has been funded through \$1.2 million from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program and is expected to be completed in August this year.

## DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR PET!



**Pet owners have until 10 April 2024 to register their animals with Mildura Rural City Council.**

All cats and dogs over three months of age must be microchipped and registered. This helps ensure lost animals can be reunited with their owners if found by Council staff or returned to the Mildura Pound.

You can register your animal by visiting our Deakin, Madden or Ouyen Service Centres, contacting us on 03 5018 8100 or online at [mildura.vic.gov.au/pets](https://mildura.vic.gov.au/pets)

Please notify Council if your contact details have changed, or if you have a new furry friend joining the family.







## GLASS BIN to be delivered in April 2024

Residents with access to kerbside recycling and rubbish collection can expect to receive their new 120L purple-lidded glass recycling bin in April 2024, ahead of the service's commencement date from 1 July.

The introduction of the new glass-only recycling service is a mandatory requirement under state government legislation, and will ensure more items are being reused for other purposes.

Mildura Rural City Council will deliver the new bins to eligible households in April 2024, along with an information pack containing a free A-Z guide that will help residents sort their waste from July 2024.

Once introduced, the new 120L glass bin will be emptied once a month.

Additional details on utilising the new purple bin for glass recycling will be provided upon bin arrival in April 2024. Until then, households are requested to maintain their usual three-bin system.

For more details about this new service visit [mildura.vic.gov.au/glass](http://mildura.vic.gov.au/glass) or contact Council's Waste Team on 03 5018 8100 or email [mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au)

## Dates set ✓ for Mildura Walks for Carers Group

The popular Mildura Walks for Carers Group has returned in 2024, offering local carers the chance to connect, spend time outdoors and enjoy a walk and complementary morning tea.

Open to all local and interested carers, the initiative is supported by Mildura Rural City Council in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses and Victoria's Neighbourhood Carers Club.

The Walks for Carers Group meets at 9.45am on the third Wednesday of each month at Bobby & Me Café, located at Hugh King Drive on Mildura's iconic riverfront.

### *Upcoming walks will be held on:*

- ✓ 20 March
- ✓ 17 April
- ✓ 15 May
- ✓ 19 June
- ✓ 17 July
- ✓ 21 August
- ✓ 18 September
- ✓ 16 October
- ✓ 20 November

Those interested are asked to complete an online registration form at [mildura.vic.gov.au/WalksforCarers](http://mildura.vic.gov.au/WalksforCarers) to register.

For more information contact Project Officer Jeni Snadden on 03 5018 8240 or email [jeni.snadden@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:jeni.snadden@mildura.vic.gov.au)





Mason, Harry and Laurie enjoy the new shade at Diablo Park.

# Cool Change for our Playgrounds



We're excited to announce we've installed new shade shelters at five parks and playgrounds across the region as part of our Annual Shade Program.

There's now new shade to play under at Hollywood Boulevard, Washington Park, Brodie Park, Koorlong and Diablo Park playgrounds.

We all know when the warm weather hits our playgrounds can be affected by the heat. The initiative aims to create a cooler, more enjoyable, and safer space for children and families to enjoy, especially during the warmer months.

Learn more about parks and playgrounds across our region at [mildura.vic.gov.au/Region/Parks-Recreation](http://mildura.vic.gov.au/Region/Parks-Recreation)







# Collective Movements

## Exhibition at Mildura Arts Centre

Visit *Collective Movements* at Mildura Arts Centre and discover artworks that recognise collectivity as integral to Indigenous knowledge and ways of being. Open until Sunday 28 April 2024.

*Collective Movements: First Nations Collectives, Collaborations and Creative Practices from across Victoria* is a wide-ranging project focusing on the work of historic and contemporary First Nations creative practitioners and community groups from across Victoria that recognises collectivity as integral to Indigenous knowledges and ways of being. An exhibition, publishing project, conversation and workshop platform, the project begins with the desire to make more visible a language and terminology beyond Western art concepts of 'collaboration' and 'collectivism'—one that better describes and acknowledges the way Indigenous creatives work within a broader community and its inheritances.



Installation view, *Collective Movements*, Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne, 2022. Photo: Christian Capurro.



*Collective Movements* identity designed by Jenna Lee.



*Collective Movements* is a MUMA / NETS Victoria touring exhibition, curated by Kate ten Buuren, Maya Hodge and N'Arweet Professor Carolyn Briggs AM PhD with advice from Professor Brian Martin. This project has been supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria and the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body, as well as receiving development assistance from NETS Victoria's Exhibition Development Fund, supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.



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