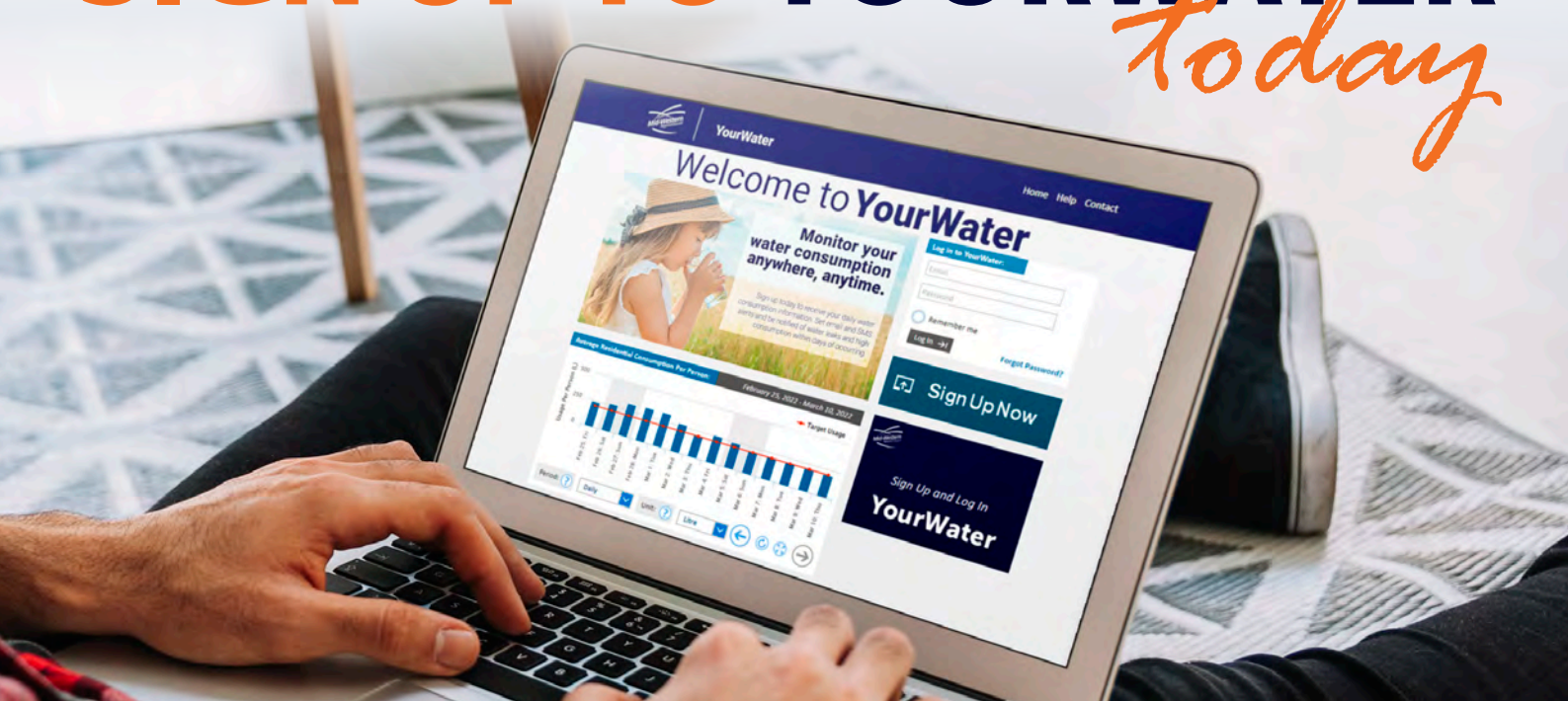


# COMMUNITY NEWS



APRIL, 2022

## SIGN UP TO YOURWATER Today



**Have you signed up to Council's online smart water meter tracker? Monitor your daily water usage, the peak periods and possible leaks on YourWater.**

Along with daily data on the amount of water being used in the home, customers can review water charges and set up email and SMS alerts to notify of possible water leaks and high consumption periods.

Before registering please ensure your property details are correct on your Water Notice, then visit [yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au). You'll be prompted to provide some personal details and information found on your latest Water Notice. Smart Water Meters have been

installed throughout the region after Council secured \$1.2 million through the Australian Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program. The Smart Water Meter Network will provide an estimated \$445,000 annual cost saving to ratepayers by detecting possible leaks. Millions of litres of water is lost from leaks throughout the region each year. Sign up at [yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au)

9000

smart water meters installed throughout the region

7447

the total average litres consumed per person during February 2022

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number of water treatment plants in the region servicing Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone, Kandos and surrounds

### MONITOR YOUR DAILY WATER USAGE



### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I would like to congratulate Council staff and all the volunteer organisations and sporting groups that contributed to the success of the recent NRL Charity Shield and A-League fixtures at Glen Willow. These events bring major social and economic benefits to the entire region.

Council recently installed new water troughs at Mudgee Dog Park after residents raised issues with the previous troughs. This is a great example of Council's *Report a Problem* process in action. If you find a problem with Council infrastructure

the fastest way to let Council know about it is by lodging a request online (which can be done in just two minutes) or by calling our Customer Service Team on 6378 2850.

Council understands that a lot of people are concerned about affordable housing throughout the region at the moment. I want to assure the community that Council is aware of the concerns and is in discussions with the state government and community housing providers to find solutions to this very complex issue.

Mayor Des Kennedy



## PERMANENT SPEED CHANGE IN THE MUDGEE CBD **NOW IN PLACE**

The speed limit in the town centre of Mudgee has now permanently changed to 40km/h following a road safety review and public consultation.

The new speed limit will apply on parts of Church, Market, Mortimer, Perry and Lovejoy streets as well as a section of Byron Place (as shown on the map).

In the five years from 2014 to 2019, 16 significant crashes occurred in the Mudgee CBD, including five involving pedestrians. One person died, one

was seriously injured and two were moderately injured in separate crashes.

The Mudgee CBD Safety Review recommended lowering the speed limit with the goal of reducing the number and severity of crashes, and preventing any further fatalities. The new 40km/h speed limit is based on factors including road usage, geometry, crash history and traffic volumes. Transport for NSW has fully funded the implementation of the High Pedestrian Activity

Area (HPAA) with support from Council. As part of the changes, the school zone in Mortimer Street will receive a new flashing School Zone sign and pavement markings. Drivers are reminded that School Zone 40km/h speed limits are for nominated times only whereas HPAA 40km/h speed limits are permanent and enforceable day and night.

For more information visit [saferoadsnsw.com.au](http://saferoadsnsw.com.au)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Council will match \$146,000 in NSW Government grant funding to upgrade the Rylstone Showground Playground. The new playspace will include a liberty swing, carousel, swings, climbing tower, flying fox, toddlers play structure, older children's play structure, sensory play stations, nature play stations, shaded seating, and shaded picnic area. Funding for this project was secured through the Government's Everyone Can Play grant.

#### TOWN HALL CINEMA

Queen Bees (PG), Belfast (M) and Sing 2 (PG) will hit the big screen this month on 1, 2 and 3 April. 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.

#### FREE ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE YOUTH WEEK

In celebration of Youth Week this month (4 - 14 April), the Mid-Western Regional Youth Council is hosting a range of free activities and competitions for people aged 12-25. Activities include a youth art exhibition, skate park clinics and competitions, film making workshops, short film competition and more. Details and bookings at [mwrnyouth.eventbrite.com](http://mwrnyouth.eventbrite.com)

# CHARITY SHIELD WEEKEND BRINGS \$1.8M ECONOMIC BENEFIT

The 2022 Charity Shield was a huge success among locals and visitors alike with 9257 streaming through the gates of Glen Willow.

For the first time in ten years the St George Illawarra Dragons took home the shield after defeating the South Sydney Rabbitohs 16-10 on Saturday, 26 February.

Council estimates from economic data that approximately \$1.8 million was spent in the region over the

weekend. Based on feedback from game patrons, 82% purchased food or drinks from local food vendors, more than 22% stayed three or more nights in the region, 28% stayed two nights with a further 16% staying overnight. Of all the game attendees, a huge 94% said they plan to return to the region.

As part of a six year partnership with the Dragons and Rabbitohs, Council will host the Charity Shield again in 2023 with a date to be announced later this year.



## FLIRTATION HILL MUDGEE UPGRADE

Flirtation Hill will be reinvigorated with a new viewing platform, barbecue facilities and more after Council secured \$375,000 in grant funding. Council will match the funding to upgrade the reserve and create a space for families as well as eco-tourism opportunities. An all-new viewing platform will be constructed as part of the project as well as security infrastructure (lighting, perimeter bollards and gates), car parking, barbecue, park furniture and tree removal to enhance views. Funding has been delivered through the NSW Government's Regional Tourism Activation Fund.

## DAILY FLIGHTS TO SYDNEY RESUME

Regular daily flights from Mudgee to Sydney will resume this month. The region's regular passenger service provider FlyPelican will return to daily flights from 3 April. For a short period, FlyPelican will operate a return flight between Mudgee and Sydney daily from Sunday through to Friday. Tickets will start at \$149.

Council invests in this important service to ensure it is readily available to residents of the Mid-Western Region. Residents are encouraged to consider using the service when possible to maintain adequate passenger numbers, and allow the continuation of regular flights between Sydney and Mudgee.

To book visit [flypelican.com.au](http://flypelican.com.au)



### LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SHOWS

Children's entertainer and author Andy Jones will perform three shows at Mudgee Library on Tuesday, 19 April. Andy will be hosting two of his hilariously popular shows: Rap n Rhyme and Big Joke Show during the day, as well as the main evening event: Quizzitch – Harry Potter Quiz and Game Show. Further details and bookings at [mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com](http://mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com)

### LET COUNCIL KNOW ABOUT AN ISSUE

Four new drinking troughs have been installed at Mudgee Dog Park. The new troughs were installed after park users reached out to Council. The best way to let Council know about an issue with a public facility or infrastructure is by lodging a Report a Problem request which takes just two minutes online. You can find the Report a Problem request on Council's home page or by going direct to [midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Services/Report-a-problem](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Services/Report-a-problem)

### WOLLAR ROAD REOPENING

Heavy downpours throughout March have delayed the reopening of Wollar Road, which has been closed through the Munghorn Gap to realign two dangerous curves as part of the three-year road safety upgrade. The road is expected to reopen in time for the school holidays on Saturday, 9 April. For closure locations and updates visit Council's website.

### MANLY NRL GAME: 2 APRIL

The Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles will take on the Canberra Raiders at Glen Willow on Saturday, 2 April. Tickets are still available for the NRL Premiership Round 4 game at [123tix.com.au](http://123tix.com.au). A free shuttle bus will be operating around the Mudgee CBD and patrons are encouraged to either park in town and catch the shuttle bus or walk to Glen Willow (just 1km!). Gates open at 2.30pm followed by kick-off at 5.30pm.



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## EVENTS CALENDAR



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### Town Hall Cinema

#### Mudgee Town Hall

Held on April 1, 2 and 3 April. Adults \$15, children/concession \$10 and children under 5 free. Bookings and screenings on Council's website.



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### Manly v Canberra

#### Glen Willow

NRL Round 4 clash in Mudgee. Gates open at 2.30pm and kick-off at 5.30pm. Tickets at [123tix.com.au](http://123tix.com.au) from \$28 for adults and \$18 for juniors.



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### April Race Meeting

#### Mudgee Race Club

Enjoy a great day out at the races. Featuring a seven race program, fashions on the field, and varied ticketing options.



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### Clay Gulgong

#### Various Locations

Experience a jam-packed week-long program of events that includes something for everyone interested in ceramics.

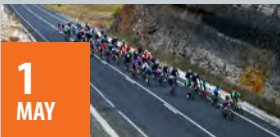


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### GEMBOREE 2022

#### AREC, Mudgee

More than 30 dealers of gems and minerals selling minerals, gemstones, fossils and jewellery, along with displays and food stalls.



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### Mudgee Classic

The cycling Gran Fondo event attracts more than 2000 riders from across the country. Four courses catering to all cycling abilities. Details at [mudgeeclassic.com.au](http://mudgeeclassic.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.

Two new exhibitions will be unveiled at Mudgee Arts Precinct on Friday, 8 April. *A Brief History of Mudgee* is a series of whimsical paintings that reimagine the region's history in a series of landscapes created by the talented Michael Bourke. Similarly, Pamela Welsh's exhibition of small sculptures are based around the extraordinary story of Princess Alexandra of Bavaria who was convinced she had swallowed a glass grand piano as a child. The intricately detailed sculptures portray a series of princesses who suffer from this rare psychological condition known as 'glass delusion'.

## 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.

A permanent accessible amenities and public first-aid addition will be constructed within Glen Willow Stadium after Council secured \$103,000 in grant funding. The addition will include accessible toilets and baby change area, and first aid room. Funding has been delivered through the NSW Government's Regional Tourism Activation Fund.

## Visit.

The second annual Mudgee Classic is returning on Sunday, 1 May. Sections of Church and Mortimer Streets will be closed from 4-9am for the race start (1 May). Church St will be closed between Short St and Mortimer St. Mortimer St will be closed between Perry St and the Kmart car park entrance. Pitts Lane will also be closed for the day. Information at [mudgeeclassic.com.au/community](http://mudgeeclassic.com.au/community)