

COMMUNITY NEWS



JUNE, 2021

\$10m in funding for road sealing

▲ Lower Piambong Road: 2km sealing scheduled.

Council is undertaking more than \$10 million in road sealing works throughout the region after securing State and Federal Government grant funding.

Council received \$5.2 million through Round 1 of the Fixing Local Roads Program to undertake sealing of 'collector road' bus routes throughout the region. Collector roads are roads that carry higher volumes of traffic collected from minor and main local roads.

Round 1 works have commenced to seal 4.6km of Mebul Road (expected to be completed July) and 1.2km of Pyramul Road (expected to be completed at the end of this month).

Two kilometres of Coxs Creek Road have been completed along with 19km of Aarons Pass Road. In April, Council secured a further \$4.8 million through Round 2 of the program to complete sealing on a further 9km of Coxs Creek Road, 5.8km of Botobolar Road and 2km of Lower Piambong Road. Details of these works will be announced soon.

7 road sealing projects funded through Fixing Local Roads program

43.6km of sealing being undertaken

2460km total length of Council's roads network



Council General Manager Brad Cam, Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders, Member for Calare Andrew Gee and Deputy Mayor Sam Paine at Lower Piambong Road.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I am pleased to confirm Council has completed two of the seven road sealing projects being delivered through State and Federal Government grant funding. We've received just over \$10 million to deliver these essential projects and I'd like to thank both governments for their investment. Another big thank you to our roads staff who deliver these projects and do a fantastic job. Council will continue to apply for grant funding to improve our road network.

You may have seen recently that Mudgee was named a finalist in the 2021 NSW Top Tourism Town Awards. Well done to the entire community

for welcoming and embracing visitors to the region during this very busy period we're experiencing. Thanks also to our fantastic tourism operators for delivering such high quality services. The tourism industry is essential to our local economy, delivering \$157.6 million annually.

Council's Youth Services Team recently hosted a successful Youth Employment Expo in Mudgee matching school students with local employers. Follow Mid-Western Regional Youth Council on Facebook for future events and activities.

▲ Mayor Des Kennedy

Changes to Development and Building Applications



LODGE AN APPLICATION ANYWHERE ANYTIME

From 1 July, Development Applications must be lodged online via the NSW Planning Portal and not directly with Council.

This means development applications (DAs), modifications and review of DAs, construction certificates, subdivision works certificates, complying development certificates, occupation certificates, subdivision certificates and section 138 and section 68 applications can only be lodged at planningportal.nsw.gov.au

Through this transition period, to make lodgement as easy as possible, Council has a dedicated Planning Kiosk at the Mudgee Customer Service Centre where customers can lodge an application with the assistance of staff. Among the benefits of the portal, applications can be lodged anywhere, 24/7 and there's no need to visit Council offices. More information at yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au

SEWER MAINS MAINTENANCE STARTING THIS MONTH

Council contractors will be undertaking scheduled maintenance on the region's sewer network in Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos this month.

Works involve repairing and rehabilitating sewer pipes. Households in affected streets will receive a notification in the mail, and where there is a requirement to enter backyards, contractors will be door knocking.

There may be minor impacts to on-street parking as part of the works.

There is no planned interruption to water and sewer services.



NEWS IN BRIEF

LIBRARY CHESS CLUB

Interested in improving your chess skills? Mudgee Library hosts a fortnightly club (ages 6-14) on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 4.30-5.30pm. Second Wednesdays are dedicated to intermediate/advanced players and fourth Wednesdays for beginners, however, any skill level is welcome to attend either session to practise with other players. Expressions of interest from older players welcome. Bookings essential via eventbrite.com.au by searching Mid-Western Regional Council Library.

FLIRTATION HILL MUDGEE

Over coming weeks Council will be repairing some of the walking tracks at Flirtation Hill and The Pines reserve. Some tracks will be closed while works are completed and Council will provide notice via its Facebook page and website. The draft Flirtation Hill masterplan is in development and will be placed on public exhibition for comment.

JULY TOWN HALL CINEMA

The Mudgee Town Hall Cinema will open its doors on 2, 3 and 4 July for screenings of *Cruella* (PG), *Six Minutes to Midnight* (M) and *Tom and Jerry: The Movie* (G). Tickets online 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!

START OUT SMALL TO REMOVE SINGLE USE PLASTICS

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Next month, Council will be sharing tips on how our community can limit their single use plastic consumption as part of the global Plastic Free July initiative. If you are just starting out, focus on the Top 4 single use plastics – takeaway coffee cups, plastic shopping bags, plastic straws and water bottles.

Takeaway coffee cups can be avoided by bringing along your own reusable alternative. There are many reusable coffee cups available on the market. Keep it in your bag or on your desk at

work; wherever you'll remember to use it.

Plastic straws are another single-use plastic that can be extremely harmful to the environment and wildlife. If you're eating out, ask for no straw in your drink. There are also alternative stainless steel and bamboo straw options.

Council will be sharing more tips like this throughout July via its Facebook page, alternatively visit plasticfreejuly.com.au



HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS:

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Did you know there are four Heritage Conservation Areas within the Mid-Western Region in Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone (pictured) and Hargraves? If your home or business is a Heritage Item or is located within a Heritage Conservation Area and you are considering 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.



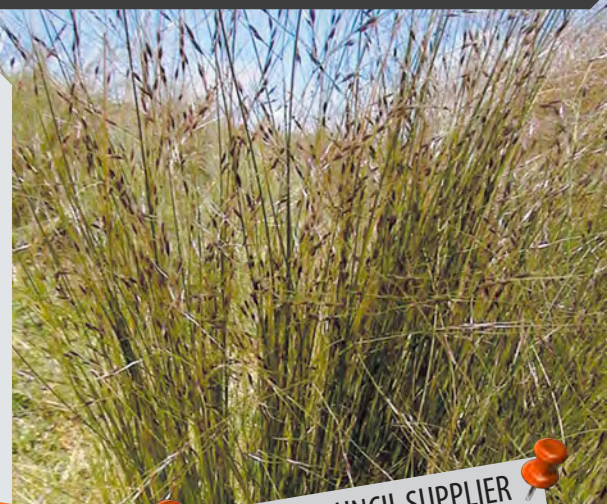
PRIORITY WEED SERRATED TUSSOCK

Serrated Tussock is regarded as one of the worst grass weeds within the Mid-Western Region, due to its quick-spreading ability and zero grazing value to stock. Infestations result in a significant loss in production, and dense infestations can completely dominate pasture.

This grass weed spreads rapidly and mature plants can produce more than 140,000 seeds per year which are dispersed mainly by wind, allowing heads to be carried for up to 20 kilometres.

Animals, machinery and feeds from infested properties also disperse the seeds. It is essential that neighbouring properties work together when controlling Serrated Tussock. Once established, it is extremely difficult to manage, but can be controlled by application of a registered herbicide (available from local suppliers); pasture management; and physical removal.

Council has a number of helpful fact sheets on this and other priority weeds available to download at midwestern.nsw.gov.au



EVENT RETURNS IN-PERSON

Council's Young Entrepreneurs Summit returns 'in-person' this year. Last year's event was moved online as a result of the pandemic and Council is pleased to confirm the event will return to a conference style format in Mudgee on Thursday, 5 August. The speaker list for the full-day event is being finalised. Details of the event will be announced on Council's Facebook page.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Council provided more than \$12,000 in financial assistance to local organisations through the April round of its Community Grants Program. Recipients included the Mudgee Playgroup, Mudgee and District Kennel and Obedience Club, Rylstone Kandos Chamber of Commerce and the Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee. Applications for Community Grants can be lodged any time via Council's website.

GOULBURN RIVER BRIDGE

Construction of the new bridge over the Goulburn River north of Ulan is expected to commence in coming weeks. Council secured \$900,000 in NSW Government grant funding to replace the bridge on Ulan Road. Motorists travelling through the area are asked to please follow directions from traffic control staff while construction is underway.

BECOME A COUNCIL SUPPLIER

Are you a local contractor keen to work with Council? There are many ongoing opportunities to do so, including the supply of Wet and Dry Plant Hire in 2022. This tender to supply Council with plant and equipment, opens soon. 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.



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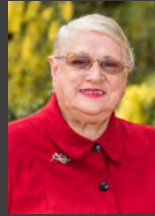
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EVENTS CALENDAR



16
JUNE

Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers,
Market Street, Mudgee
From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream
available on Council's
website.



2-4
JULY

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.



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Mudgee Small Farm Field Days

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This year will be the 43rd
Mudgee Small Farm
Field Days. Tickets at
mudgeefielddays.com.au



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Central West Young Entrepreneurs Summit

SAVE THE DATE

Learn valuable insights
from some of Australia's
most successful
entrepreneurs.



21-22
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Mudgee Readers' Festival

Various venues

After a pandemic-
enforced hiatus, Mudgee
Readers' Festival is back.
Visit mudgeereaders.com
to learn more.



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Mudgee Running Festival

Celebrating its 20th
Anniversary, the Mudgee
Running Festival will
include four courses.
More information at
mudgeerunningfestival.com.au

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.

Council is undertaking a number of road projects throughout the region. Most recently Council completed a rehabilitation of Ulan Road at the Holyoake Bridge in Mudgee and the installation of a pedestrian refuge on Church Street outside Mudgee Medical Centre. In the north of the region, upgrades are being completed on Barneys Reef Road (north of Gulgong) and Drews Lane (south of Home Rule). These works may involve minor delays, road closures (where essential) and detours. To keep up to date with road works and closures visit Council's Facebook page and website.

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.

Did you know that Council sends out a Builders and Developers e-newsletter which contains important industry information? The quarterly publication is sent out by email to builders, developers and other stakeholders with an interest in development in the Mid-Western Region. If you would like to receive the Builders and Developers e-newsletter please sign-up via Council's website.

Visit.

Journey into the past at Gulgong Pioneers Museum. Established in 1962, the museum is home to one of the finest collections of Australian in the country. The museum's collection includes a comprehensive array of domestic tools and utensils, farm and mining equipment, horse drawn vehicles, early photographs, Aboriginal and geological artefacts, periodic clothing, and buildings dating from Gulgong's heyday during the turbulent Gold Rush days of the 1870s.