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Count down to 2018 with us this New Year's Eve

Enjoy live music, children's entertainment
and two spectacular fireworks displays.
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Christmas greetings from our Mayor and Councillors

As we approach the end of another busy year, it's a chance to reflect on both the highs and the challenges of the past 12 months in our municipality, and how lucky we are to live where we do.

It's an opportunity to acknowledge the fact that our residents provide us with so much to be proud of. Despite our relative isolation, we continue to punch above our weight in a whole range of different fields, whether it be on the sporting field or in the business or farming sectors.

We are also blessed to have so many hard-working community support agencies, service providers and volunteers in our region. These people work tirelessly for the betterment of their fellow residents and I would like to take this opportunity to thank these individuals, groups and organisations for their valuable work. They serve a critical role in our community.

We have also continued to welcome many new residents from countries across the globe, which only adds to the wonderful cultural diversity that makes our part of the world so special.

However, it's also been a challenging 12 months for many, who more than a year on, are still suffering the impacts of the Remembrance Day storm last year, particularly our farmers. While this obviously represents in some cases some huge challenges, it also puts on show the resilience that has been a hallmark of our community for decades. It also shows the true spirit of our community, who banded together to help one another during what was a very tough time.

On behalf of myself, my family, my fellow Councillors and the staff at Mildura Rural City Council, I wish everyone a happy and safe festive season and look forward to the year ahead.

Cr Mark Eckel
Mayor
Mildura Rural City Council

*Enjoy an evening of free
family entertainment!*



New Year's Eve

*Bring a chair, picnic rug
and count down to 2018!*

- Fireworks displays at 9:30pm and midnight
- DreamWorks movies presents Poppy, Branch and Kung Fu Panda for a show and meet and greet
- Live music and entertainment
- Food and drink stalls
- Jumping castle and face painting
- Smoke, alcohol and glass-free event

The Nowingi Place
Hugh King Drive, Mildura
www.mildura.vic.gov.au
(03) 5018 8100



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Something for everyone this New Year's Eve

There's not long now until we'll be counting down to 2018 and our free community celebration is the perfect way to ring in the New Year.

Everyone is invited to bring a chair or picnic rug and enjoy an evening of family fun at The Nowingi Place from 7pm. As the sun sets over the riverfront, a line-up of fabulous entertainment will wow crowds of all ages.

The stars of Trolls Poppy and Branch will take to the stage with their show *Find Your Happy Place*. Featuring all the hit songs from the movie including *True Colours* and *Can't Stop the Feeling*, this energetic and upbeat performance will have youngsters grooving in no time.

There'll be plenty of karate chopping action and fun with Kung Fu Panda on stage too. Po the legendary Dragon Warrior will have his skills put to the ultimate test in a Kung Fu tournament in what promises to be a hilarious interactive musical show.

Both Poppy and Po will be available after their shows to meet guests and pose for photographs.

The infectious blend of dance and rock music that saw INXS conquer Australian and international charts in the 80s and 90s will take the Nowingi Place by storm. INXSIVE reproduce not only the sound of INXS, but also the live show that made them as memorable as they are today. This is an absolute must see for all INXS fans and lovers of iconic Australian music.

Local soloists Jett Charman and Jason Wall and cover duo MatLoc will also play throughout the night and jumping castles, face painting and refreshments will be available to purchase. However, please note this is an alcohol, smoke and glass-free event.

Of course New Year's Eve wouldn't be complete without fireworks and two spectacular displays will light up the sky – one at 9:00pm and another again at midnight to signal the beginning of 2018.



PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT

7pm	Jett Charman
7:45pm	Kung Fu Panda
8:15pm	Jason Wall
8:55pm	Trolls
9:20pm	Fireworks
9:40pm	Meet and Greet Po and Poppy
9:45pm	MatLoc
10:30pm	INXSIVE
12am	Fireworks



Here's to 2017

As another year draws to a close it's a chance for us to reflect on 2017 and all that we have achieved, both as an organisation and a community.

Our region is a diverse and vibrant place and we at Council are honoured to be able to serve and support the many different people and communities who call it home. We're proud to deliver infrastructure, services and facilities to help make this a great place to live, work and visit. Like you, the Council workforce of more than 600 staff are residents in this community and they're committed to working hard for everyone.

As well as continuing to provide more than 100 different services and facilities for you, this year has seen us celebrate the completion of two major projects – the Mildura Riverfront Redevelopment – Stage 1 and the Mildura Airport Runway Upgrade.

These projects saw over \$45million invested from all spheres of government, contributing to the economic, social and cultural fabric of our community in different ways. I thank the Councillors, staff, businesses and community members that have been involved over many years in shaping the vision and being involved in developing such legacy outcomes.

We look forward to continuing to work for everyone in our community again in 2018 and I wish you all a very safe, peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Gerard José
Chief Executive Officer



Shaping our community

Did you know Council regularly seeks community input on a range of planning topics?

Council facilitates the development and review of urban and rural planning strategies, development guidelines, policies and amendments to the Mildura Planning Scheme. The strategies and policies may affect the entire municipality or can be specific to key sites or areas and it's important for Council to hear from the community about these projects.

Our work, together with community input, ensures a consistent and planned approach towards things such as housing, commercial, industrial and retail developments, neighbourhood character, amenity and heritage. We also undertake a range of projects to facilitate ongoing sustainability within our region.

Whether it's providing housing and utilities, access to jobs and services, formal and informal settlements, or protecting the best agricultural land for food production and rural economy, planning plays an important role in shaping our community.

Our staff are always available to answer your questions, or you can find out more by visiting www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Planning.



2018 Australia Day Breakfast and Community Celebration

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



Keep cool in our local pools

Summer is here and what better way to enjoy the sun than beside one of Council's seven local swimming pools.

Located at Colignan, Irymple, Merbein, Murrayville, Ouyen, Red Cliffs and Underbool, our outdoor swimming pools are a great way for residents and families to enjoy the sunshine and keep cool during our warmer months. You can also enjoy a splash on the riverfront at our Water Play Park, which is free and open to the public from 10am–9pm daily during daylight savings time.

To check the location and opening hours of your nearest pool, visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/MyNeighbourhood

Survive the heat this summer

Did you know heat kills more Australians than any natural disaster?

Extreme heat can affect anybody, but those most at risk are older people, young children and people with a medical condition.

There are many ways you can protect yourself and your loved ones from our extreme temperatures during summer.

- Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Never leave kids, adults or pets in cars – the temperature can double in minutes.
- Spend as much time as possible in cool or air-conditioned buildings (shopping centres, libraries, cinemas or community centres).
- Keep up-to-date with weather forecasts and plan activities for the coolest part of the day.
- Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, older people, young children, people with a medical condition and don't forget your pets!



Melanie Coates and her puppy Lotti

Helping locals be more responsible pet owners

Hundreds of locals have been supported to become more responsible pet owners thanks to a partnership between Council and Sunraysia Animal Rehousing Group (SARG). We teamed up with the local animal welfare group to hand out 300 Responsible Pet Ownership packs. Each pack contained a \$100 voucher for services at local veterinary clinics as well as a range of products and information about looking after your pet.

Pet owners could use the vouchers to help cover some of the costs associated with registering, de-sexing, microchipping, vaccinating and worming their cats and dogs. Almost 200 vouchers had been redeemed by November.

While owning a pet brings many joys, taking these steps can prevent the spread of painful and deadly disease, unwanted pregnancies and lost animals. It can also help cut the number of cats and dogs that end up in the Mildura Animal Pound and require rehousing or euthanising.

We understand that one of the greatest barriers pet owners often face when looking after their cats and dogs is the cost associated with regular vet visits and other treatments. This is why we were so keen to work alongside SARG to deliver this initiative.

A short video, encouraging people to be responsible pet owners was also produced as part of the project and is airing on local television and social media.

This initiative to encourage responsible pet ownership and ultimately reduce the number of animals euthanised at the Mildura Animal Pound was delivered thanks to a \$40,000 grant from the State Government's Animal Welfare Fund.

For tips on looking after your pet call your vet or go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/animals



We recently unveiled our ambitious plan to turn around our region's disturbing economic and social wellbeing trends through the landmark Mildura Future Ready advocacy and funding strategy.

Mildura Future Ready will ultimately generate 1000 jobs and \$400 million in economic benefit by attracting funding to make the following four projects a reality:

- Stage 2 of the Mildura Riverfront Redevelopment
- Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct
- Mildura Motorsports and Community Precinct
- Return Mildura's passenger train

Under Mildura Future Ready, we aim to attract \$88 million in funding by working with our State and Federal Members, as well as private investors to accomplish all four projects by 2022, without impacting on rate payers.

Collectively, these projects have the capacity to transform the Mildura region and future-proof it for decades by generating jobs and growth, diversifying our economy, boosting our population and visitor numbers and creating a more connected community.

By accomplishing this and creating more employment, it will provide our residents with more opportunities to improve their quality of life, which will help address factors including drug, alcohol and other issues that have seen our region become Victoria's third most disadvantaged local government area.

While these are sobering facts, Mildura Future Ready is already making progress, recently forming a partnership with reigning AFL premiers the Richmond Football Club, which has thrown its support behind the strategy.

This powerful advocacy partnership will not only provide a stronger voice at state and national level, and opportunities through the club's strong values and high profile, but through the potential for AFL training and practice matches at one of the Mildura Future Ready Projects - the Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct.

Key to the success of Mildura Future Ready is a united approach from Council, our community and our State and federal representatives, who can all play a role in transforming our region.

For more information visit
www.mildura.vic.gov.au/MilduraFutureReady.



Safe asbestos disposal crucial

If you come across asbestos at home or work, it's important to handle it with care and dispose of it correctly.

The Mildura Landfill is the only local facility licenced to accept asbestos waste and you should contact the landfill for information and advice about disposal if you come across asbestos materials at home.

You can only dispose of up to ten square metres without a licence and it must be carefully bundled in to small quantities, wrapped in plastic sheeting, and completely sealed with adhesive tape.

Larger quantities must be handled by a licensed asbestos removal contractor and in some cases it is best to leave it to the experts.

Asbestos materials should never be put in a kerbside rubbish or recycling bin, left near a bin for collection, dumped illegally or reused or repurposed.

Asbestos waste also poses a risk to the health and safety of Council's weighbridge and landfill staff and recycling contractors who could potentially come in to contact with it.

If our staff suspect a load being delivered at the landfill contains asbestos then they have no choice but to treat it as if it does.

For more information about asbestos disposal call us or go to www.asbestos.vic.gov.au.

Creative workshops at Mildura Arts Centre are just some of the many school holiday activities we have planned this summer.



Beat the boredom this school holidays

Summer school holidays are just around the corner and that means young people will have five weeks to fill. Luckily, we've got plenty of fun, educational and affordable activities planned for children of primary and secondary school age.

Local libraries will host a range of craft-based activities for primary school aged children from January 9 to January 18. Low-cost and creative, these activities will be on offer at all four library branches including Mildura, Merbein, Irymple and Red Cliffs. Bookings are essential.

Visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/library or call (03) 5018 8350 for more details.

Young people aged 12-16 will enjoy the School Holiday Activities led by our Youth Services Team. Running from January 15 to January 25, the program includes a Self Defence class, Movie and Pizza session, Pool Party and plenty more. Activities are \$15 or less to attend. This program is always popular and books out fast so get in early to avoid disappointment. For more details visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth or call (03) 5018 8100.

School holiday activities at the Mildura Library



The National Gallery of Victoria's NGV Kids on Tour program will come to Mildura Arts Centre this summer. Children can engage with art at two free hands-on workshops. Inspired by the theme of *Everybody can Play, Make and Move*, a workshop on January 9 will suit 4-12 year olds, and 12-18 year olds will enjoy a workshop on January 11. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Mildura Arts Centre on (03) 5018 8330.



Keep track of your child's vaccinations

If you're the parent or carer of a little one you'll know how easy it is to forget when their next vaccination is due. It's no surprise considering babies and children require several immunisations before they turn five.

You can now access a free app on your smart phone to make life a little bit easier and help you remember. Produced by the Victorian

Government, the VaxOnTime app sends you reminders when your child's immunisations are coming up.

It's free to use and very handy! Simply download VaxOnTime from the App Store or Google Play.

For more details call us or go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/immunisations.



Holiday closure

We wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season.

Our Madden Avenue, Deakin Avenue and Ouyen Service Centres will be closed from 3pm Friday 22 December and reopen at 8am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Please report Council-related emergencies to 1800 241 540.

Holiday operating hours for other Council services are listed at www.mildura.vic.gov.au.

New process for burning off during fire danger period

If you intend to burn-off on your property during the Fire Danger Period, there has been a change to the way Schedule 13 Fire Permits are issued.

Following the introduction of new and more onerous requirements associated with the process of issuing these permits, Council has made the decision to no longer administer this process. This decision brings us into line with several other Victorian Councils.

There has been no change to where and when residents can burn-off, nor have there been changes to the penalties for burning off illegally.



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.

Αν θέλετε να μάθετε περισσότερα σχετικά με τις πληροφορίες που περιέχονται σ' αυτό το έγγραφο, σας παρακαλούμε να καλέσετε την Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (TIS National) στο 131 450 και ζητήσετε τους να τηλεφωνήσουν τον Περιφερειακό Δήμο της Mildura στο (03) 5018 8100.

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.

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

Bu belgenin içeriğiyle ilgili daha fazla bilgi edinmek isterseniz lütfen Çeviri ve Tercümanlık Hizmetini (Translating and Interpreting Service – TIS) 131 450 nolu telefondan arayarak Mildura Kırsal Şehir Belediyesi'ni (03) 5018 8100'dan aramalarını isteyiniz.

Belediye Hizmet Merkezlerine şahsen gittiğiniz taktirde de bir tercüman talep edebilirsiniz.

Belediyemiz hafta arası sabah 8 ile akşam 5 arası açıktır.

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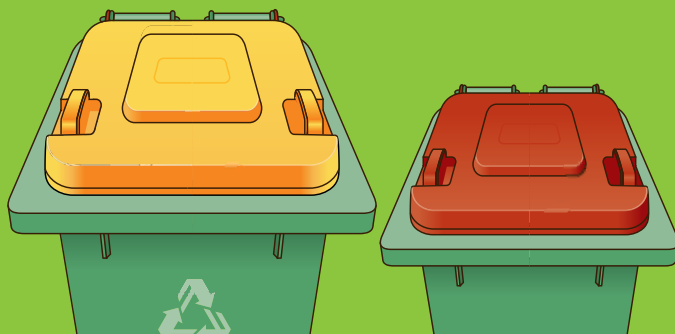
HOLIDAY BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

Kerbside rubbish and recycling bins will not be emptied on Christmas Day (Monday 25 December) or New Year's Day (Monday 1 January).

If your bins are usually emptied on Mondays they will be emptied on Saturday 23 December and Saturday 30 December instead.

Normal bin collections will resume on Monday 8 January.

For more details go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/recycle.



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Madden Avenue Service Centre

108 Madden Avenue, Mildura

Phone: (03) 5018 8100

Deakin Avenue Service Centre

76 Deakin Avenue, Mildura

Phone: (03) 5018 8100

Ouyen Service Centre

79 Oke Street, Ouyen

Phone: (03) 5018 8600