

COMMUNITY NEWS



APRIL, 2021

CANDIDATE INFO SESSIONS



Council will host three Candidate Information Sessions next month ahead of Local Government Elections on Saturday, 4 September.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, 12 May from 3.30pm-6.30pm, followed by a Women in Local Government evening session from 6.30pm. The third session will be held on Thursday, 13 May from 8am-11am.

Led by former Leichhardt Council Mayor and Councillor of more than 20 years, Marie Sheehan, the sessions are open to any member of the community interested in learning about Council and the role and responsibilities of its elected members. You'll learn about the critical role

Local Government plays in the delivery of the most vital services for our community. Sessions will be held in Mudgee at a venue to be advised closer to the date. Attendees are asked to RSVP via Council's website.

Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday, 4 September this year after they were postponed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ■

26 Jul

candidate nominations open for local government elections

4 Aug

nominations close for local government elections

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Candidate Information Sessions on 12 and 13 May with a venue to be advised. Visit Council's website to learn more and register.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

If you have a passion for your community and an interest in the role of elected members, I strongly encourage you to join in one of the Candidate Information Sessions next month. There are no special requirements to attend and no need to be nominated as a candidate, it is simply a session providing more information about the role of Councillors and Council for those who are interested.

In the past few weeks Councillors and staff have been working together to deliver Council's Budget for 2021/22. A number of community suggestions have been incorporated. The Draft Operational Plan,

including the budget, is expected to be endorsed for public exhibition at Council's April Meeting.

Events season has well and truly kicked off and our region has again become a destination for large scale events. As well as the Council coordinated Manly NRL game (17 April) we're lucky enough to have the Shute Shield (24 April), Mudgee Classic (2 May), and Next Exit Festival (29 May) heading to the region. Please support our smaller and larger events where you can to ensure we continue to have a vibrant events scene.



Save the date

2021 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday 4 September

Voting is compulsory

elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21
1300 135 736

MANLY WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES V GOLD COAST TITANS NRL ROUND 6 IN MUDGEE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

SATURDAY 17 APRIL

GLEN WILLOW STADIUM

123TIX.COM.AU



YOUR GAME DAY INFO AT MIDWESTERN.NSW.GOV.AU

Tickets are still available for the Manly and Gold Coast clash at Glen Willow this month.

Tickets for the 3pm game are available at 123tix.com.au

Gates open at 12 noon. Strictly no public parking will be permitted at the venue on game day. Limited parking will be available at the Mudgee Racecourse.

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. All your game day information is available on Council's website.

CHARITY SHIELD WEEKEND DELIVERS \$1.49M ECONOMIC BENEFIT

The 2021 Charity Shield has kicked off the Mudgee Region's major events season and is the first to be hosted in 12 months.

A crowd of 6,840 watched the South Sydney Rabbitohs defeat the St George Illawarra Dragons 48-16 at Mudgee's Glen Willow Stadium on Saturday, 27 February.

Council estimates from economic data that approximately \$1.49 million was spent in the region over the weekend, at restaurants and cafes, retailers and accommodation providers.

Council will host the 2022 and 2023 Charity Shield as part of a further two year partnership with the

St George Illawarra Dragons and South Sydney Rabbitohs. The date of the 2022 game will be announced later this year.



BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you were affected by the bushfires, it's not too late to come forward for assistance. A range of services are still available, including financial assistance and health and wellbeing support. Contact your local Recovery Support Service and be linked to a personalised recovery support worker to help you navigate the support that is available. Contact Step by Step on 0417 298 832 or stepbystep@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au, or the DPI Rural Recovery on 0437 918 734 or midcoast.recovery@dpi.nsw.gov.au

HILL END ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Council has recently completed safety improvements to Hill End Road on the approach to Hargraves. Works included improvements to road shoulders, pavement widening, guardrail, and a bitumen seal designed to provide improved contact friction. Council secured \$4.97 million funding through the NSW Government to complete upgrades to 42km of Hill End Road. Further works are scheduled for 2022.

STATE GOVT ONLINE DA SERVICE

If you're seeking Council approval on a new build or renovation, you can now submit Development Applications (DAs) online – anywhere, anytime, through the NSW Planning Portal. Use of this service will become mandatory for all councils from 1 July. Through this transition period, Council will make lodgement as easy as possible, Council will have a dedicated planning kiosk at its Mudgee Customer Service Centre and staff will also be available to assist with the process.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TURF IN AND BUILDINGS UP: GLEN WILLOW STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Glen Willow Stage 2 is on track to be completed later this year with all fields now turfed and establishing.

A total of six playing fields will be constructed as part of the nearly \$18 million project jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments.

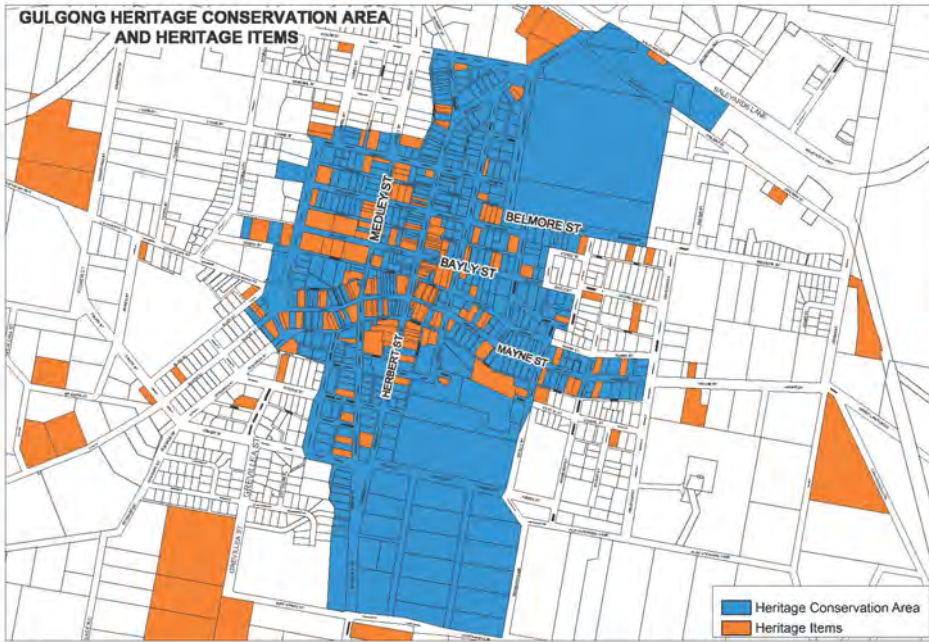
The multi-purpose, junior rugby league, rugby union and cricket wickets have all been turfed and will need time to establish over the coming months. Construction has commenced on the Rugby Union

amenities building (pictured) with the slab poured and frames erected for the second storey.

Electricity has been upgraded to the site and supplied to the new buildings.

Light tower footings will be installed over the coming months and internal roads are still under construction.

At the nearby new Mudgee Dog Park, fencing has been installed and a pathway constructed from Pitts Lane.



HERITAGE CONSERVATION ZONES: GULGONG

Did you know there are four Heritage Conservation Areas within the Mid-Western Region in Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Hargraves. If your home or business is a Heritage Item or is located within a Heritage Conservation Area and you are considering improvement works, or if you are unsure if your home falls within this zone, a Duty Planner is available to assist Monday to Friday. Development approval is not required for all works. Council's Heritage Advisor is also available to provide advice free of charge. Contact Council to arrange an appointment.

MUDGEE CLASSIC EVENT ROAD CLOSURES

The Mudgee Classic is a road cycling event taking place in the Mid-Western Region on Sunday, 2 May. The following road closures will be in place on event day: **Lue Rd will be closed from 6.30am – 4pm**

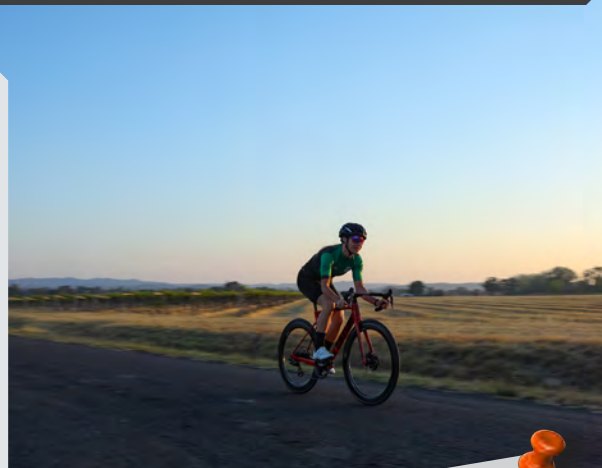
- Between Ulan Rd and Bylong Valley Way, use Castlereagh Hwy as an alternative route
- Local traffic only permitted under escort by event vehicles. Please call 0459 616 221 for travel arrangements on event day before proceeding on to Lue Rd. For information prior to event day email info@mudgeeclassic.com.au
- Speed limits will be reduced along Lue Rd

- during event time, allow for extra travel time
- Cyclists will be travelling in both directions, follow NSW Police, Altus Traffic Management and Escort direction at all times

Sections of Church St and Mortimer St, Mudgee will be closed from 4am – 9am

- Church St: between Short St and Mortimer St
- Mortimer St: between Perry St and Kmart car park entrance

For full details visit cyclingclassics.com.au/mudgee/community/



SUGGEST LIBRARY TITLES

Did you know you can suggest the titles you'd like to see in the library collection? The library's new Community Collection Manager (CCM) allows borrowers to view and recommend the cream of the crop of forthcoming titles across all genres. Available from the library's online catalogue, enter your library barcode number and PIN (day/month of birth) to access.

WORK WITH COUNCIL AS A SUPPLIER

Are you a local contractor keen to work with Council? There are many ongoing opportunities to work with Council, including the supply of Wet and Dry Plant Hire in 2022. The tender for Wet and Dry Plant Hire to supply Council with plant and equipment, opens in June. To receive notifications about this and other tenders please register with Council's online quoting system VendorPanel Marketplace by searching 'VendorPanel' on Council's website.

ART GALLERY CONSTRUCTION

External construction of the Mudgee Region Gallery is moving into the final stages. External wall panelling has been installed and the landscaping design is being finalised. Construction will move to the internal fit out in coming weeks ahead of the August opening. The pathway connecting the gallery to the Sculpture Walk via Walkers Oval is now complete and in use.

LED STREETLIGHT UPGRADE

More than 1600 streetlights in Mudgee and Gulgong will be upgraded this month as part of a major project to improve energy efficiency. The switch to LED will see a 427 MWh reduction in power use and savings of \$141,000 annually. LED upgrades in Rylstone and Kandos continue to be investigated. Residents will receive a notice in the mail advising when the upgrade is headed to their street.



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EVENTS

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Manly v Gold Coast

Glen Willow

Watch the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles take on the Gold Coast Titans at Mudgee's Glen Willow Stadium. Tickets at 123tix.com.au



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Wings, Wheels, Wine

Mudgee Airport

See a spitfire in action, unlimited aerobatics, RAAF Roulettes, car show and much more at this jam-packed airshow.



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Sporting Weekend Races

Mudgee Racecourse

Part of a bumper sports weekend in Mudgee, this traditional country race meeting coincides with the NRL Manly game.



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Shute Shield

Glen Willow

Watch arch rivals Sydney Uni and Eastwood go head to head in a full day of rugby union. Local food, drink and entertainment on offer.



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Mudgee Classic

Various locations

A cycling event through the Mudgee Region including a 170km, 120km and 35km course. Road closure information on page 3.



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Gulgong Eisteddfod

Prince of Wales Opera House

This year's eisteddfod will proceed with dance recitals. More information at gulgongeisteddfod.com

All information correct at the time of publication. Events may be subject to change based on COVID-19 Health Orders. Please contact event organisers for further details.



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Live.

Before purchasing rural land, prospective property owners should consider the following: are there biosecurity risks (weed infestations) on the land, are weed infestations being managed, what are the costs of the continual weed control, and if the land is to be used for farming, will weed infestations lead to production losses? Weed inspections by qualified professionals can help to identify weeds on a property and understand the extent of measures required to remove them. For more information contact Council's Weeds Team on 6378 2850.

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 \$20,000 through the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership Program to refurbish and restore the Rylstone Guide Hall. Works are being finalised to upgrade the hall kitchen, install new lighting, flooring and downpipes. The hall had previously been unable to be used by community groups, however with these improvements is expected to be available for hire from July.

Visit.

The Mid-Western Region now receives an average of 691,000 visitors a year who stay for 1.04 million nights according to Tourism Research Australia.

Domestic visitors who stay overnight in the region spend on average \$398 per trip. The region's visitors are crucial to supporting the 309 local tourism businesses and 751 jobs.