



COMMUNITY NEWS



MARCH, 2023



MUDGEEE GLOW

Mudgee CBD will light up with illuminated displays, food and entertainment on Friday, 31 March for a free family night out.

Mudgee Glow is a free family event held across Robertson Park and Market Street from 6pm - 9pm.

Watch spectacular projections as a number of key buildings, including Mudgee Town Hall, are lit up. The tree-lined Market Street will be decorated with a dusting of fairy lights as roving entertainment and food trucks will be installed in Robertson Park. If you can't make it on the Friday night, don't worry, the projections and tree lights

will be installed for two weeks until Friday, 14 April. Parking for the event is available in Council's Short Street car park. This event is being delivered through the support of the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW - Community Events Program.

More information about the event is located on Council's website and Facebook page.

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trees decorated with solar powered fairy lights

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building illuminations in Mudgee CBD

\$0

entry fee. This is a free event, except for food purchases.

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 18 new Australians who received their citizenship on the day. Council hosts an Australia Day celebration every year which alternates between Gulgong, this year Rylstone and next year Mudgee.

As you can see we have a jam-packed events calendar this year. So much for the family to enjoy, ranging from arts and culture to sports and many FREE events. You'll find all

these events and more on Council's website.

You'll also read inside, Council has secured a number of grants to build all-new and maintain existing community assets including an Adventure Playground in Kandos. It is important to note that grant funding is very specific and depending on the funding body can only be used on certain projects. Funds are not provided for use at Council's discretion. That is why significant time is spent planning and assessing a need for these projects.

Mayor Des Kennedy



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Craig Bassett, Catriona Rowntree and Kirilee Besant



Priscilla and Martin Weyermann



Jessica Reynolds



Rylstone Street Feast Team



Mayor Des Kennedy and Australia Day Ambassador Catriona Rowntree with new Australian citizens



Theresa Therese and Cheryl Murray

LOCAL RESIDENTS RECOGNISED IN SIX AWARD CATEGORIES

Six residents were recognised with awards at the region's Australia Day ceremony in Rylstone.

Australia Day ambassador and television presenter Catriona Rowntree presented to the crowd as 18 new Australians received their citizenship.

Craig Bassett was named Citizen of the Year for his work in local media while Kirilee Besant was named Young Citizen of the Year for her work as a student and volunteer in the Rylstone Kandos community. The Glen Johnston Memorial Award, Music and Arts was delivered to dual recipients Theresa Therese and Cheryl Murray for their volunteer work on Kandos High School Musicals. Sports Award recipient Jessica Reynolds was recognised for her performance in representative squash and touch football, while Martin and Priscilla Weyermann were joint Volunteer Services Award winners for their 20 plus years in the Wildlife Carers Network and WIRES. Rylstone Street Feast was named Community Event of the Year.

ROAMING DOGS: KEEP YOUR DOG SECURE AND SAFE

There has been an increase in the number of roaming dogs in the region over the summer period. These dogs have been seized by Council Rangers following reports from residents.

Roaming dogs or those not under effective control are a significant nuisance to the public, they are responsible for the vast majority of attacks on other companion and native animals as well as people.

It is the owner's responsibility to keep their companion animal contained within their property at all times or (when outside the property boundary) the animal must be under effective control at all times, which means with a collar and lead,

and in control by a responsible person aged 16 years or over. Any roaming dog is a potential risk to community wellbeing and safety, either to residents or to other companion animals and livestock. The owners of dogs that attack may also find themselves liable for the actions of their dog. Council-issued fines of up to \$330 can be incurred for a roaming dog. If the dog is involved in an attack whilst roaming it could lead to additional Council-issued fines of up to \$1320 and result in the dog being seized by Council Rangers and/or declared as a Dangerous Dog.

NEWS IN BRIEF

HERITAGE WORKS

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 Council Duty Planner is available weekdays and a Heritage Advisor by appointment.

CYCLING ROAD CLOSURES

The Mudgee Classic cycling event will return to the region on 29-30 April. Sections of Church St and Mortimer St, Mudgee will be closed from 4am - 9am on Sunday, 30 April 2023. Pitts Lane, Mudgee will be closed from 6.30am - 4pm on Sunday, 30 April 2023. Larger road closures are to be advised following approval.

RYLSTONE SHOWGROUND

All new arena lighting will be installed at Rylstone Showground after Council secured \$187,500 through the NSW Government's Crown Reserves Improvement Fund and Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program. Four new lighting towers will be installed along with upgrades to the show society amenities building and refurbishment to the toilets and change rooms.

MANLY SEA EAGLES V NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS IN MUDGEE

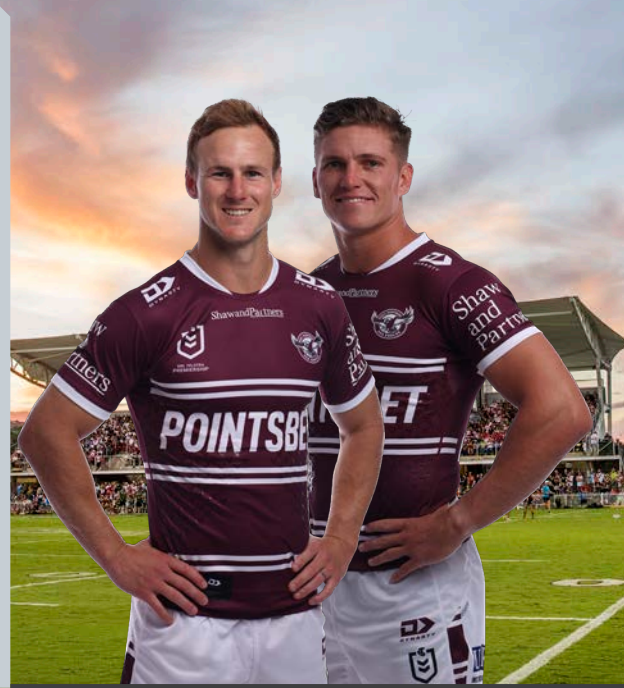
NRL BACK ON 1 APRIL

The Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles return to Mudgee next month and will go head-to-head in the NRL Premiership Round 4 against the Newcastle Knights.

A free shuttle bus will be operating around the Mudgee CBD and west Mudgee and patrons are encouraged to either park in town and walk or catch the shuttle bus. 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.

The Glen Willow Suspension Bridge will be closed. For all your game day details including shuttle bus pick-up and drop-off locations visit Council's website: midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

Gates open at 12 noon, with the curtain raiser at 12.30pm and kick-off of the main game at 3pm. Tickets start from \$28 for adult general admission and \$80 for a family of four. On sale now at 123tix.com.au. This event is proudly supported by a \$150,000 grant through the NSW Government's Regional Events Acceleration Fund.



MARINERS V MACARTHUR BULLS

TICKETS ON SALE

The A-League returns to Mudgee on 11 March when the Central Coast Mariners take on the Macarthur Bulls at Glen Willow. Gates open at 4pm with kick-off at 5pm. Ticket prices for the game start from \$35 for grandstand, \$20 for adult general admission, \$10 for children (over five years) and \$15 for concession. Tickets on sale now at 123tix.com.au

This event is proudly supported by the Australian Sports Commission, and a \$130,000 grant through the NSW Government's Regional Events Acceleration Fund, which aims to support social and economic recovery.

NEW ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND FOR KANDOS

An all new inclusive adventure-style playspace is one of three new projects to be constructed this year after Council secured NSW Government funding. The new Adventure Playspace will be built at Rotary Park in Kandos (next to Kandos Pool). The playspace will include a variety of adventure play experiences for people of all ages, skills, abilities and interests as well as an accessible car park, amenities buildings (male, female, accessible toilets) and connecting pathways. In Gulgong, a new amenities building will be constructed at Victoria Park including

male and female change rooms (with showers and accessible toilets), referee's change room, cleaner's closet and kiosk. In Mudgee, Glen Willow netball courts will undergo an upgrade including court resurfacing, more concrete footpaths, portable grandstand seating and landscaping. Some of the courts are aging and require upgrades to ensure their continued use and local participation in the sport. Council secured funding through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.



TOWN HALL CINEMA

What's Love Got To Do With It? (M) and *The Son* (M) will hit the big screen this month on 3, 4 and 5 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.

FIND YOUR FUREVER FRIEND

Have you lost your pet? Or are you looking to adopt an animal? You can view an up to date register of all animals currently held at Mudgee Pound on Council's website at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/pets-in-the-pound. To report a missing animal, arrange a visit to the pound or enquire about adoption, please get in touch with Council directly on 6378 2850.

AUSTRALIAN READING HOUR!

Join Mudgee Library for the 2023 Australian Reading Hour at 10.30am on Thursday, 9 March. Readers from all over Australia will be spending an hour celebrating and sharing the joy of books. A special storytime is planned and is sure to delight kids up to six years old. For more information and to reserve your spot, visit mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

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 2023. Organisers can apply for up to \$2500 in assistance. Applications on Council's website and close 4.30pm on Friday, 31 March.



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EVENTS

CALENDAR



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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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A-League: Central Coast Mariners v Macarthur Bulls FC

Glen Willow

Watch the Mariners take on Macarthur FC for Round 20 of the Men's A-League. Tickets on sale now at 123tix.com.au



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Putta Bucca Carp Muster

Putta Bucca Wetlands

A free event for all ages and fishing abilities, come along and have some fun from 9am to 12 noon. Free registration on the day.



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Can Cruise

Mudgee Showground

One-day car and motor-bike rally, starting at Mudgee Showground from 8am, travelling through Mudgee CBD on a road cruise through the region.



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Mudgee Glow

Robertson Park and Mudgee CBD

A night out for the family in Mudgee. Stunning light projections, entertainment, music and food trucks.



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APRIL

Manly v Newcastle

Glen Willow

Watch the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles and Newcastle Knights in the NRL Telstra Premiership Round 4 clash. Tickets at 123tix.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.

Have you seen a koala in the region? Council's Environment Team are dedicated to conserving our natural environment, and are aiming to discover current koala habitats in order to protect those areas and allow for future grant funding opportunities to plant effective corridors and connecting habitats. Report a sighting on Council's website by searching 'koala'.

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.

Latest consumer expenditure data has revealed that 9.45 million transactions worth \$802 million occurred in the Mid-Western Region in 2022. Residents and local businesses spent 68.5 per cent of this amount (\$550 million) whilst visitors spent the remaining 31.5 per cent (\$252 million). The peak month of expenditure was December 2022 with \$77 million spent, supporting local businesses. \$262 million was spent online in 2022 by residents and local businesses.

Source: Spendmap by Geografia

Visit.

Mudgee Arts Precinct has an all-new website where you'll find the latest on current and future exhibitions, educational videos, activities and events happening at the gallery. You'll find it at mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au. The Precinct is also on Facebook and Instagram. Located at 90 Market Street Mudgee, the new gallery is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.