

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Kyal and Kara



CENTRAL WEST YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Summit 2022

Thursday 17 March

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The Central West Young Entrepreneurs Summit returns in-person this month.

Designed with small business in mind, the summit brings together some of Australia's most successful business people who will share their experiences and learnings on establishing and growing their business.

The informative and inspiring speaker lineup includes *The Block* favourites and professional renovators Kyal and Kara, co-creator of one of Australia's biggest swimwear brands *Budgy Smuggler*, Adam Linforth, CEO and founder of Australia's largest eco store *Flora & Fauna*, Julie Mathers, founding partner of bespoke food tour company *Straight To The Source*, Tawnya Bahr

and co-founder of *Knafeh/The Bearded Bakers*, Ameer El-Issa with journalist and presenter, Tom Tilley as MC.

Held at Parklands Resort Mudgee, the event includes a full day of speakers followed by a networking event in the evening where attendees will have the chance to connect with others. Cost of the ticket also includes a complimentary breakfast at Our Chow the following morning where attendees can workshop real ideas and problems with some of the previous day's special guests. Hosted in conjunction with Small Business Month, this event is made possible through funding provided by the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities and Regional NSW Business Event Development funds. Tickets at 123tix.com.au

Adam Linforth
BUDGY SMUGGLER



Julie Mathers
FLORA & FAUNA



Tawnya Bahr
STRAIGHT TO THE SOURCE



Ameer El-Issa
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Tom Tilley
MC



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I would like to congratulate all Australia Day award nominees and winners for your outstanding achievements and dedication to our community. I would also like to welcome the ten new Australians who received their citizenship on the day. Council hosts an Australia Day celebration every year which alternates between Mudgee, this year Gulgong and next year Rylstone.

Budget planning is now in full swing for the upcoming financial year and residents will get an opportunity to provide their feedback on

allocation of funds in the Draft Operational Plan which is expected to be released in April.

Major events are now well and truly back with Council having just hosted the Charity Shield, and the Manly v Canberra game coming up next month. There are also music festivals and other large scale sporting events on their way. More information in the event calendar on the back page and on Council's website.

Mayor Des Kennedy

LOCALS RECOGNISED FOR DEDICATION AND SELFLESSNESS AT AUSTRALIA DAY 2022



Citizen of the Year
Simon Bennett with Mayor Des Kennedy and Australia Day Ambassador Peter Herbert



Young Citizen of the Year
Jessica Nipperess

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR VOLUNTEER OF 30 YEARS

Simon Bennett was named this year's Citizen of the Year for his contributions to volunteering and the wider community over more than 30 years at Australia Day celebrations in Gulgong.

The Mudgee man has been a volunteer for countless organisations including St Vincent de Paul, The Lions Club, Rotary, Mudgee Disability Support Service, Mudgee Golf Club, Small Farm Field Days, Sculptures in the Garden and St Mary's Parish Mudgee. He has provided care and support to not just the organisations he has volunteered for, but to the wider community whilst dealing with his own battle with cancer. Simon has proven to be an integral part of the local community over his many years of altruistic service, going above and beyond for those who live in our region.

Awards were also announced in five other categories (pictured) on Australia Day.



Community Event of the Year
Alex Wisser for Spirit of Cementa '21



Arts and Music Award
Elizabeth Halbisch



Volunteer Services Award
Richard Lucas on behalf of Tracy Lucas



Sports Person of the Year
Halli O'Brien

NEWS IN BRIEF

CONSTRUCTION SITE COMPLIANCE
Council will soon commence compliance audits of construction sites throughout the region. This will include ensuring compliance with general development conditions such as the installation and maintenance of sediment and erosion barriers, advisory signage and on-site waste management. Additionally, a specific focus will be the unlawful connection to Council's water infrastructure without prior application or authority.

REPORT A PROBLEM
The best way to let Council know about a problem or request work to be done is to lodge a Works Request, which you can do in just a few minutes online or by calling 6378 2850. You'll find the link to Report a problem on the home page of Council's website. Your request will be referred to the relevant department, and our Customer Service Team will contact you to advise the outcome of your request.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES
Ordinary meetings of Council are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Council Chambers (86 Market Street, Mudgee) at 5.30pm. The remaining ordinary meetings for 2022 will be held on: 16 March, 20 April, 18 and 25 May, 15 June, 20 July, 17 August, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November and 14 December. Business papers and minutes for each meeting can be found on Council's website.

SCHOOL SPEED ZONES AND PARKING RETURN SLOW DOWN AROUND SCHOOLS

The school term has started and with it the return of school zones. Council and police are reminding drivers and parents to slow down and pay extra attention around school zones.

Senior Constable Garry McGovern from the Traffic and Highway Patrol said police will be targeting school zones to ensure drivers obey the 40km/h speed limit and are honouring the No Parking rules.

"The NSW parking law states, *you must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.* The penalty for breaking this law in a school

zone is \$196 plus two demerit points," Senior Constable McGovern said.

"These No Parking zones are used as drop-off and pick-up areas around schools and designed to keep children safe and the traffic flowing sensibly. Time limits apply. If your child requires more than two minutes to safely get to your car and put on their seatbelt, then please don't use the No Parking zones at school."

Local school zones are operational between 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm on school days, when the school zone lights are flashing.



DON'T MISS ALL THE FOOTY ACTION MANLY'S BACK

The Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles return to Mudgee next month and will go head-to-head in the NRL Premiership Round 4 against the Canberra Raiders. Tickets are still available at 123tix.com.au. A free shuttle bus will be operating around the Mudgee CBD and patrons are encouraged to either park in the 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. For all your game day details including shuttle bus pick-up and drop-off locations visit Council's website: midwestern.nsw.gov.au

TRAINING CAMP AND SECOND ACCESS ROAD GRANT FUNDED

A training camp and a second access road out of Glen Willow will soon be under construction after Council secured \$6.8 million in grant funding from the NSW and Australian Governments.

The funding will enable Council to complete the first two stages of a training camp facility between Glen Willow and Putta Bucca Wetlands. Sleeping up to 60 people, the facility will be a base for visiting sporting teams, their athletes and staff, for professional events as well as student athletes for school carnivals. It can also be utilised as emergency housing in times of natural disaster

such as the recent bushfires. The facility will include two accommodation buildings, plus a third community building with gym, recovery centre, conference room, laundry, dining and kitchen facilities. A second access road and connecting bridge will also be constructed, connecting Glen Willow to Putta Bucca Wetlands and the existing 8km Mudgee Sculpture Walk and cycle trail. The project will help to reduce congestion during major event weekends, as well as increasing road safety and accessibility at the complex, which now sees an average of 35,000 users per year.



NEW IMPROVED STORY TIME

The library has an all new and improved children's storytime program. *Circle of Stories* is a free early childhood literacy program for children up to school age (0-5 years). Sessions include a mixture of stories, songs, and a simple craft activity. For dates, times and locations, and to book your spot, visit: mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

TOWN HALL CINEMA MARCH

House of Gucci (MA15+), *The Duke* (M) and *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (PG) will hit the big screen this month on 4, 5 and 6 March. 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. Rotary will donate its entire proceeds from the weekend's screenings to its Ending Polio fundraiser.

NEW LOCATION FOR CLINIC

Mudgee Respiratory Clinic has moved from Mudgee Showground to Jubilee Oval on Denison Street. Parking is available by entering Jubilee Oval, turning left and parking in front of the Rugby Club House. This is a COVID testing clinic. Appointments are essential by contacting 0417 072 652.

EVENTS ASSISTANCE NOW OPEN

Local event organisers are encouraged to apply for funding and in-kind support through Council's Events Assistance Program. The Program is open to not-for-profit events that are being held from 1 July to 31 December 2022. Organisers can apply for up to \$2500 in assistance. Applications on Council's website and close 4.30pm on Thursday, 31 March.



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EVENTS CALENDAR



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Town Hall Cinema

Mudgee Town Hall

Held on 4, 5 and 6 March.
Adults \$15, children/
concession \$10 and
children under 5 free.
Bookings and screenings
on Council's website.



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Mudgee Show

Mudgee Showground

Held on 4, 5 and 6 March,
the show will see the return
of the rodeo, livestock, side
show alley, stalls, show
jumping events, horse
show ring events and more.



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Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream
available on Council's
website.



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Young Entrepreneurs Summit

Parklands Resort

Learn from some of
Australia's most successful
entrepreneurs. Tickets at
youngentrepreneurssummit.com.au



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Sunset Sounds

Craigmoor Wines

Daryl Braithwaite, Kate
Ceberano, Russell Morris,
The Black Sorrows,
Richard Clapton, Dragon,
Ross Wilson and more.
Tickets at ticketek.com.au



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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 from \$28 for
adults and \$18 for juniors.

All information correct at the time of publication. Events may be subject to change based on 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.

The Percy Nott Rest Area on Sydney Road will be upgraded after Council secured \$150,000 in Australian Government grant funding. As part of the works the car park will undergo rehabilitation, drainage and kerb and guttering installed. Extra picnic tables will be installed and the playground upgraded. The project is expected to be finalised later this year.

Visit.

Mudgee Arts Precinct's latest exhibition *Linda Jackson: Retreat, Regeneration, Reflection* is now open. The exhibition documents a year of photography after the 2019/2020 Black Summer Bushfires that burnt through Jackson's Clandulla property. Renowned in Australian art and design industries, Jackson is best known for her long-term partnership with Jenny Kee. The exhibition closes 3 April. The precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. Entry is free.