

COMMUNITY NEWS



OCTOBER, 2021

GLEN WILLOW UPDATE



Stage 2 of Glen Willow and its six new playing fields are on track to open next year, weather and health orders permitting.

Twenty-two light towers will be erected in coming weeks following completion of their footings last month.

Final preparations are being made for viewing mounds and irrigation around the number one rugby union field, with the adjacent amenities building (pictured right) in the final stages of internal fitout.

An extension of the netball court car park is currently under construction along with field fencing. Jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments, the completed project will deliver six new

playing fields, two new club houses for rugby union and junior rugby league, two cricket pitches, additional car parking and access roads, at a cost of over \$17 million.

Health orders and wet weather have caused construction delays however it is expected that the facility will be completed by February next year. ■

2 new club houses and amenities buildings for rugby union and junior rugby league

6 playing fields including 2 x rugby union fields, 2 x junior rugby league and 2 x multi-purpose fields

4,412 more games and training sessions can be played each year as a result of the expansion



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone in our community who has come forward to get vaccinated. A high vaccination rate is our best chance of getting life back to normal; getting businesses open again; and being able to enjoy our beautiful region with family and friends.

Thanks also to Western NSW Local Health District staff, the Australian Defence Force, NSW Police and Council staff for their role in delivering the pop-up clinics without incident. The Mudgee Respiratory Clinic, local GPs and pharmacies have also done a wonderful job lifting our

vaccination rate and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

With so much hard work and selflessness going on in our community, now is the perfect time to consider nominating a deserving citizen for next year's Australia Day Awards. The awards recognise community and volunteer service, sporting achievements, community events and dedication to the arts. Nominations on Council's website.

Mayor Des Kennedy

THOUSANDS TURN OUT TO GET VACCINATED



Thank You

Approximately 4448 people turned out for their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at the NSW Health and ADF Pop-Up Vaccination Clinics early last month. In Mudgee, 2351 people received their first dose, 1250 in Gulgong, 607 in Rylstone and 240 in Kandos.

As a result of these clinics, as well as the work of Mudgee Respiratory and Fever Clinic, participating pharmacies and GPs, 75 per cent of the eligible population in our region had received their first dose in early September and 35 per cent were fully vaccinated. The rates of full vaccination will have increased with the second dose Pop-Up Vaccination Clinics.

These clinics were a community effort and Council would like to recognise the great work of the Western NSW Local Health District and its staff, the Australia Defence Force, NSW Police, Council staff and importantly the community for turning out to get vaccinated.

GRANTS AND IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL EVENTS

Grants of up to \$2500 and in-kind support are now available for local events through Council's Events Assistance Program.

community events which benefit the local economy and attract visitors to the region. Applications available on Council's website and close 15 October.

The program is open to not-for-profit events that are being held from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.

Events with proven success of at least two years can apply for multi-year funding. All events requesting 100 per cent in-kind assistance (for activities such as field or venue hire, traffic management and waste services) will receive bonus points in the scoring review. The program is designed to provide funding assistance to



NEWS IN BRIEF

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Gulgong's Water Main Replacement Program is continuing with works underway on Mayne Street (from Medley to Tallawang streets) for the remainder of the month. Traffic control will be in place and residents are asked not to park on the northern and western side of Mayne Street. Should there be any disruption to water supply, affected customers will be notified.

GET READY FOR BUSHFIRES

Residents and landholders are reminded now is the time to prepare your property and Get Ready for bushfire season. **Trim** overhanging trees and shrubs. **Mow** grass, have a cleared area around your home. **Remove** material that can burn, like wood piles and furniture. **Clear** debris from your gutters. **Prepare** a sturdy hose or hoses that can reach around your home and make sure you've got a reliable source of water.

SNAKE SEASON BE AWARE

Spring and summer are a great time to be outdoors, however the warm weather can bring snakes and other reptiles out of their winter hibernation in search of food, water and warmth. If you see a snake, remain calm, do not approach the snake, walk away slowly and keep a safe distance. Further information on snakes including snake removal, identification and first aid advice are available on Council's website.

NOMINATE A DESERVING CITIZEN FOR A 2022 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Nominations for the 2022 Australia Day Awards open this month. There are seven categories to nominate someone who has made a difference in our community and deserves recognition for their achievements and contributions.

Categories include: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts and Music, Sports Award and Volunteer Services Award.

Dr Gary Moore and Dr Alex Ghanem (pictured) were named dual 2021 Citizens of the Year for leading the

implementation of the region's Respiratory and Fever Clinic in 2020. The additional health service was established to relieve pressure from GP practices and local emergency departments and has been praised by the community and healthcare professionals alike. Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding achievement, contributions towards the community, sporting achievements and a strong support of community values. Nominations open on Monday, 25 October via Council's website at midwestern.nsw.gov.au and close Monday, 22 November.



COMMUNITY RECOVERY OFFICER PROVIDING SUPPORT

Council has appointed a Community Recovery Officer (CRO) to support the region throughout its recovery journey from the 2019/20 bushfires. The CRO will work with community groups and stakeholders to develop a range of recovery initiatives tailored to meet local needs. Whilst lockdowns have hampered in-person introductions and activities, the CRO is currently working on plans post-restrictions. If you were (or continue to be) affected by the Black Summer fire season and would like to discuss potential opportunities and support, please contact Council.

STREET LIGHT UPGRADE AT CBD CROSSINGS

Additional street lights have been installed at three key crossings in the Mudgee CBD to improve pedestrian safety.

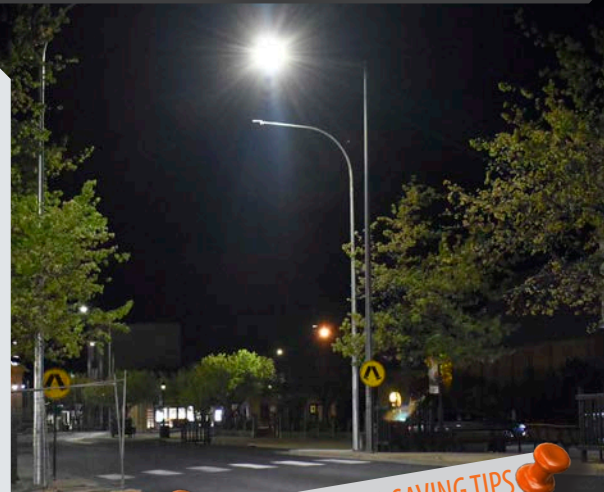
Extra lights have been installed at the Market Street crossing (adjacent to Mudgee Library), the Church Street crossing (adjacent to Whatever Mudgee) and the Mortimer Street crossing (adjacent to Woolworths).

The new LED lights will illuminate crossings at night time, providing greater visibility for

motorists and improved safety for pedestrians.

The project was identified by Council and the Local Traffic Committee as well as community members. In a recent community engagement survey on the High Pedestrian Activity Area, many respondents called for improved lighting at crossings.

The upgrades were undertaken during the August/September lockdown to minimise impacts to businesses and CBD traffic.



SPRING WEED SEASON

Weeds can decrease property value, cause soil erosion, impact water quality and harm native plants and animals. With the recent rain and warmer days ahead, now is the time to revise your weed management plan. Over the next few weeks, Council's Weeds Team will continue their 2021/22 roadside spraying season. If you see anything weed-related you are unsure of, call the team on 6378 2850.

JOIN THE LIBRARY ONLINE

Did you know, you don't have to go to your local library to apply for a membership? You can join online and your new membership number and PIN will be emailed, giving you access to online resources including eBooks and eAudiobooks. When libraries reopen your membership card will be ready for you to collect. Join online at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/library

CAMPING TREE MUDGEES

New signage has been installed at the historic Camping Tree site at Menah, the location of the first European settlement in Mudgee. Council installed the information sign, outlining the history of the site, in consultation with the Mudgee Historical Camping Tree Incorporated. Located on Wilbetree Road, the Camping Tree site is the location where the Cox brothers sheltered in 1822.

BATHROOM WATER SAVING TIPS

A running tap wastes about 16 litres of water per minute, and if it's a hot tap it will waste energy too. Here are some quick tips to help you save water when using your bathroom taps: Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth and don't rinse your razor under a running tap. Filling the basin with a little warm water is just as effective and less wasteful.



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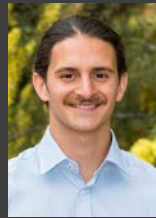
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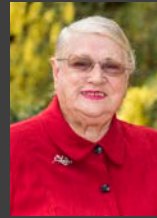
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EVENTS CALENDAR



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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.

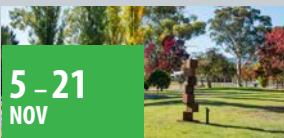


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Sculptures in the Garden

Rosby Wines

Showcasing works from
local and interstate
sculptors. Works are
selected for the regional
sculpture walk.



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Australia Day Awards

Nominations Open

Visit Council's website to
nominate someone for a
2022 Australia Day Award.
Nominations close 22
November.



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NEW EVENTS
CALENDAR
ONLINE

midwestern.prelive.opencities.com/
Community/Events-Directory



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Local Government Elections

Enrolment details
and polling locations
at the NSW Electoral
Commission
elections.nsw.gov.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.

Stage One of Council's new look, accessible website is now live and residents are encouraged to visit and leave their feedback to ensure the best possible customer experience. Being delivered in stages, this first stage of the new website, known as a 'beta site', includes a snapshot of some key areas of Council to allow residents to take a look and leave their feedback on functionality and content as the remainder is built in stages. Council's current website is still available and will remain published until all stages of the new website are completed between now and December.

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 region's business and tourism industry bodies are joining forces with Council to urge residents to spend locally and support small businesses affected by lockdown as part of the 'GO LOCAL FIRST' campaign. Local consumer data revealed that residents of the Mid-Western Region spent \$42.6 million outside the region in the December 2020 quarter. If 10 per cent of this amount (\$4.26 million) was instead spent locally, it would create 34 new jobs and provide a major boost to the region's economy.

Visit.

Castle Rocks is an 8.5km return trip to the lookout for wonderful scenic views of the sandstone pagoda features found at Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve. As you follow this walking route, you'll notice that the eucalypt and native pine bushland around you is teeming with birdlife. Access to Castle Rocks is via the Castle Rocks car park on Wollar Road.