

COMMUNITY NEWS



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A-LEAGUE RETURNS



The Central Coast Mariners will return to Mudgee this month to take on reigning premiers Western United.

Tickets for the Round 4 Isuzu Ute A-League match at Glen Willow are on sale now at www.123tix.com.au. Prices for the game start from \$35 for grandstand, \$20 for adult general admission, \$10 for children (over five years) general admission and \$15 for concession general admission. A family ticket will also be available for \$50 (two adults and two children). The Saturday, 29 October clash will kick-off at 5.15pm with gates open at 4.15pm.

Central Coast Mariners CEO Shaun Mielekamp said the team was excited to return to Mudgee following their win at

Glen Willow in March.

“Our visit earlier this year was extremely well received by both our fans and the local community and continues our long-term commitment with Mudgee and to bringing high quality football to regional areas. We are excited to continue to grow our fan base in the region and ask that everyone gets out to the match to support us.”

Council is proud to deliver the event after securing funding through the Australian Government’s Regional Sports Events Fund.

Central Coast Mariners v Western United will be held at Glen Willow on Saturday, 29 October. Tickets at www.123tix.com.au



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October – date of the Central Coast Mariners v Western United

\$50

cost of a family ticket for 2 x adults and 2 x children

\$400k

injected into the local economy as a result of the March A-League game



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I am thrilled to announce Mudgee has been named Australia's Top Tourism Town for the second year in a row. Mudgee will now go into the Hall of Fame as a result of back-to-back wins. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic marketing of Mudgee Region Tourism and the exceptional and high quality services of our tourism businesses throughout the region. This award is only possible through the effort of locals and businesses who ensure we're a fantastic place to visit.

With the Bureau of Meteorology having declared that La Nina has returned for a third year in a row we can expect more significant rainfall. As you will read on page three this prolonged rainfall is hampering Council's

ability to undertake road repairs. Please be patient with Council and staff who are doing their best to undertake repairs in very difficult conditions.

Our pools have recently reopened in time for the warmer weather. Head along and enjoy these fantastic community facilities. Don't forget Mudgee Water Park is also open, offering hours of fun for the kids.

Australia Day award nominations are now open. If you know someone who has made a difference to our community for their volunteer work, sporting achievements, community events or dedication to the arts please take a moment to nominate them (details inside).

Mayor Des Kennedy

MUDGEE NAMED AUSTRALIAN TOP TOURISM TOWN



MUDGEE CLAIMS NATIONAL AWARD SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Mudgee has been named Australia's Top Tourism Town for the second year in a row.

The announcement was made last month by the Australian Tourism Industry Council at Parliament House in Canberra, acknowledging the exceptional tourism development of our region and efforts to increase visitation and the visitor economy.

The tourism industry is essential to our local economy, delivering \$101.2 million annually.

Council recognises this value and works hard to support tourism as a key sector in our economy by delivering and attracting major events and providing infrastructure to support the increasing demand.

Council would like to congratulate Mudgee Region Tourism and the region's outstanding tourism operators on their incredible efforts to promote the region as an attractive and thriving regional destination.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations for the 2023 Australia Day Awards are now open on Council's website. There are six categories to nominate someone who has made a difference in our community and deserves recognition for their achievements and contributions.

Categories include: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts and Music, Sports Award and Volunteer Services Award.

Simon Bennett (pictured centre) was named the 2022 Citizen of the Year for 30 years of volunteer work across numerous local organisations including St Vincent de Paul, Lions, Rotary,

Mudgee Disability Support Service, Mudgee Golf Club, Small Farm Field Days, Sculptures in the Garden and St Mary's Parish Mudgee.

Australia Day Awards nominations are now open on Council's website at www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au and close Monday, 22 November.



GET YOUR RATES EMAILED

Customers can now opt to receive their water and rates notices by email rather than post. Electronic notices save on time and paper, and help track and manage bills more effectively. To register to receive your rates and water notices via email, visit Council's website www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au. You'll need an old rates notice with your unique reference number.

ST. JOHN'S WORT WEED CONTROL

Did you know the Mid-Western Region is home to the Chrysolina Beetle, a biological control for St. John's Wort? Beetle larvae feed on winter growth while the adult beetles can be found in late spring and early summer, attacking the spring growth. Each St. John's Wort plant can produce up to 33,000 seeds each year, and seeds remain viable for up to 12 years.

SNAKE SEASON BE AWARE

Spring and summer are a great time to be outdoors, however the warm weather can bring snakes and other reptiles out of their winter hibernation in search of food, water and warmth. If you see a snake, remain calm, do not approach the snake, walk away slowly and keep a safe distance. Further information on snakes including snake removal, identification and first aid advice are available on Council's website.

NEWS IN
BRIEF

WET WEATHER HAMPERING ROAD REPAIRS

Prolonged wet weather is hampering Council's best efforts to undertake road repairs throughout the Local Government Area. Council is aware that many unsealed and sealed roads are in need of repairs and maintenance as a result of damage caused by the La Nina weather event.

Council is prioritising these repairs and doing what it can as conditions permit.

"We are experiencing successive periods of wet weather and our roads are really suffering as a result," Director Operations, Julian Geddes said.

"Water is coming out of the ground everywhere, and with heavy traffic on many of the roads, there are cases of complete road failures in the middle of the travel lanes.

"Staff are working really hard to get on top of the problems and I thank them for their

continued efforts. I also thank the public for being patient in these difficult times."

With the extremely wet ground conditions and more rain forecast over the coming weeks and months Council is reminding motorists to drive to the conditions of the road, take caution when crossing any storm water on roadways, do not attempt to traverse creeks and other crossings that are clearly under water, and be aware that minor and major road failures as well as potholes may form during periods of high rainfall. If you are travelling through a work site please follow all speed restrictions to ensure the safety of traffic control staff in these difficult conditions.

If you notice a problem with a road, please report it immediately to Council. You can report a problem on Council's website or by contacting Council on 6378 2850.



COUNCIL RECEIVES LOCAL GOVERNMENT SKILLSET AWARD

Council was named the winner of the 2022 Skillset Local Government Award last month.

Mayor Des Kennedy and Director Operations Julian Geddes (pictured) accepted the award that recognises Council's work with trainees and apprentices at the Skillset 40th birthday celebration.

Council trainee Samuel Pattison was also named a finalist for the 2022 Skillset Trainee of the Year Award.

GRANT FUNDING DELIVERS ADDITIONAL HOUSING LOTS

Council has secured \$1.4 million in NSW Government grant funding to support the release of more housing lots throughout the region. In the short term, the funding will enable Council to design and construct infrastructure to supply 22 new lots at its Saleyards Lane development (pictured).

In the long term, the project will deliver water modelling and urban release strategies to

accommodate a further potential 2000 lots zoned for future housing but not yet developed.

Our region is growing with more and more people recognising it is a fantastic place to work and live.

Council is committed to managing this growth by supporting the provision of diverse and affordable housing options.



OCTOBER TOWN HALL CINEMA

DC League of Superpets (PG), Ticket to Paradise (M) and Bullet Train (MA15+) will hit the big screen this month on 7, 8 and 9 October. 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.

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS

Council received a Highly Commended for Excellence in Communications at this year's Local Government NSW Awards. The award recognised Council's communications response to the Boil Water Alert in the villages of Charbon and Clandulla last year. The campaign utilised a variety of communications tools, including SMS and door-knocking to contact as many residents as possible.

READING CIRCLE IN GULGONG

Join the Gulgong Library's Reading Circle each week for an enticing blend of book group-style discussions, writing activities, crafts, history, tech support and more. Free to attend, and held every Monday at 11am (during school terms only). All welcome. Register at www.mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

GALLERY'S LATEST EXHIBITION

Mudgee Arts Precinct's latest exhibition, Ngayirr Ngurambang: Sacred Country, celebrates the importance of Country, featuring a group of First Nations and non-First Nations contemporary artists. Each artist has responded to place, Country and story in their creative artworks, addressing cultural, environmental, historical and social values that make up the water cultures of the Goulburn River and The Drip Gorge.



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EVENTS CALENDAR



OCT

Ngayirr Ngurambang: Sacred Country

Mudgee Arts Precinct

Exhibition of 14 artists responding to The Drip Gorge as a place of great significance. Open until 11 December.



5 OCT

Rylstone Kandos Family Fun Day

Rylstone Showground

FREE event showcasing local services and community activities with lots of fun for the whole family.



7-9 OCT

Town Hall Cinema

Mudgee Town Hall

Held on the first weekend of each month. Adults \$15, children/concession \$10 and children under 5 free. Bookings and screenings on Council's website.



8-23 OCT

Sculptures in the Garden

Rosby Wines

Exhibiting sculptures in the surrounds of a Mudgee vineyard. Each year works are acquired as part of Council's public art collection.



19 OCT

Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream available on Council's website.



29 OCT

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Glen Willow

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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.

Council will be offering free microchipping for cats and dogs at the Jennie Blackman Dog Park, Glen Willow on Saturday, 22 October between 10am and 1pm. By law, dogs and cats must be microchipped from 12 weeks of age or before being sold, given away or released from the pound and registered from six months of age. Council is encouraging pet owners to take advantage of the potential saving and have their cats and dogs microchipped. Bookings are not essential, however please ensure that all dogs are on a lead, and all cats in a cat carrier.

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 'Careers' on Council's website.

Invest.

Council has secured \$10,000 for the installation of a cricket wicket at Cahill Park Mudgee. Council will match funding for the install which will facilitate cricket practice, matches and competitions at Cahill Park. The funding was secured through Round 2 of Cricket Australia's Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Visit.

Hold a baby crocodile and help build a human sized bird's nest at this year's Rylstone Kandos Family Fun Day. The FREE event will be held at Rylstone Showground on Wednesday, 5 October. Hosted by Council and the Rylstone and Kandos Interagency, the day will showcase an exciting range of local services and family friendly activities for the community. More information on Council's website.