

## 11.2 Kildallon Education Centre - Mudgee Arts Council 2022/2023 Annual Report

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY  
TO 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING  
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### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Community on the Kildallon Education Centre - Mudgee Arts Council 2022/2023 Annual Report; and**
2. **note the Kildallon Education Annual Report provided by Mudgee Arts Council.**

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### Executive summary

This report provides the 2022/2023 Annual Report from the Mudgee Arts Council for their use of the Kildallon Education Centre (70 Court Street, Mudgee). This information has been requested by Council through the Memorandum of Understanding with Mudgee arts Council for the use and operation of Kildallon.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

In accordance with the MOU, the Mudgee Arts Council reports to Council annually on the activities at Kildallon Education Centre for the financial year. This annual report includes information about the opening event which occurred on 16 November 2022, partner organisations that make use of the facility, visitor numbers, hire income, maintenance, and future planning.

Kildallon represents a successful partnership between Council and the community to deliver an education precinct that is being well utilised. This will be enhanced by the Country University Centre that is currently under construction that is due to open in early 2024.

### Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Looking After Our Community</b>
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

### Strategic implications

**Council Strategies**  
Community Plan

**Council Policies**

Not Applicable

**Legislation**

Not Applicable

Financial implications

By having an agreement with the Mudgee Arts Council Inc to assist in the operation of the 70 Court Street facility, Council is able to keep ongoing maintenance and operational costs to a minimum, as per the current operational plan.

Associated Risks

70 Court Street is a substantial asset with a great deal of potential. Is it vital that Council retains a level of oversight over the site to ensure that it can be well used by the community and develops further as an important education and cultural resource for the community. The Memorandum of Understanding in place with Mudgee Arts Council allows Council to retain an overall strategic consideration for the site.

SIMON JONES  
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

23 August 2023

*Attachments:* 1. Kildallon Education Centre - Mudgee Arts Council - 2022-2023 Annual Report.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

JULIAN GEDDES  
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

### **Kildallon Education Centre report to Mid-Western Regional Council 2022-23**

In accordance with the MOU held with Council, Mudgee Arts Council presents this report of the activities at Kildallon Education Centre in the period of the 2022-23 financial year.

#### Partner Organisations

Mudgee District U3A, Mudgee Performing Arts Society, Mudgee Concert Band, Cudgegong Camera Club and Mudgee Readers' Festival are the partner organisations making use of the facility. Each is a financial member of Mudgee Arts Council and contributes to the management of the site through monthly meetings and delegated responsibilities. Each group has benefited from having access to Kildallon.

#### Estimated visitor numbers July 2022 to June 2023

**Mudgee District U3A:** Current membership stands at 197. Whilst the full membership does not attend at any one time, most members attend classes at Kildallon at least once a week. Monthly attendance is estimated at 700.

**Mudgee Community Band:** Currently the band has 24 members averaging 17 people per week and 646 people over the last 12 months.

**Mudgee Performing Arts Society:** Current membership is 35. This expands when there is a pantomime being staged as it was in August 2022. Meetings and rehearsals are held at Kildallon. Cudgegong Youth Theatre also operates at Kildallon with 28 students enrolled.

**Cudgegong Camera Club:** Current membership is 36 with 15-20 members attending monthly meetings, giving a total of 150-200 people attending Kildallon over the year.

**Mudgee Readers' Festival:** While MRF does not meet at Kildallon, it does hold functions there. In November 2022 about 32 people attended an event where Ken Sutcliffe interviewed historian and author Grantlee Kieza. In May 2023 'Live and Local' (the screening of sessions from the Sydney Writers' Festival), was held at Kildallon. Over four days a total of 186 people attended the 21 sessions offered.

**Hirers:** Currently there are seven music tutors operating at Kildallon and there are approximately 200 students per week involved in learning a variety of instruments. There is also a String Ensemble with 10 people attending. One Art teacher also holds monthly lessons at Kildallon with class sizes varying from 6-10.

#### The Grand Opening

Kildallon was officially opened by Dugald Saunders MP on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The occasion was marked by an Open Day and a Spring Fair. On the day about 500 people toured the facility and attended events held by the Partner Organisations. The Grand Opening was financed by MWRC through a grant from the Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Grant.

#### Maintenance

MAC is grateful for the ongoing efforts of Ben Edmonds and MWRC to improve and maintain the facility. As you would expect with an old building, there have been a number of

electrical and water issues. Ben has ensured these have been attended to promptly. Over the year the internet has been made active, new signage has been affixed, the kitchen has been made operational, new blinds have been fitted in some parts of the main building and new air conditioning units have been installed. This all contributes to making the facility more user-friendly and increases its appeal to hirers.

Arrangements for roof repairs, painting the exterior of the building and for repairing the covering over the rear courtyard have been made.

In regards to the maintenance of the grounds, at present most of the mowing is done by a MAC volunteer. MWRC Parks and Gardens worked hard to make the gardens and lawns presentable for the Grand Opening and more recently cleared vegetation from the front of the site in preparation for landscaping once the construction of the Country Universities Centre (CUC) is complete.

MAC continues to engage the services of Clean Break Cleaning Services to clean the communal areas in A Block on a weekly basis during school terms.

#### Future Planning

Outdoor access to bathroom facilities remains a priority.

The proximity of the CUC building to the existing building may require modifications to some rooms in order to enhance air flow and natural light.

Ideally, MAC would like the rear entrance to the main building redeveloped, but we are aware of budgetary constraints.

#### Hire Income

As well as the five Partner Organisations and the eight regular hirers, over the year there have been a few casual hirers, meaning that rental income is steady. With the recent launch of the Kildallon Education Centre website with its on-line booking system, <https://kildallon.com.au/>, MAC is hoping to attract more hirers.

Mudgee Arts Council looks forward to a continued partnership with Mid-Western Regional Council in the further development of Kildallon Education Centre.

Heather Rushton  
Mudgee Arts Council President