

COMMUNITY NEWS



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NEW WORKSHOPS OPEN



The region's newest creative space has opened its doors and is available for hire.

Located within Mudgee Arts Precinct, the Cultural Workshops building was a former child care centre and has been reimagined as a multipurpose education, conferencing, and collaborative working space.

The MAP Cultural Workshops are the perfect space for leading creative thinking, education, collaboration and creative development.

This purpose designed facility is fully accessible and offers a series of hireable spaces for the community including a digital classroom/technical suite with recording and editing

facilities, large and small workshops/meeting rooms, co-working spaces, internal and external breakout areas and a kitchenette, all serviced by high-speed WiFi.

The Mudgee Arts Precinct has been funded by the NSW Government, the Australian Government and Mid-Western Regional Council.

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digital classroom including recording and editing suites

6

co-working but independent workspaces

3

workshop spaces that can be used for a variety of activities



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It's great to see the all new Cultural Workshops now opened at Mudgee Arts Precinct. The building has a dedicated sound and recording booth, remote working stations, workshop spaces and small conferencing style rooms. It is available for hire for anyone from schools to community groups and private operators. To book and learn more about the spaces visit mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au.

As you'll read, the all new Louisa Lawson sculpture has been installed outside Mudgee Library on Market Street and has been a great addition to the streetscape. This project was an initiative of the Rotary Club

of Mudgee and I commend their efforts along with the sculptor Margot Stephens on a wonderful job.

Another fantastic initiative that is coming to fruition is the Country Universities Centre in Mudgee. Located at the Kildallon Education Centre (former Mudgee TAFE), the new building will be a space where university students learning remotely can have a quiet place to study, connect with their peers, and video conference with teachers. It will be a major benefit to keep young people working and studying in the region (learn more on page 4).

 Mayor Des Kennedy

NSW GOVERNMENT PROVIDES GRANT FUNDING \$4.1 MILLION FOR ROADS



REGIONAL ROAD REPAIR WORKS UNDERWAY

Council has secured a further \$4.1 million to continue repairs to the road network.

Repairs will focus on the impacts of the heavy rainfall and flooding incidents that occurred late last year.

Council already has an additional three pieces of plant specifically designed for pothole repair work being used across the region.

Road teams continue to work throughout the region focusing on areas of critical priority. Council thanks the community for its patience as work is completed.

Please remember when travelling through work sites to obey all traffic control signs and be careful around Council workers.

BLUETT AWARD PLAQUE DELIVERED FOR 2022 AWARD

Council won the state's top local government award - the 2022 AR Bluett Award - in October last year, however wasn't able to attend the ceremony due to floods.

To recognise the achievement and present Council with a plaque, the AR Bluett trustees travelled to Mudgee earlier this year.

Council was named the winner in the Regional/Rural category of the awards. Bluett Trustee Chairman, Les McMahon said Council completed a number of key projects over the past year that improved customer service and diversified the local economy.

"Mid-Western Regional Council's focus on driving improvements across all facets of its

organisation has delivered enormous benefits for its community," Mr McMahon said.

"It completed a range of projects including the Mudgee Arts Precinct and Stage 2 of the Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex, while also undertaking a range of customer service improvements."



NEWS IN BRIEF

EVENT ROAD CLOSURES
Pitts Lane, Mudgee will be closed from 6.30am - 4pm on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30, April for the Mudgee Classic cycling event. Sections of Church St and Mortimer St will be closed from 4am - 9am on Sunday, 30 April 2023. In Gulgong, traffic will flow through Mayne St in a one-way direction only travelling the same direction as riders. Detours will be in place between Nandoura St and Medley St. Businesses in Mayne St will remain open.

COMMUNITY NEWS ONLINE
Did you know you can receive Community News direct to your email inbox each month? Stay up to date with all the latest Council news, events and activities happening throughout the region. Sign up at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/community-news. You can also find Community News videos on Council's Facebook and YouTube channel.

CHANGE TO MONTHLY STORE CATTLE SALES
The monthly Store Cattle Sales held at Mudgee Regional Saleyards will now commence from 10am (previously 12 noon). Held on the last Thursday of each month, stock can now be viewed from 10am with the sale commencing at 11am. For more information and upcoming sale dates visit Council's website.

RABBITOHS TAKE DOWN DRAGONS BEFORE 8,317 BRINGING \$1.6 MILLION

A strong crowd turned out for the 40th annual Charity Shield in Mudgee despite very hot conditions peaking at 37 degrees. Some 8,317 people made their way to Glen Willow to see the South Sydney Rabbitohs claim back the Charity Shield defeating the St George Illawarra Dragons 42 – 24. Mayor Des Kennedy commended fans for their patience and behaviour through the day.

"Everything ran smoothly on the day, and it was fantastic to see locals and visitors alike enjoying themselves at a

great day out," Cr Kennedy said.

Council estimates from economic data that approximately \$1.6 million was spent in the region over the weekend, at restaurants and cafes, retailers and accommodation providers.

"Large events provide a real boost for our local economy, which is why we continue to work with NRL teams to attract games to Glen Willow. It is equally of benefit to have other events like the Gulgong Show and Country Championships for visitors to attend over the weekend."



LOUISA LAWSON SCULPTURE INSTALLED

A bronze statue of former local resident Louisa Lawson has been unveiled in its permanent location outside of Mudgee Library. A project of the Rotary Club of Mudgee, the sculpture was sponsored through fundraising efforts in addition to a \$40,000 contribution from Council. Council also purchased a maquette of the sculpture as part of the fundraising. The statue was created by local sculptor Margot Stephens and officially unveiled on International Women's Day. Louisa Lawson was an author and pioneer for women's rights, including the right to vote. Learn more about her at the sculpture on Market Street.



NEW EXHIBITION WORKING THE WATERS

Mudgee Arts Precinct's newest exhibition, Working the Waters, is now open to the public. The exhibition of immersive moving image and installation works is the first of its kind shown at the Mudgee Arts Precinct.

It explores humanity's engagement with water across the globe and has been curated by Ann Finegan, arts educator, co-founder and former co-director of the Cementa Contemporary Arts Festival in Kandos.

Ann Finegan has brought together a collection of works spanning over a decade in creation that investigate our complex relationship with water and its cultural, environmental, spiritual and social impacts. This collection of immersive time-based projections and installations showcase grandeur through cinematic scale.

The exhibition is on display now at Mudgee Arts Precinct until 28 May.

MAY TOWN HALL CINEMA

Champions (M), *Fisherman's Friend: One and All* (PG), *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (CTC) will hit the big screen this month on 5, 6 and 7 May. 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.

REPORT A PROBLEM TO COUNCIL

The best way to let Council know about a problem or request work to be done is to report it online. Follow the 'Report a Problem' icon on Council's homepage. This takes just a few minutes to do. Your request will be referred to the relevant Council department, and our Customer Service Team will contact you to advise the outcome of your request.

PROGRAMS FOR PRIMARY

The Library runs regular literacy programs for primary aged children – Little Readers (for Years K-2) and Tall Tales (for Years 3-6). These fortnightly 50-min programs will run on alternate Tuesdays from 4pm-5pm during the school term, and are aimed at further developing literacy and a child's love of reading. To check dates and make a booking visit: mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

A-LEAGUE BRINGS VISITORS

Last month's A-League game featuring the Central Coast Mariners and the Macarthur Bulls attracted 1,972 people to Glen Willow. Economic data shows 50 per cent of event attendees were visitors to the region. From this data Council estimates \$376,000 was generated for the local economy as a result of people spending in accommodation, restaurants and cafes.

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EVENTS CALENDAR



14-16
APRIL

National Historical Machinery Association Rally

AREC

Stationary displays of antique machinery and equipment, a tractor pull, grand parade, earth moving demos and more.



19
APRIL

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



23
APRIL

Wings, Wheels and Wine

Mudgee Airport

Air show including a variety of stunts as well as classic car displays. Food and wine stalls.



25
APRIL

Anzac Day

Various locations

Dawn services and marches will be held throughout the region. In Mudgee, dawn service at 6am and march at 11am. Check with your local RSL for details in your town.



29-30
APRIL

Mudgee Classic

Various locations

The cycling Gran Fondo event attracts over 2,000 riders from across the country to beautiful Mudgee region. Catering for all levels of cycling ability.



5-7
MAY

Town Hall Cinema

Mudgee Town Hall

Generally 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.

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.

The Mudgee Country Universities Centre is expected to be operating by next year after commitments from Council and the NSW Government. The facility will provide a dedicated space for university students studying remotely with modern technology, high bandwidth internet, space to study and access to video conferencing. The project will provide great opportunities for residents working and studying, and additionally will assist the region to retain youth that are often forced to move away for study.

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.

More than \$15,000 has been provided to local organisations as part of the latest round of Council's Community Grants program. In February, Council provided \$7,000 to Gulgong Pony Club to support construction of an amenities shed, \$3,975 to Mudgee Dressage Group for a quad bike replacement, and \$5,000 to Rylstone-Kandos Show Society for the annual show.

Visit.

Wings, Wheels and Wine returns to Mudgee Airport this month on Sunday 23 April. The air show includes a variety of mid-air stunts and performances as well as classic car displays, and tastings from local wineries. Tickets on sale now at wingswheelsandwine.com.au. Council is proudly supporting this event by providing \$2,500 in-kind assistance to waive landing fees.