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## A hidden treasure

A short film screening  
at Mildura Airport

# New tourism and economic development body

Two of the Mildura region's major drivers, economic development and tourism, will soon be guided by the one exciting new body.

Councillors late last year approved a decision to combine the roles of the Mildura Development Corporation (MDC) and Mildura Tourism (MT) into the one entity.

Aimed at creating an Australian best practice tourism and economic development model, the new body will be responsible for promoting the Mildura region as a place of choice to invest, visit and live.

Council recently advertised for positions on the board of the new entity, attracting significant interest both locally and interstate.

The selection of the inaugural board is part of a transition process that has been led by experienced facilitator Neil Noelker.

After a rigorous recruitment process, the first six board members of the new body were selected.

They are Paul Gibbens, Brett Millington, Judith Damiani, Maria Carrazza, Geoff Dea and Geoff Thomson, with Mr Gibbens as the inaugural chair.

The next step is the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer with the recruitment process commencing shortly.

## COVER STORY



### A hidden treasure

Recently our staff worked in partnership with Council's Aboriginal Action Committee and the local community, to develop a short film to screen at the Mildura Airport. The short film promotes and celebrates the region's Aboriginal heritage and living culture, some of our regions amazing landscapes and provides a 'Welcome to Country' for visitors and locals.

The short film has been warmly received by the community and is a great example of how the committee and Council are working together towards reconciliation through cultural respect and recognition.

The film is now showing at the Arrivals area at Mildura Airport. It can also be viewed on Mildura Rural City Council's You Tube Channel.

Contact us or visit [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/region](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/region) to find out further information about Council's Aboriginal Action Committee and the Reconciliation Action Plan.

ABOVE IMAGE Elder Graham Clarke.

COVER IMAGE Uncle Peter Peterson respected person of the community.



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# HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE

## 2017-2021 Council Plan

### What is the Council Plan?

The Council Plan is developed every four years after a new Council is elected. As a Council we have a responsibility to provide many important services, facilities and programs to the 53,000 people in our community. To make sure we get our priorities right for the community, we want to know what's most important to you.

With that in mind, we've spent the last six weeks out in the community asking you to tell us what you value most in our community and what we should focus on over the next four years. We've hosted 28 drop-in stalls across the district. We've been able to discuss issues with you and explain how the Council Plan works.

Thank you to all who provided feedback through the survey and at our drop-in stalls.

The information we have collected from you will now be collated, reviewed and workshopped by senior management and Councillors. It will then be formatted into key areas that will form the structure for our 2017 - 2021 Council Plan.

### Have your say

A Draft Council Plan will be made available to the public until 5pm on Friday, 2 June 2017. Anyone wishing to make comment on the plan will be able to do so by providing a written submission by no later than 5pm on Friday, 2 June 2017.

Following this a Draft Council Plan will be presented at the Council meeting on Thursday 22 June 2017 for final debate. Once a plan is adopted, it will then be used to guide Council business over the next four years.

## Pet registrations due 10 April



Cats and dogs come in all shapes and sizes. There's active dogs, friendly felines, playful puppies, lazy cats and clever canines.

But no matter what type of cat or dog you have, as an owner, it's compulsory for you to have your cat or dog microchipped and registered with Council.

All pet registrations are due on Monday, 10 April 2017.

Registering your pet is the best thing you can do to ensure it is returned safely if it gets out or ends up in our Animal Shelter.

If your pet was registered last year, you will receive a registration renewal notice in the mail. If you have a new pet or your address has changed, please contact us to arrange registration.



*Congratulations to recipients of Council's 2017 Australia Day Awards.*

## Australia Day brings communities together

Mildura's Nowingi Place was buzzing with activity on January 26 when hundreds of people converged on the riverfront venue to celebrate at Council's official Australia Day event.

The free community celebrations featured a presentation from Australia Day Ambassador Claude Lombard, of Lombard the Paper People, who shared his journey as a successful businessman and philanthropist.

Guests enjoyed a traditional breakfast cooked by the Lions Club Mildura and were treated to a range of local entertainment acts, before witnessing the Australian Citizenship ceremony and welcoming our new citizens.

*Council's Australia Day Awards recognise individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to our community.*

### **Citizen of the Year GRAHAM WYATT**

Graham, or 'Colonel' as he is affectionately known, is a wonderful example of the importance of local contribution and has devoted a lifetime serving the Murrayville community.

Through his years of service as an ambulance officer, Country Fire Authority volunteer, Scout Leader and recipient of the Silver Wattle Award for outstanding service to the Scouting Association, Graham has supported, empowered and enriched the lives of two generations of children and young adults.

He is a life member and past president of the Murrayville Football Netball Club and today still serves the club as a trainer. In recognition of his dedication and contribution to local football, Graham was presented with the Mallee Football League Merit Award.

Graham has also made significant contributions to other community organisations in the Murrayville area including the Recreation Reserve Committee, Murrayville Centenary Committee, Murrayville Inc. Committee and the Murrayville Museum & Heritage Society.

A Centenary Medal recipient for services to the community, Graham's commitment to the Murrayville region and its people is, to say the least, extraordinary.

### **Young Citizen of the Year GIOVANNI BARBERA**

In 2014, Giovanni began his study in Hospitality and Commercial Cookery. In 2015, he was awarded the SuniTAFE International Student of the Year and in 2016, the Council of International Students Australia International Student of the Year award.

Giovanni recently graduated as a participant for the 'New and Emerging Communities Leadership Program', organised by Leadership Victoria, with the aim of "building leadership skills and contributing to both the local and Victorian community". His project is aimed at helping and supporting new migrants, students, refugees and visitors.

He is involved in the Sunraysia Local Food Future project, a local effort to change the food system towards a more sustainable and community-oriented model. He also conducted cooking demonstrations at the Jumpstart Youth Conference which aims to teach



LEFT Community Event of the Year recipients Sunraysia Gang Show  
ABOVE Locals enjoying the festivities at Nowingi Place

Year 11 and 12 students the skills they are going to need throughout their life, including cooking.

In August 2016 Giovanni was offered the opportunity of working with Zoe Support Australia, a local organisation which provides support to young mothers. His involvement sees him conducting cooking workshops every Wednesday morning, where young mothers can learn how to cook healthy meals for their children.

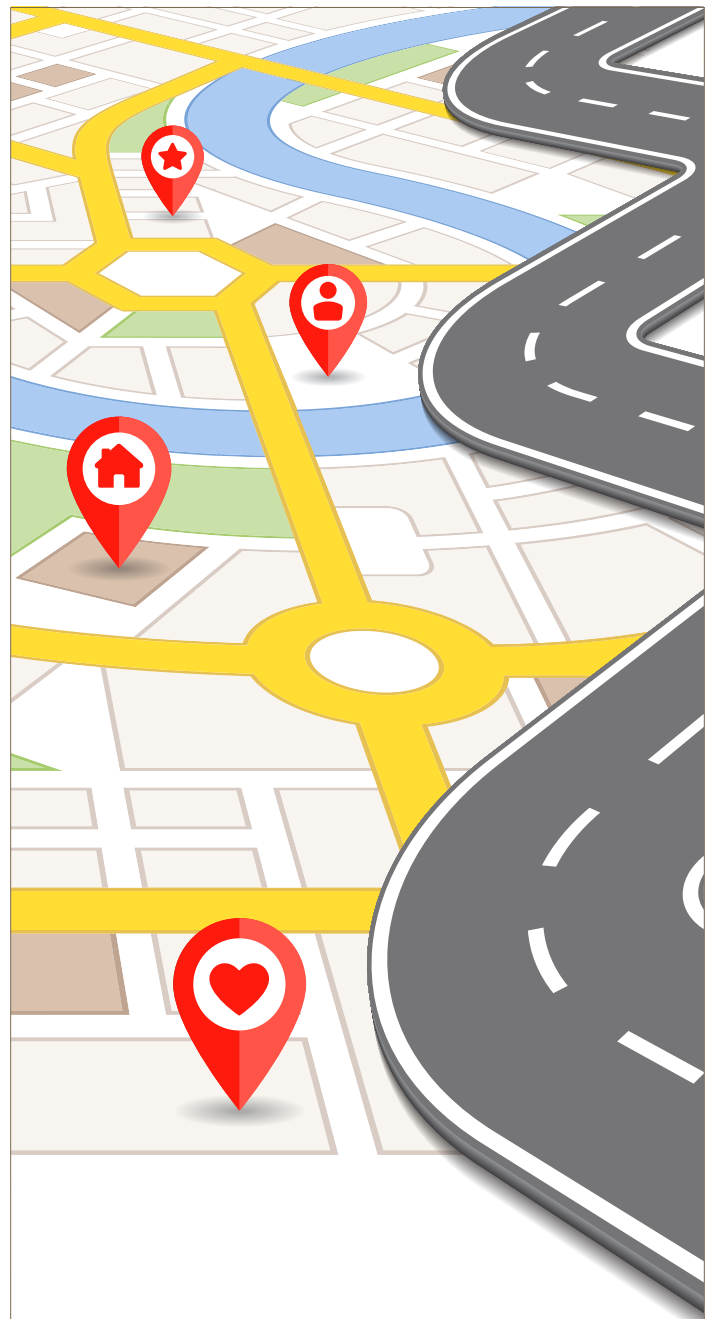
### Community Event of the Year - **SUNRAYSIA GANG SHOW**

Sunraysia Gang Show is the largest and longest-running youth theatre production in the Sunraysia region.

With its members predominantly aged five to 26, Scout and Guide activities provide the community's youth with an opportunity to gain valuable confidence and develop self-esteem through the performing arts.

The Sunraysia Gang Show provides a two-hour variety 'review' style show, with something for all ages, and in 2016 celebrated its 40th annual production.

As one of the region's most iconic events, the show's longevity is testament to the commitment shown by our local Scout and Guide groups, promoting youth engagement and encouraging participation.



## My Neighbourhood

Find out what's happening in your neighbourhood.

Visit our website to find

- Events
- Parks & Recreation
- Halls, Venues & Facilities
- Council Works & Projects
- Waste Collection dates

[www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au)

# New Mildura Rowing Club and riverfront café nearing completion

One of the final and most eagerly awaited components of the \$18.3 million Mildura Riverfront Redevelopment is set to be completed next month.

Construction of the newly refurbished Mildura Rowing Club and ground-floor riverfront café is expected to be completed by the end of April, ushering in a new era for both the rowing club and riverfront dining in Mildura.

The works represent a major milestone for the riverfront redevelopment.

This final stage will provide a much needed improvement in facilities for rowing club members, and a new dining experience for both locals and visitors alike.

The new café will be called Café 1909, in reference to the year the Mildura Rowing Club was founded, and be operated by well-known local catering company The Gourmet Chef.

It will operate daily as a café, while transforming into a riverfront restaurant three nights a week, offering a unique dining experience on the banks of the Murray River, boasting a menu that promises to bring local produce to the fore, providing a taste of Sunraysia.

The Mildura Rowing Club meanwhile will be based on the upper floor and while similar in size to the club's previous building, will make much better use of the available space.

The new building will allow for ground-floor storage of the club's boats and an upper-floor function room, which is much better appointed compared to the previous facility.

While the building is scheduled to be completed in April, it's expected to take another month for the rowing club and café operators to move in and get established.



# Remembrance Day storm causes \$1.5m damage to Council buildings

Despite last year's Remembrance Day storm occurring more than three months ago, many parts of the district are still recovering from the damage it caused, particularly farmers, many of whom will take several years to fully recover.

Council's assets and infrastructure were also hit hard by the storm, which impacted on 117 Council buildings, causing an estimated \$1.5 million damage. The storm also caused an estimated \$120,000 damage to Council's roads and trails.

Two sites were hit particularly hard by the storm – the Irymple Community Leisure Centre and Kenny Park football change rooms at Merbein.

The resulting impact on these two sites not only caused significant infrastructure damage, but caused disruption to community and sporting groups that use these facilities.

We've continued to work closely with these groups and clubs to ensure minimal disruption.

In the case of the Irymple Community Leisure Centre, Council has helped the majority of sporting groups that use the facility to relocate while the building is being assessed and repaired.

We're also continuing to work with the Merbein Football Netball Club to provide temporary arrangements at the Kenny Park site while ongoing assessments are made to the damaged change rooms.

These temporary arrangements will include the provision of a shipping container for storage of sporting and other equipment and the installation of temporary change rooms and toilets in time for the start of the 2017 Sunraysia Football Netball League season.

We'd like to thank all affected sporting and user groups for their continued patience and understanding during the recovery process.

Farmers are reminded that Recovery Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to eligible primary producers, however applications must be made before 30 June. So far this year, the majority of applications for this funding have been successful. For more information contact Rural Finance Victoria on 1800 260 425.

Small business owners impacted by the storm meanwhile should call Regional Development Victoria on (03) 5051 2000, while residents still working to resolve insurance claims following the storm can seek advice by contacting Mallee Family Care on (03) 5021 2885. For other Remembrance Day Storm recovery-related inquiries please call our Community Executive Recovery Officer Kerryne McClelland on (03) 5018 8100.

## Beat the bite

As reports of Ross River Virus continue to rise across Victoria. Residents are reminded that avoiding mosquito bites is the best way to prevent contracting the virus.

Victorian Government figures reveal that as of 13 February this year, more than 1000 cases of Ross River Virus had been reported across the state – nearly 10 times more than when the previous major floods occurred in 2011.

The majority of these notifications have occurred in the Loddon Mallee (238) and Hume (329) regions.

The significant increase in mosquitos, and corresponding rise in Ross River Virus cases in our region, has been blamed on the combination of Murray River flooding and heavy rainfall events late last year and early this year.

In a bid to ensure residents are armed with as much information as possible to avoid being bitten by mosquitos, the Victorian Government has launched its Beat the bite campaign, providing simple steps residents can take including:

- Wear loose-fitting clothing when outdoors
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin
- Limit outdoor activity if there are lots of mosquitos, which is often at dusk and dawn
- Ensure there is no stagnant water around your home where mosquitos can breed
- Make sure your home or accommodation is properly fitted with mosquito netting or screens
- Ensure children are protected – it's safer to spray or rub insect repellents on childrens' clothing rather than directly onto their skin

For more information visit [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

**It's mozzie season,  
get the facts on the  
Better Health Channel  
to Beat the bite!**



# We want your business!

Did you know Council is often looking for local businesses in our region to work with us?

Whether you're a small business or large organisation, we are always looking for new suppliers and contractors for our projects. Trades range from plumbers and painters, to electricians and cabinet makers, with a range of projects commencing all year round.

If your business is in the construction or maintenance industry, contact us and find out how we can do business together.

More information is available at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Tenders](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Tenders) or by contacting us.



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.

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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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Council yugurura 8am (isaha zibiri z'agatondo) gushika 5pm (isaha cumi n'imwe z'umuhungamo) Kuwambere gushika Kuwagatanu.

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Belediyemiz hafta arası sabah 8 ile akşam 5 arası açıktır.

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## Protecting our community

Council provides a range of immunisation services and programs to help protect the community against preventable diseases. This includes free regular immunisation clinics, adult immunisations as well as school and workplace immunisation programs.

Regular public clinics are held at various locations including Mildura, Merbein, Irymple, Red Cliffs, Ouyen, Underbool and Murrayville.

Vaccinations that are provided for free under the National Immunisation Program are available at our clinics.

People visiting the clinics have access to our highly-qualified and experienced Immunisation

Nurses. Residents can also access information on vaccines and immunisation schedules with the information available in many languages other than English.

Council currently vaccinates about 70 per cent of children across the municipality, which compares to about 30 per cent in other Local Government Areas. In 2016, our Immunisation Nurses gave 6,784 immunisations.

Appointments are not required to attend an Immunisation Clinic, with the exception of the Ouyen, Murrayville and Underbool Clinics.

Full details about free public immunisation clinics scheduled for 2017 are available at [www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au) or by contacting us.



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