

community matters



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Don't forget to register your pet

Sammy, 4 has made sure his dog Willow is registered.

All animal registrations are due on Tuesday 10 April 2018.

If you have a new cat or dog please contact us as soon as possible to get them registered or to update your details if they have changed.



Local heroes honoured

Congratulations to the incredible locals who are our 2018 Australia Day Award winners.

Citizen of the Year

Denis Ryan

Senior Citizen of the Year

Cheryl Barnes

Young Citizen of the Year (joint winners)

Nicholas Fasso-Opie and Aleesha Davis

Community Event/Project of the Year

Paws Along the Murray (held by Sunraysia Animal Rehousing Group)

After receiving 18 nominations, Mayor Mark Eckel was thrilled to announce the winners in front of a huge crowd at Mildura's Nowingi Place during Australia Day celebrations. Cr Eckel congratulated the category winners and all those who were nominated for the amazing contributions they make to our region.

Nominations for the 2019 Australia Day Awards will open later this year.

What do you think of our public toilets?

Council currently manages and maintains 72 different public toilet facilities in our region. From Merbein to Murrayville, they are located everywhere from parks and roadsides to recreation reserves and town centres.

Public toilets are important facilities for both locals and visitors to our region. We want to make sure they are safe, clean, accessible and appropriate. So we're developing a Public Toilet Strategy, which will set out a ten year framework to guide future investment in public toilet facilities.

It will take into consideration location, security, design, accessibility, usage levels and costs.

To help us develop the Strategy, we need to get your feedback and ideas on our current public toilets. Which ones do you use? Which ones need fixing up? What would make them more user-friendly?

You can complete the anonymous survey online at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay or call us for a hard copy.

The survey closes on Sunday, 25 March and we expect to have the Public Toilet Strategy finalised by June.

For more information about the project go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/pts



2018 Community Satisfaction Survey

From Monday, 16 April we are once again inviting the community to take part in our annual Community Satisfaction Survey to let us know how we are tracking and where we can improve.

The survey will be available online via our website or you can visit a Council Service Centre to complete a hard copy.

www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay



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Plenty of action in store for Easter

Easter is usually a busy and exciting time in our region and this year is no exception, with a jam-packed line-up of events the whole family will enjoy.

We are proud to help bring so many fantastic events to our community through our Events Funding and Support Program, open each year with up to \$50,000 available.

For more information about the program, eligibility guidelines and how to apply, visit our website or email events@mildura.vic.gov.au.

Here's a snapshot of just a few of the events happening throughout March, April and May which we are proud to support.



Photos by Glenn Milne



March

18 Tour de Murray
25 Ouyen Pacing Cup
30 Easter Power Sports Show and Shine
30 March-1 April Mildura 100 Ski Race
30 March-1 April Mildura Easter Open Tennis Tournament
31 Love Our City Mildura Free Community Easter Egg Hunt
31 March-1 April Mildura Wentworth Easter Rowing Regatta

April

7 Nitro Circus
10-14 Mildura Pacing Cup Carnival
20-22 ARB Sunraysia 400 Off Road Race
29 SARG Paws Along the Murray
29 April-6 May Mildura Bowls May Carnival

May

29 April-6 May Mildura Bowls May Carnival
18-19 Mildura Field Days
20-25 Shane Doherty Memorial Tri-State Masters (Golf)
30 May-18 June Mildura Eisteddfod

If you're hosting an event, remember you can list it for free on our Calendar of Events at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Calendar-of-Events.



Karadoc Avenue, Nichols Point has been resealed and we'll be busy working on many other roads this year.

Hit the road

As the largest local government area in Victoria and covering more than 22,000 square kilometres, Mildura Rural City Council is home to a substantial network of roads.

In total, there are more than 5,000 kilometres of roads in our region, and Council is solely, or jointly responsible for them all, which requires a combination of skill, time and resources.

Every year as part of our annual budget process we develop a plan for maintaining, upgrading and improving roads. This can include small line marking or signage jobs, right through to multimillion dollar projects where entire roads are reconstructed.

We prioritise road works projects based on inspections our staff undertake, reports from the public, and road data such as traffic and accident counts.

In the 2017/18 FY, we are investing \$13.69 million in roads across the region.



Road Works

Specific details and timing of planned road works are published in local newspapers each week and on our website at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/roadworks

Some of the key projects Scheduled over the coming months include:

Roundabout construction

- Thirteenth Street and Ontario Avenue intersection, Mildura

Road reconstruction

- Yelta Road, Merbein West (Paschendale Avenue-Quandong Avenue)
- Explorer Drive, Mildura (San Mateo Avenue-James Cook Drive)
- Madden Avenue, Mildura (Tenth Street-Eleventh Street)
- Rudds Road, Iraak (complete road)
- Meridian Road, Merbein South (2.5km from Sturt Highway)

Bitumen road resealing

- Approximately 100 sections of road, totalling 56km in Mildura, Red Cliffs, Cardross, Irymple, Nichols Point, Cabarita, Merbein and Ouyen

Gravel road resheeting

- Keera Road, Lake Cullulleraine
- Gnarr Road, Underbool
- Bunker Road, Merbein
- Old Walpeup Road, Walpeup
- Cocamba Road, Ouyen
- Preston Road, Ouyen
- South Road, Murrayville
- Stock Route, Underbool

Asphalting

- Various court bowls throughout Mildura and Cabarita
- Minor intersections in Ouyen
- San Mateo Avenue (Eighth Street-Tenth Street)

Playtime fun set to get better

One of Mildura's biggest and most popular playgrounds will get a makeover next month.

The main play equipment at Park for Play, located within the Aerodrome Ovals precinct on Eleventh Street, is being replaced.

The current equipment, known as the yabbie - due to its shape when viewed from above - is more than 12 years old. Thousands of children have enjoyed using it over the years and while it may look OK, it is wearing out.

Starting in April, the yabbie will be dismantled and removed. A brand new play structure will be installed in its place. With a similar yabbie design, the new

equipment includes slides, climbing walls, tunnels and activity nodes. There will be both ramps and stairs so children of all ages will be able to access the fun.

Last year we asked locals, school children and park goers to pick between two play equipment options for the space and this one was by far the preferred choice. People also told us the park needed more shade so we will work to introduce that in the future.

The new play equipment will take 4-6 weeks to install, starting in early April. The other play areas at Park for Play will remain open to the public while work is underway.



Did you know?
There are 51 different playgrounds in our region!
Find your nearest at -
www.mildura.vic.gov.au/MyNeighbourhood

An artist's impression of the new equipment being installed at Park for Play.

STOP
FRUIT FLY
IT'S UP TO ALL OF US!

TREE REMOVAL ASSISTANCE

For a limited time funding assistance is available from the Greater Sunraysia PFA to help reduce the number of host trees and help control fruit fly across the region.

For further information or assistance in removing your host tree.

Phone 5022 0327 or email
Greater Sunraysia PFA at
idc@greatersunraysiapfa.com.au
www.pestfreearea.com.au

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Helping to improve access for those with a disability

Council's Disability Access Advisory Committee (DAAC) serves an important role in our community, increasing access for residents with disabilities through the establishment of a consultative community framework.

This helps determine where attention is needed to better support people with disabilities, their families and support networks.

We have just filled three vacancies on the committee and are pleased to introduce Logie Onslow as the Agency representative and Bianca Bugeja and Kate Keetley as our community representatives.

Logie is a visiting teacher for the Department of Education and Training in the Northern Mallee and works in partnership with schools to enable students with a disability to reach their academic, social and physical potential.

Bianca is a mother of a child with a disability, and also has a disability herself and is a passionate advocate for the disability community.

Kate meanwhile has raised two children with disabilities and also has a disability and works in movement-based therapies to assist people of all abilities.

For more information on the DAAC and its role please contact Rural Access Worker, Jeni Snadden on 5018 8100.

Land use in Mildura's CBD in the spotlight

A project to review the Mildura CBD Plan will soon get underway.

Currently the primary activity centre of the region, Mildura's CBD incorporates the land between Seventh Street, Walnut Avenue, Eleventh Street and San Mateo Avenue. Connecting directly with the riverfront precinct, it is often what comes to mind when people think of visiting or moving to the area.

Currently used for a variety of purposes including retail, entertainment, business, community, civic and tourism activities, the CBD is vitally important to our region's past and its future. It is therefore crucial that any future development is well-planned and considered.

Over the coming months we will be calling on the community to help us review the current Mildura CBD Plan and draft a new one, which will include guidance around things like:

- Building and street design
- Planning and management of activities
- Encouraging development and city living
- Links with the riverfront
- Public and private land use
- Street trees, shade shelters and landscapes
- Lighting and safety
- Public toilets
- Parking and traffic movements.

Keep an eye out on our website for more information about this project as it progresses and opportunities to be involved and have your say on shaping the future of Mildura's CBD.

Build up your experience with us

Did you know we offer a range of work experience and placement programs for secondary and tertiary students?

As our region's largest employer, we are proud to provide the opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience across a range of industries and services, whether it's administration, parks services or even engineering. It's a great way to prepare students for full time employment and to network before graduating. To find out more or to express your interest, contact our Human Resources team on 5018 8100.

Nicholas (left) is currently working full time with our Engineering Team on a six month placement as part of his civil engineering degree at La Trobe University, and Samuel completed a four week placement in the team as part of his engineering degree with the University of Western Australia.





Walpeup Memorial Hall Committee members Merle and Robert Pole and Lorna Wolfe.

Walpeup Memorial Hall set for makeover

The historic Walpeup Memorial Hall has undergone the first stage of works to ensure it is in readiness for its 2023 Centenary celebrations.

The hall is a focal point for the Walpeup community, serving as a venue for everything from regular table tennis competitions, public meetings and events through to funerals and a place to gather during emergency situations

It also houses an extensive historical display of photos and memorabilia recording the area's war-time years and sporting achievements over many decades.

Despite the tireless efforts of the dedicated Walpeup Memorial Hall Committee to maintain the building, it is now in need of significant repairs, including works to repair cracks in the walls.



Cracking in the historic building's walls will be repaired as part of works to ensure the building is ready for its Centenary celebrations in 2023.

The Committee last year successfully applied for money through Mildura Rural City Council's Community Plan Support Funding program for the first stage of works, which were carried out in January.

They centred on reinforcing the building's foundations, which was necessary to allow further works to proceed.

The Committee is now planning the next stage of works as part of its goal to return the building to its former glory in time for its Centenary celebrations in five years' time.



We're proud to be a White Ribbon Accredited Workplace and committed to preventing and responding to violence against women.

We encourage other local workplaces to join the cause too.

www.whiteribbon.org.au/workplace

WOMEN'S SWIM SESSION FRIDAY NIGHTS @ MILDURA WAVES



7:15PM - 8:15PM

ADULTS \$5.30

CHILDREN (UNDER 16) \$3.80
PER SESSION

Female only lifeguards and staff on duty at all times.

Women of all ages and swimming abilities welcome. Boys under 5 also welcome with an adult.



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.

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 takdirde de bir tercüman talep edebilirsiniz.

Belediyemiz hafta arası sabah 8 ile akşam 5 arası açıktır.

چنانچه می خواهید درباره معلومات این سند بیشتر بدانید، لطفاً با سرویس ترجمه و ترجمه شفاهی ملی (TIS National) به شماره تلفن ۱۳۱ ۴۵۰ در تماس شوید و از آنها بخواهید از طریق شماره ۱۳۱ ۴۵۰ با شورای شهر روستایی میلدورا (Mildura Rural City Council) تماس بگیرند.

شما همچنان می توانید زمانی که شخصاً از مراکز خدماتی شورا (Council Service Centres) بازدید می کنید، درخواست مترجم شفاهی نمایید.

شورا در روزهای دوشنبه الی جمعه از ساعت ۸ صبح الی ۵ بعد از ظهر باز است.

Mildura Arts Centre getting a lift

Work is well under way on the installation of a new passenger lift at Mildura Arts Centre, which will make the popular venue even more accessible to more people.

The first stage of the works is complete, with an office on the upper floor demolished and voids cut through the ground-floor ceilings to make way for the lift shaft. Preparations are now being made for the installation of services, such as electrical work, ahead of the lift shaft being built.

Once installed, the new passenger lift will improve access to galleries 3 and 4, ensuring people who may have limited mobility don't miss out on exhibitions in the upper galleries.

Work on this project is expected to continue for several months. During this time, the Mildura Arts Centre café will be open from 10am to 2pm daily and for evening performances. Rio Vista Historic House will be open from 10am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 10am to 2pm on weekends, and on request at other times.



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DISCLAIMER

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Deakin Avenue Service Centre

76 Deakin Avenue, Mildura

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Ouyen Service Centre

79 Oke Street, Ouyen

Phone: (03) 5018 8600