

COMMUNITY NEWS



APRIL, 2024

ENTREPRENEURS SUMMIT RETURNS TO MUDGEE



The Central West Entrepreneurs Summit returns 9 May at Mudgee Arts Precinct.

Designed with small businesses in mind, the Entrepreneurs Summit brings together some of Australia's most innovative business people to share their experiences and learnings on establishing and growing their business.

The informative and inspiring line up will include Nik and Harry Robinson, founders of Good Citizens Eyewear. The business turns single-use plastic bottles into eyewear frames that are 100% recycled and made in Sydney.

The idea was dreamt up over a kitchen table to become Australia's most awarded

eyewear brand and voted one of the top 20 Coolest Retailers in Australia.

Another highlight of the day will be Cherie Clonan from The Digital Picnic, presenting a 3-hour workshop on advancing knowledge in the digital marketing sphere through the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Cherie will expertly guide the audience through topics such as the distinctions between free and paid versions, and crafting effective prompts through strategic understanding and approach.

Tickets can be purchased to both sessions or for individual sessions. For more information visit Council's website, tickets are available through 123tix.com.au.

2 informative sessions with presentations and demonstrations

\$75 cost of attending either morning or afternoon session

\$120 cost of attending both sessions



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It was great to see NRL football fans converge on Glen Willow Stadium for an evening full of entertainment, with the St George Illawarra Dragon's returning to Mudgee to play Wests Tigers. The event offered football fans the opportunity to get up close and personal to their favourite players. These events bring significant social and economic benefits to the region.

A big thank you to the individuals and community groups who dedicated their time to the Clean Up Australia Day initiative across the region. Volunteers rolled up their sleeves resulting

in an impressive amount of rubbish being collected.

It's great to see Mudgee's new Country Universities Centre now open. The centre provides tertiary students a local study hub, without having to relocate for their education. Students enrolled in tertiary education can use the new facility for free.

The Country Universities Centre has a Centre Manager for student support, and is well equipped to meet the growth projections for the region in the years to come.

Mayor Des Kennedy

MUDGEE

FLOOD STUDY UPDATE

ROAD MAP TO COMPLETION

Review

In September 2022 Council obtained further funding to review the 2021 Mudgee Flood Study

Asset Confirmation

Council identified additional pits, head walls and pipes

Flood Study Finalised

The Mudgee Flood Study is due to be completed by mid 2025. This includes the new flood study model and flood risk management plan



FLOOD STUDY REVIEW

In 2021, Council adopted a flood study and continues to be committed to the review based on community feedback before initiating flood risk management planning.

The ongoing review involves extensive analysis of the flood model and Mudgee's drainage assets, with additional drainage pits and pipes now integrated into the model, enhancing the study's accuracy. Council is dedicated to ensuring the study's

precision, adhering to government guidelines while minimising risks on future development from flooding.

Community engagement will be undertaken later this year as a crucial step in this process. The finalised flood study and risk management plan will undergo further consideration by Council for adoption in 2025, following the community consultation process.

NRL TRIAL MATCH

In an exciting NRL trial game hosted at Glen Willow Stadium, spectators gathered to watch the clash between St George Illawarra Dragons and Wests Tigers. A crowd of 4,962 fans witnessed St George Illawarra Dragons emerge victorious with a score of 34 - 18.

Prior to the main event, the Knock-On Effect Cup, featured St George Illawarra Dragons face off against Western Suburbs Magpies. The Dragons showcased dominance, securing a resounding 56 - 6 win.

Economic indicators revealed a significant boost to the region's economy, with approximately \$950,000 spent over the weekend across various local establishments including restaurants, cafes, retailers, and accommodation providers. This influx of

expenditure underscores the positive impact of such sporting events on the local economy.

Council is committed to securing NRL games and other major events with the aim of fostering economic growth, attracting visitors, and boosting the regions profile.



MUDGEE LIBRARY

Embark on an exciting journey beneath the waves with the Library's "Under the Sea" themed school holiday program. Beat the holiday boredom with a range of ocean activities, including movie afternoons, ocean art and craft, and the exciting 'Diver Dave's Ocean Adventure Show'. A small fee is charged for some activities to cover supplies. To book visit mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com.au

CLAY GULGONG

Experience the globally recognised biennial event showcasing the finest in ceramics. Sydney's Mansfield Ceramics brings this prestigious event to Gulgong, featuring works from around the world. The week-long program offers something for everyone passionate about ceramics. Visit mansfieldceramics.com for tickets and information.

TOWN HALL CINEMA

Town Hall Cinema is currently undergoing essential repairs to equipment. At a recent Council meeting, it was decided that \$25,000 from the asset replacement reserve would be allocated towards these repairs. As a result cinema screenings for April will not proceed. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and anticipates the return of cinema screenings in May.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MUDGEE CLASSIC RETURNS

The Mudgee Classic returns for its fourth year on 4 - 5 May, promising an exciting weekend of competitive cycling against the backdrop of the region's breathtaking scenery. On Saturday the Dirty Mudgee ride will start at Glen Willow in a loop on mixed surfaces, and on the Sunday there will be four distance cycling events.

The Glen Willow Sports Complex will serve as the official event village, open from 10am - 4pm throughout the weekend. The cycling village will be bustling with live music, a bar, food trucks, exhibitor stalls, and children's

activities providing entertainment for all to enjoy.

This annual event has firmly established itself on the Australian cycling calendar, attracting participants from across the country. The influx of visitors contributes over \$2 million annually into the local economy.

The Mudgee Classic serves as a charitable platform, raising funds for various causes across Australia. Since its inception, the event has generated over \$500,000 for charity. Visit cyclingclassics.com.au.

MUDGEE CLASSIC



COUNTRY UNIVERSITIES CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

The new Country Universities Centre located at 70 Court Street Mudgee has officially opened its doors at a formal launch held on 27 March.

The centre has 43 confirmed students, with 15 pending enrolments, and a number of students already utilising the study amenities.

The free service can be used by any student who is enrolled to study tertiary education in Australia or overseas. The centre fosters a nurturing atmosphere for students, offering study facilities that grant entry to cutting edge campus technology.



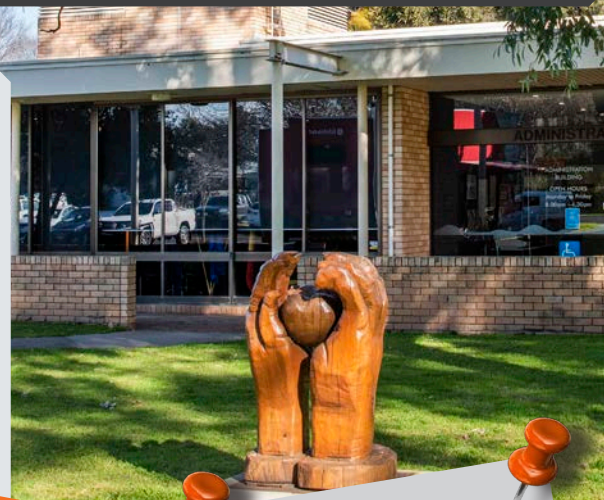
SAFETY FOR COUNCIL WORKERS

Recently Mid-Western Regional Council workers have faced instances of physical and verbal abuse from members of the community, both during work and after work hours. This concerning trend has been observed in other Local Government areas across Australia.

It is important to maintain a culture of respect for all individuals, including council staff. While feedback and concerns are valued, they must be expressed in a constructive and considerate

manner. Every resident and council worker deserves to be treated with respect. Whether they are responding to inquiries, or maintaining infrastructure, their efforts are dedicated to serving the community's best interests.

Mudgee Police have recently investigated instances of physical and verbal abuse against council staff, and these matters have been addressed through legal action including some resulting in convictions.



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day dawn ceremonies will be held throughout the Mid-Western Region at Mudgee, Rylstone, Gulgong and Kandos. Join in on the celebrations honouring the bravery and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women. Street parades will be held in all towns. For more information visit your local RSL website.

2024 YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week is back from 11 - 21 April offering events, idea sharing, and a chance for local youth to showcase their talents while having lots of fun. Enjoy a number of events like Level Up, an event where gamers can connect at Mudgee Library on 18 April. For more information and to reserve your spot go to mwroryouth.eventbrite.com.au.

MARKETS IN THE REGION

Explore the variety of weekend markets the Mid-Western Region has to offer. Discover locally grown produce, handmade textiles, arts, crafts, and more. Each market boasts its unique charm, with stallholders eager to showcase their products and stories, making these markets a must-see. Visit mudgeeregion.com.au.

BULL-A-RAMA

The 2024 Bull A-Rama will return on 13 April at the Rylstone Showground, where the natural amphitheatre transforms into a cauldron of man v bull. This event brings riders together from across the country to compete in this highly anticipated afternoon. Enjoy a large lineup of live music and lots more. For information and tickets visit 123tix.com.au.



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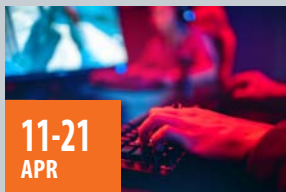


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EVENTS CALENDAR



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Youth Week

Mudgee Library

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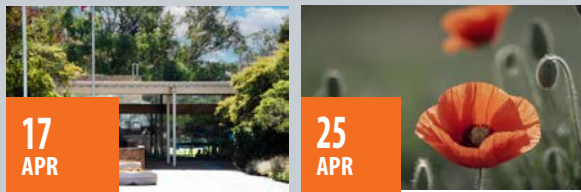


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Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers,
Market Street, Mudgee.
From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream available on Council's website midwestern.nsw.gov.au.



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Anzac Day

Mudgee, Rylstone,
Kandos, Gulgong

Join in on celebrating the bravery of Australian servicemen and women. Anzac Day ceremonies will be held across the region.



15-21
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Clay Gulgong

Red Hill Environmental Centre

The week-long ceramic exhibition is held in Gulgong at the Red Hill Environmental Centre. Tickets through mansfieldceramics.com.



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Mudgee Classic

Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex

The Mudgee Classic returns for a weekend full of cycling and entertainment. Live music and food from 10am - 4pm.

All information correct at the time of publication. Events may be subject to change. Please contact event organisers for further details.



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Live.

Did you know the simple act of driving can help those who don't have access to safe and reliable transport? Mudgee Community Transport is a government funded service that provides safe, reliable and affordable transport for seniors, people with a disability, and those living in the community without access to suitable public transport options. The service is currently looking for more volunteers to join their team of drivers. If you are interested please contact Mudgee Community Transport on 6378 2710.

Work.

Mid-Western Regional Council is an award-winning organisation offering a range of career opportunities in areas such as administration, planning and development, water supply, parks and gardens, libraries, operations and community services. Council is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in its people. For current positions vacant, go to 'Careers' on Council's website.

Invest.

If you own a business, or looking to start a new business, Council provides a range of support at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/business/business-support. The one-stop hub on Council's website provides businesses with up to date links to training opportunities, grants and other useful information. Sign up for the bi-monthly business newsletter that provides a wealth of information including key economic data to support business strategy.

Visit.

Mudgee Arts Precinct are hosting an exhibition called Legacy/Guwaya from 3 May - 28 July. The exhibition has been curated by Mudgee based Wiradjuri woman, Aleshia Lonsdale. The exhibition will showcase the nature of Australia's history where the past, present and future exist together. Works from some of Australia's most renowned First Nations artists will be on display including works from Tony Albert and Lorraine Connelly-Northey. Entry is free.