

# COMMUNITY NEWS



JANUARY, 2022

## CHARITY SHIELD RETURNS



**The South Sydney Rabbitohs and St George Illawarra Dragons return to Glen Willow on Saturday, 26 February for the fifth annual Charity Shield in Mudgee.**

Tickets for the 7pm game are available at [123tix.com.au](http://123tix.com.au). General admission tickets start at \$28 for adults, \$18 for concession card holders, \$18 for juniors (5 - 15 years old) and \$80 for a family of four.

Gates open at 4pm, followed by the curtain raiser at 4.30pm and kick-off of the Charity Shield at 7pm.

Strictly no public parking will be permitted at the venue on game day. Patrons are encouraged to catch the free

shuttle bus. Pick up and drop off locations are available on Council's website and Facebook page. A low-floor bus will be available from the Mudgee CBD for patrons requiring assistance. Glen Willow Stadium is a short 1km walk from Mudgee CBD across Holyoake Footbridge. The Glen Willow Suspension Bridge will be closed. More information on Council's website.

**\$28** cost of a general admission adult ticket

**5th** annual Charity Shield hosted at Glen Willow

**\$1.49m** economic benefit to the region from the 2021 Charity Shield



### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Happy New Year to everyone in our beautiful region. I hope you had a restful festive season.

2022 is set to be another big year at Council, beginning with the swearing in of the new Council on Wednesday, 12 January. At this meeting Councillors will elect a Mayor and Deputy Mayor among themselves. Look out for this announcement on Council's website, Facebook page and in the next edition of Community News.

The region's events calendar is already jam-packed in the first half of the year starting with Australia Day in Gulgong on 26

January. This will be closely followed by the Charity Shield on Saturday, 26 February, Central West Young Entrepreneurs Summit on Thursday, 17 March, and Manly v Raiders on Saturday, 2 April. Avoid disappointment and get your tickets early as these events will be hugely popular.



**General Manager**  
Brad Cam



Putta Bucca footbridge.

## PRIORITY COMMUNITY PROJECTS DELIVERED

Council recently completed \$1 million in local projects identified as priorities by the community. These projects included the 8km Mudgee to Putta Bucca shared path loop. A concrete footpath has been installed along the entirety of the loop in addition to a footbridge across the Cudgegong River at Putta Bucca Road.

The second project included the installation of sports field lighting at Victoria Park, Gulgong. Six new light towers have been erected allowing more sports clubs to train and make use of the facility in the evening.

The final project was the installation of town entrance signage in the region's four main towns. Thirteen sandstone welcome signs have been constructed at the key entrances into Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos. This project was completed by a local business, generating income for locals and their families.

These projects were jointly funded with \$807,000 from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and \$320,000 provided by Council.



Victoria Park Gulgong lighting.



Welcome signage.

## MUDGEE ARTS PRECINCT NEW EXHIBITION COMING SOON

Mudgee Arts Precinct and its inaugural exhibition 'Stories from Hometown' were both officially opened in November.

NSW Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin, Member for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders and Federal Member for Calare, Andrew Gee were joined by artist Guido Maestri to formally open the building and exhibition which had been delayed due to NSW Health Orders.

Council secured \$5.3 million to deliver the project through grant funding from the NSW and Australian Governments.

Mudgee Arts Precinct's second exhibition is 'Linda Jackson: Retreat, Reflection, Regeneration'. The exhibition documents a year of photography after the 2019/2020 Black Summer Bushfires that burnt through Jackson's Clandulla property. Jackson is a well-known artist who is renowned for her collaboration with Jenny Kee that produced colourful designs and textiles, iconic in the 1970s and 80s.

This exhibition documents the harsh realities of the earth destroyed by fires as well as the isolation produced from the COVID-19 lockdowns. Over time, the bush regenerates and ultimately heals – reflecting Jackson's own personal journey during this challenging time. The exhibition opens 10 January.

Mudgee Arts Precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm, entry is free.



'Reflected Landscape 2020' from the exhibition 'Linda Jackson: Retreat, Reflection, Regeneration'.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### SUBMIT YOUR BUDGET IDEA

Do you have an idea for new infrastructure or improvements for our region? Now is the time to submit your idea as Council begins its budget planning for the upcoming financial year. Community Plan Proposals (CPPs) can be lodged now for new infrastructure, projects, activities and improvements on Council's website. Hurry, submissions close Monday, 10 January.

### CHEMCLEAR CLEANOUT

ChemClear is holding a state-wide collection in March. If you have unwanted or obsolete Agvet chemicals that you need to dispose of, simply register them at [chemclear.org.au](http://chemclear.org.au) by 28 January to ensure you don't miss out. The Household Chemical Cleanout will be held in April/May.

### TOWN HALL CINEMA JANUARY SCREENINGS

The Mudgee Town Hall Cinema will open its doors on 14, 15, 16 January for screenings of *No Time to Die* (M) and *Ainbo: Spirit of the Amazon* (PG). Tickets at Council's website or at the door (unless sold out prior) from \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and concession. Entry is free for children under 5 years. Be sure to buy your tickets early to avoid missing out.

# AWARD NOMINEES REVEALED FOR 2022 AUSTRALIA DAY

Congratulations to the following Mid-Western Region Australia Day nominees:

**Citizen of the Year:** Shirley Tunnicliff, Mark Fehon and Simon Bennett.

**Young Citizen of the Year:** Lucy Sebelic and Jessica Nipperess.

**Community Event of the Year:** Cudgegong Cruisers - Can Cruise 2022 and Cementa: Spirit of '21.

**Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts and Music:** Elizabeth Halbisch,

Theresa Therese and Cheryl Murray.

**Sports Award:** Halli O'Brien.

**Volunteer Services Award:** Bruce Richardson, Joy Harrison, Shirley Tunnicliff, Donna Collins, John Stuart, Tracy Lucas, We Care Community Shop, Can Assist Mudgee Branch, Phillipa Adams and Karen Wilkinson.

Australia Day Awards will be presented at Anzac Park, Gulgong on Wednesday, 26 January. Enjoy a free barbecue breakfast from 8am followed by the official ceremony.



2021 Music and Arts Award recipient Des Kelly.



## SEA EAGLES V RAIDERS CLASH MANLY2MUDGEE

The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles will return to Glen Willow on Saturday, 2 April in the NRL Telstra Premiership Round 4 clash against the Canberra Raiders. Tickets available now at [123tix.com.au](http://123tix.com.au) starting from \$28 for adults, \$18 for concession card holders, \$18 for juniors (5 - 15 years old) and \$80 for a family of four. NRL premiership games are of huge economic benefit to our region generating more than \$1 million in local spending per game, and Council has worked hard to foster relationships within the NRL since the first Glen Willow game back in 2011.

## MONITOR YOUR DAILY WATER USAGE WITH YOURWATER

Monitor your daily water usage with the launch of Council's new Smart Water Meter portal, YourWater. Along with daily data on the amount of water being used in the home, customers can review water charges and set up email and SMS alerts to notify of possible water leaks and high consumption periods. Before registering please ensure your property details are correct with Council, then visit [yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au). You'll be prompted to provide some personal

details and information found on your latest Water Notice. Smart Water Meters have been installed throughout the region after Council secured \$1.2 million through the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program. The Smart Water Meter Network will provide an estimated \$445,000 annual cost saving to ratepayers by detecting possible leaks. Millions of litres of water are lost from leaks throughout the region each year.



### WOLLAR ROAD CLOSURE

A section of Wollar Road will be closed for ten weeks from Monday, 10 January to realign two dangerous curves as part of the three-year road safety upgrade. A detour will be in place via Ulan Wollar Road. Wollar Road is expected to reopen on Monday, 21 March. For closure locations and updates visit [midwestern.nsw.gov.au/wollar-road-upgrade](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au/wollar-road-upgrade)

### U3A ENROLMENT DAY

Mudgee District U3A will host an Enrolment and Showcase Day on Saturday, 15 January at Kildallon, 70 Court Street, Mudgee between 9.30am and 12 noon. Course options will be available. Mudgee District U3A is a voluntary, non-profit organisation that aims to offer older people low-cost educational opportunities that operate in a pleasant, supportive social setting. More information at [mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au](http://mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au)

### KEEP CUL-DE-SACS CLEAR

Help us ensure your bins are collected each week by parking off the street on collection day. Cars parked in cul-de-sacs make it almost impossible for trucks to collect your bin and turn around. Please remember to park your car in the driveway or somewhere off the street on collection day and place your bins on the kerbside, not on the road.

### LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

There are a range of fun activities happening at your local library these school holidays for kids (3-12 years). The Library's Wizard of Oz themed program is sure to delight and entertain with various art and crafts, and a movie afternoon. Make a tin man from recycled tins, create a flowerpot scarecrow, design a hot air balloon with buttons, and much more. Bookings at [mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com](http://mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com)

# EVENTS CALENDAR



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## Council reopens

Customer Service Centres, Works Depots and Libraries reopen from the Christmas break on Wednesday, 5 January, 2022.



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## First 2022 Council meeting

**Council Chambers,  
Market Street, Mudgee  
From 5.30pm**

A Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected at this first meeting of the new Council.



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## Town Hall Cinema

**Mudgee Town Hall**

Held on 14, 15 and 16 January. Adults \$15, children/concession \$10 and children under 5 free. Bookings and screenings on Council's website.



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## Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show

**Simpkins Park, Kandos**

One day show. Burnouts and show 'n' shine. Follow the event on Facebook for more information.

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW EVENTS CALENDAR ONLINE

[midwestern.nsw.gov.au/events](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au/events)



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## Australia Day

**Anzac Park, Gulgong**

Enjoy a free barbecue breakfast from 8am followed by the official ceremony including announcement of the Citizen of the Year award.

## Live.

Council is currently undertaking a review of its Community Plan, a strategic document which sets out the community's vision for the future by assessing where we are, where we want to be, and how we will get there. Alongside this month's edition of Community News you will receive a letter-folded A4 submission form. Please complete the form and let us know your priorities to inform Council on the actions it should set for the future. Please return the form to Council either in-person, by mail or email.

## Work.

Mid-Western Regional Council is an award winning organisation offering a range of career opportunities in areas such as admin, 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 'Employment' on Council's website.

## Invest.

Council has secured \$750 funding through the NSW Government's 2022 NSW Seniors Festival Grants Program to host two seniors events in Mudgee next year as part of the week long Seniors Festival. The funding will be used to deliver a senior's lunch, and a morning tea concert. Keep an eye on Council's website for event details and ticket information. The 2022 NSW Seniors Festival will take place from 13 to 24 April.

## Visit.

Council was excited to welcome the NSW Blues Coach, Brad Fittler and members of the Blues Board and coaching staff to the region last month. Staff toured Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex to open up discussions on future opportunities with Council. Fittler was also in town as part of the NSW Rugby League Hogs for the Homeless charity ride, raising money for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets Program.

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



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