

COMMUNITY NEWS



APRIL, 2025

GAME GENERATES \$1.67M



A crowd of 8417 filled Glen Willow Stadium for an electric game of rugby league for the seventh Charity Shield held in Mudgee in February.

Footy fans from near and far watched on as the St George Illawarra Dragons reclaimed the shield, defeating the South Sydney Rabbitohs 46-26.

The event was a huge success, injecting \$1.67 million into the local economy and cementing its reputation as the best stadium in the Central West.

Council secured the first game in 2018 through a partnership with the St George Illawarra Dragons and South Sydney Rabbitohs.

The total cumulative impact of the seven Charity Shield games hosted in Mudgee is more than \$10 million. This economic value is based on visitors staying locally, eating out, shopping and enjoying all that the region has to offer.

Council will next host the NRL on 22 August for the NRL Telstra Premiership Round 25 - Penrith Panthers v Canberra Raiders.

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patrons at Glen Willow Stadium



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I would like to congratulate all the local seniors who were recognised during the NSW Seniors Festival last month. Each of our award recipients have selflessly given their time to improve our community and I commend them for their service.

There have been plenty of exciting events to attend so far this year. In February, fans enjoyed another spectacular day of football at the Charity Shield and I am pleased to see the game injected \$1.67 million into the local economy. This is a fantastic outcome for the region and a major reason why Council

works so hard to attract and retain major events. Visitors got even more bang for their buck with the Rylstone Show and Charity Shield Race Day hosted over the weekend.

The exhibition period for the Draft Mid-Western Region Housing Strategy has been successfully completed. The exhibition of the document is an important milestone and I'd like to thank those who participated, helping Council plan for future housing needs in Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos and Rylstone townships.

Mayor Des Kennedy

PROVIDING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT

A CAFE WITH A PURPOSE



EMPOWER CAFE MUDGEE NOW OPEN AT THE MAP

Empower Cafe is the newest addition to the Mudgee Arts Precinct (MAP), offering residents and visitors a welcoming space to enjoy quality coffee and a selection of light refreshments.

Empower Cafe operates as an Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) under Mid-Western Regional Council, providing meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

The initiative supports skill development across various roles, including barista, customer service, and front-of-house operations, in a structured and supportive environment.

Empower Cafe is open Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm and Saturday 9am to 2pm. The cafe is located on the Douro Street side of the Mudgee Arts Precinct.

HOUSING STRATEGY EXHIBITION PERIOD COMPLETE

Engagement on the Mid-Western Region Housing Strategy is now complete. This has been the most successful engagement for a strategic land use document by Council.

The aim of a Housing Strategy is to guide the ongoing growth and prosperity of our region. This includes the quantity, location, and type of residential development within the Mid-Western Local Government Area.

The Draft Housing Strategy was developed with funding from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. It was on public exhibition from 21 February until 21 March 2025.

During the exhibition period, Council received numerous valuable submissions, which have been carefully reviewed in collaboration with our appointed

consultants. Based on this feedback, the strategy will be refined as needed before being presented to Council for final adoption.

Council thanks the community for their thoughtful engagement and contributions throughout this process. For more information visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Your-Say/Housing-Strategy.



NEWS IN BRIEF

EVENT ROAD CLOSURES
Motorists are advised there will be road closures and delays from 3-4 May during the Mudgee Classic cycling event. Roads will be impacted in and around Mudgee, Gulgong, Ulan and Cooyal, including Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex. Sections of Church Street and Mortimer Street, Mudgee will be closed from 5am - 9am on Sunday, 4 May 2025. For full details visit mudgeeclassic.com/.

MUDGEE HEALTH COUNCIL
Mudgee Health Council is made up of voluntary community members and two representatives of Mid-Western Regional Council, working in partnership with Mudgee Health Service and Western NSW Local Health District to inform and shape the best possible health care for the people of the Mid-Western Region. For more information contact the Chairperson, Joe Sullivan, on 0427 751 770 or Secretary, Judy Blackman on 0419 610 693.

NATIONAL PUBLIC TOILET MAP APP NOW AVAILABLE
Public toilet locations can be found through this app. It includes information such as accessibility, opening hours and facilities like baby change and sharps disposal. You can also personalise your results by setting preferences for toilets that meet your needs. Access the online tool or download the app: health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/national-public-toilet-map-app.

2025 SENIORS CITIZENS OF THE YEAR NAMED AT **SENIORS FESTIVAL**

The service and contributions of our local senior citizens were celebrated as part of the NSW Seniors Festival last month.

The two-week long festival included art and craft, photography, poetry and prose exhibitions, that featured more than 114 entries, as well as luncheons in Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos, where awards were provided in the following categories:

- 2025 Mid-Western Senior Citizen of the Year for Mudgee, Heather Rushton
- 2025 Mid-Western Senior Citizen of

the Year for Gulgong, Doreen and Bruce McGregor

- 2025 Mid-Western Senior Citizen of the Year for Kandos, Terrence O'Sullivan
- 2025 Mid-Western Senior Citizen of the Year for Rylstone, Joyce Bailey
- Certificate of Acknowledgement – Jenny Conlon
- Certificate of Acknowledgement – The Community Charity Shop Kandos

Pictured: 2025 Mid-Western Senior Citizen of the Year for Rylstone, Joyce Bailey with Councillor Katie Dicker.



CORICUDGY ROAD \$3.1M **UPGRADE**

Council has completed significant works along six kilometres of Coricudgy Road near Ganguddy. The project involved widening and strengthening the gravel pavement, followed by sealing it to a width of six metres. It also included re-establishing table drains and clearing shoulders, upgrading the causeway and significant earthworks to lower the crest in the Coricudgy Gap. Works were completed over two financial years using a combination of Council and contract staff. The total project cost was approximately \$3.125 million, made up of \$425,000 from Council funding, \$1.9 million through the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads program and \$800,000 from the Office of Local Government. A great result for road users travelling to Ganguddy, but also a reduction in the maintenance burden for Council from the regular tourist traffic using the section of road.

YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES **ACROSS THE REGION**

Laser tag, art workshops and gaming are just some of the exciting activities happening throughout the region as part of Youth Week from 9-17 April.

Events include a TOTEM skate workshop, gaming in the mobile van, arts workshops, laser tag, pump track demo and workshop, and a mental health chat where participants can learn some practical skills to support their

mates. Youth Week is an opportunity for young people in NSW to come together in their local communities.

These events are organised in consultation with the Mid-Western Regional Youth Council. Details on each event are available on Council's website and Facebook as well as the Mid-Western Regional Youth Council Facebook page.



JOIN YOUTH COUNCIL

Are you passionate about making a difference? Youth Council is made up of young people aged 13 to 21 who are eager to shape the future of our region. As a Youth Council member, you'll meet four times a year to brainstorm school holiday activities, and identify opportunities in youth services and suggest new events and resources. Visit Council's website for details.

DOWNLOAD EMERGENCY+ APP

The Emergency+ app is a free application that uses GPS functionality built into smartphones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services. Emergency+ now also includes what3words functionality, which assists in identifying caller location in hard-to-find locations with poor data connection. Save the app that could save your life! Download free at emergencyplus.com.au.

COUNCIL JOB ALERTS

Did you know you can now sign up to a Council job alert? Job seekers interested in a career at Council can register their interest by completing a form to subscribe to a regular email with new vacancies. For more information visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Council/Careers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

These school holidays library branches across the region will host a variety of fun and engaging activities for ages 3-12. Children can challenge friends to a dance off, enhance their crafting skills or chill out and watch a film. A small fee is charged for some activities to cover supplies. Bookings are essential, visit mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

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EVENTS CALENDAR



4-6
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Town Hall Cinema

Town Hall Mudgee

Adults \$15, children/
concession \$10 and
children under 5 enter
free. Bookings and
screenings on Council's
website.



9-17
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Youth Week

Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos, Rylstone

A variety of events for
young people will be held
across the region. Visit
Council's website for more
information.



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Bull-A-Rama

Rylstone Showground

Featuring some of
Australia's best bull riders,
with show rides, food,
entertainment and more.
Tickets at 123tix.com.au.



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Anzac Day

Various locations and times

Dawn services and
marches will be held
throughout the region
(see times and locations
above).



26-27
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NSW Touch Football Junior Regionals

Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex

Held in Mudgee for the
second time, this event
features 12, 14, 16 and 18
years divisions.



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Mudgee Classic

Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex

A weekend full of cycling
and entertainment.
Live music and food
from 10am-4pm. For
more information visit
cyclingclassics.com.au.

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.

Anzac Day services will be held throughout the region in:

Mudgee: Dawn service from 6am at the War Memorial Robertson Park (Cenotaph). The march from 10.30am leaving from Mortimer Street (outside Club Mudgee). The main service from 11am at the Robertson Park Rotunda.

Gulgong: Dawn march from 5.50am at the library, followed by dawn service at Anzac Park at 6am. Community march from 10.45am leaving from the library. Community service from 11am at Anzac Park.

Kandos: Dawn service from 6.30am at the Community Hall. The march from 10.30am leaving from Rotunda Park. Main service from 11am at the Community Hall.

Rylstone: Dawn Service from 6am at Rylstone War Memorial.

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.

If you own a business, or are looking to start a new business, Council provides a range of support at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/business/business-support. The one-stop hub on Council's website provides businesses with up-to-date links to training opportunities, grants and other useful information. Sign up for the bi-monthly business newsletter that provides a wealth of information including key economic data to support business strategy.

Visit.

Wings, Wheels and Wine returns to Mudgee Airport on Sunday, 27 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 \$3000 in-kind assistance to waive landing fees.