

COMMUNITY NEWS



SEPTEMBER, 2021

OPEN FOR SUMMER



Mudgee Pool

The region's three pools will open on Saturday, 25 September for the summer swimming season.*

Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos pools are open seven days a week, excluding Christmas Day and Good Friday. Opening hours are available on Council's website. Season passes start from \$81 for children (2-16 years old), \$114 for adults, \$238 for a family of two adults and three children and \$81 for pensioners/seniors. Applications are available on Council's website.

Council has progressed with investigations to establish an indoor swimming pool in Mudgee, and following a Feasibility Study and community engagement in 2019 has resolved to use the existing pool site and sections of Lawson Park

due to the central location and new water park. A business case is currently being developed to investigate two options; the first to retain the existing outdoor pool and establish a 25 metre indoor pool, and the second to establish a 50 metre indoor pool and decommission the existing outdoor pools. ■

* Subject to Health Orders at the time of opening. Please check Facebook and Council's website.

7 months - length of the Swimming Season from September to April

\$238 season pass for a family of two adults and three children

\$5 adult entry fee to any of the region's pools. Children \$3, pensioners \$2 and spectators \$1



Mudgee Water Park

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I had the pleasure of visiting the brand new Mudgee Arts Precinct on its opening weekend last month. This is a fantastic brilliant opening exhibition by a Mudgee-born artist. If you haven't yet made a visit, I'd encourage you to head down and take a look.

Sadly we've had to cancel Flavours of Mudgee for the second year. The current health orders and unpredictable snap lock downs in regional areas, made this year's event logistically impossible.

If you're a rural resident who is not connected

to town water supplies, please take a look inside this edition to learn about changes to Water Fill Stations that will affect you. Access to these sites will now require a registration which is quick and easy to do.

I would like to thank all those residents who came forward for testing at one of the region's COVID-19 drive-through testing clinics last month. Your cooperation is critical to keeping our community safe.

Mayor Des Kennedy



GALLERY AND INAUGURAL EXHIBITION NOW OPEN

The Mudgee Arts Precinct is now open to the public seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.*

More than 400 locals made their way through the new space over the opening weekend to see the inaugural exhibition *Stories of Hometown* by Mudgee-born artist and Archibald prize winner Guido Maestri. Due to its popularity, the exhibition has been extended and will be available to view until 28 November.

As well as gallery space, meeting rooms and staff offices, the Mudgee Arts Precinct is also the new home of Mudgee Region Tourism.

Located at 90 Market Street (on the corner of Douro and Market Streets) entry is free. Stay up-to-date on gallery news and future exhibitions by following Mudgee Arts Precinct on Facebook and Instagram.

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RURAL WATER FILLING STATIONS REGISTRATION

Rural residents are encouraged to apply online for their one-off registration to access Council's Rural Water Filling Stations. Registration is free and access to the fill stations is available 24/7.

Simply fill in the online form at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/ruralwaterfill or complete the form provided in the July Rates Notice. Once registered, residents with email will have access via the Smart City Control App (<https://app.smartcitycontrol.com.au/>) and those without email will receive a swipe card.

Council has upgraded Rural Water Filling Stations in Mudgee, Gulgong and Rylstone to improve emergency water access for rural residents. These new filling stations will provide emergency potable water for rural residents, faster flow rates and as a result faster fill times. Customers will be able to access up to 1000L per emergency without charge.

To learn more visit Council's website or contact Council's Customer Service Team on 6378 2850.



NEWS IN BRIEF

KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS IN THE BIN
The arrival of Spring and good rainfall means lawns will be growing quickly. If you're mowing, please remember not to let grass clippings blow into nearby gutters and drains. Grass clippings that make their way into storm water and eventually the Cudgegong River can damage the natural environment. Grass clippings can be disposed of in your weekly Food and Garden Organics Bin (the light green lid).

MAGPIE SWOOPING SEASON
Please be aware of magpies this Spring when walking or cycling in any of our local parks and open spaces. For most of the year magpies are not aggressive, but for roughly eight weeks (between August and October) during nesting they will often defend their territory vigorously. Magpies are very protective parents and may swoop anyone seen as an intruder who might harm their chicks.

'GET READY' ANIMALS
As the summer disaster season approaches residents are being reminded that emergencies can impact at any time and our beloved animals count on us to keep them safe. Whether its bushfires, storms, floods or medical emergencies, having a simple plan for your animals will have you covered for any emergency situation. Visit getreadyanimals.nsw.gov.au and make a plan today!

FLAVOURS OF MUDGEE 2021 EVENT CANCELLED RETURNING 2022

Council has made the difficult decision to cancel Flavours of Mudgee this year due to ongoing lockdowns and current Health Orders.

Council's Events Team investigated alternative formats and possible postponement. Unfortunately, the nature of the food and wine event as well as the uncertainty surrounding current restrictions

and ongoing lockdowns in Sydney and throughout regional NSW made this year's event a logistical impossibility. Whilst it's disappointing to cancel the event two years in a row, Council is committed to its return next year on Saturday, 24 September 2022.

More information on Flavours of Mudgee can be found on Facebook and at flavoursofmudgee.com.au



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 4 DECEMBER

Local Government Elections have been postponed to Saturday, 4 December due to current health orders. Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock MP, announced the postponement in late July. All current councils across NSW, including Mid-Western Regional Council, will continue in their elected roles. Nine Councillors are elected by the community to make up Mid-Western Regional Council. These Councillors determine the direction of the organisation for the next term. For more information on the election as well as enrolment details visit the NSW Electoral Commission at elections.nsw.gov.au



WHO CAN USE RURAL WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS?

Rural Waste Transfer Stations are strictly available to rural residents who live outside collection areas. These sites are for the disposal of domestic waste and recycling, just as an in-town resident would use their kerbside bins, and should not be used for disposal of commercial waste.

If you are a rural resident eligible to use these facilities, please follow the signage and directions displayed.

Bulky waste (mattresses, lounges), green waste, commercial waste, hazardous and

liquid waste must not be left at these sites. Residential bulky waste and green waste is free to dispose of at Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos Waste Facilities. Please contact Council for disposal of domestic quantities of hazardous waste, including asbestos (under 10m²) and household chemicals.

To learn more about Rural Waste Transfer Stations and what to dispose of visit Council's website.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The library will be hosting a range of School Holiday activities this month*. Learn how to transform old items into prized possessions with a bit of TLC. Repurpose and upcycle almost anything with clever crafts and inspiring DIY ideas. Keep an eye on the Library's Facebook page or the Library's Eventbrite page at mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

* Subject to Health Orders

WHEN TO WATER YOUR GARDEN

As weather begins to warm up residents will be spending more time in their gardens. When watering, there are many ways to reduce and conserve the amount of water used. Remember to water at dawn or dusk when you can and not during the middle of the day when evaporation is high. Frequent, light watering encourages shallow roots, so aim for longer, infrequent watering which allows the top layer of soil to start drying out before watering again.

OCTOBER TOWN HALL CINEMA

The Mudgee Town Hall Cinema will open its doors on 1, 2, and 3 October* for screenings of *Space Jam 2 (PG)* and *Respect (CTC)*. Tickets online at Council's website from late September 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!

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KNOW YOUR PARKING RULES

Parking signs provide instructions on where vehicles can park and for how long. These road rules are essential to keep all road users safe and provide equitable access for everyone. Failing to comply with the terms of a parking zone or parking in an unsafe manner can result in penalties. To learn more about NSW parking road rules, search 'Transport for NSW parking road rules.'



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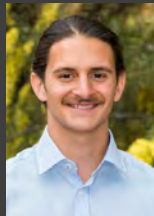
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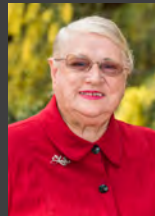
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EVENTS CALENDAR



Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers,
Market Street, Mudgee
From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream
available on Council's
website.



Flavours of Mudgee

Church and Market Streets

The annual Mudgee street
festival will return on
Saturday, 24 September
2022. For updates follow
Flavours of Mudgee on
Facebook.



Town Hall Cinema

Mudgee Town Hall

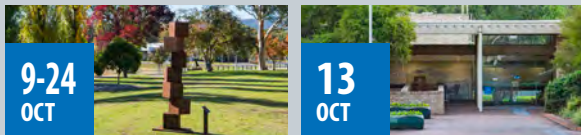
Held on the first weekend
of each month. Adults \$15,
children/concession \$10
and children under 5 free.
Bookings and screenings on
Council's website.



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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Central West Young Entrepreneurs Summit

Parklands Resort

Learn valuable insights
from some of Australia's
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entrepreneurs.

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.

Under NSW Health Guidelines, Council must notify vulnerable customers of any event that could result in the delivery of potentially unsafe drinking water. Council maintains a register of high risk stakeholders (eg: in-house dialysis patients, immuno-compromised) who would be significantly affected by a water quality failure. These registered customers are notified as a matter of priority in the event of a potential water quality issue, such as a Boil Water Alert. If you'd like to be added to the Critical Customer Register visit Council's website.

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.

601 new businesses were registered in the Mid-Western Region in the 2020-21 financial year, an increase of 137 businesses compared to 2019-20. 395 (65.7%) of the new businesses were registered in Mudgee and surrounds (postcode 2850). Over 30% of the businesses were registered under the agriculture or construction industries.

Visit.

Ferntree Gully is a stunning rainforest area 17 kilometres north of Rylstone. There are many walking tracks that take you down into the cool narrow ferntree-studded valley floor, around the top edge of the rocks with amazing views towards the valley and the unusual rock formations on either side. A loop walk takes you through unique plant communities and around a deep and narrow gully of eroded sandstone rock.