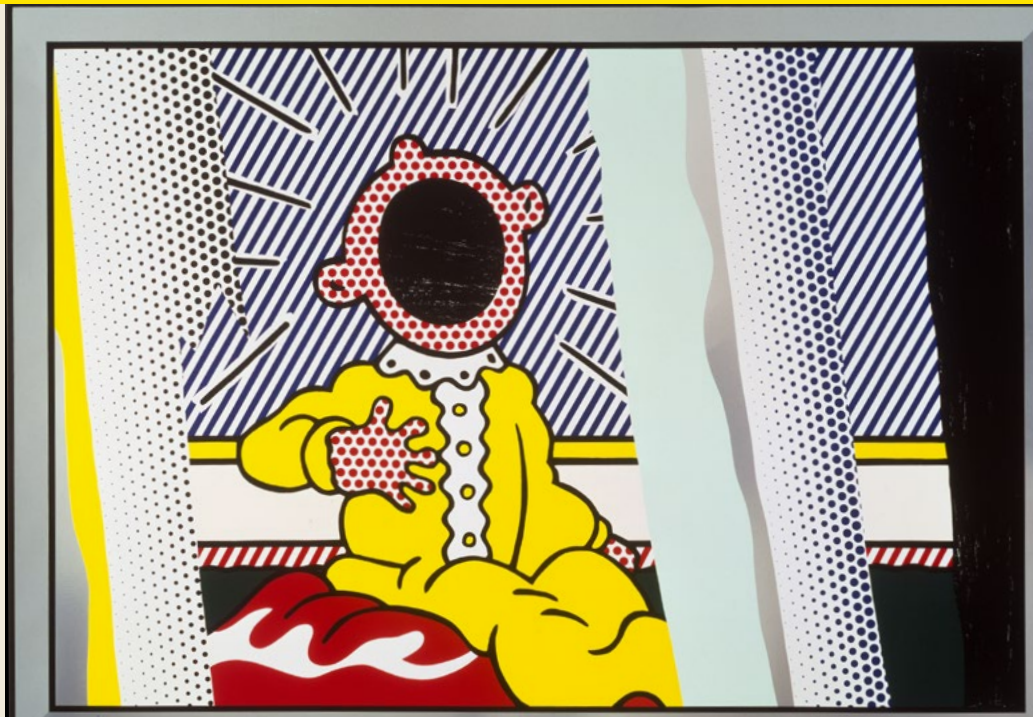


# COMMUNITY NEWS



NOVEMBER, 2025

## MUDGEES ARTS PRECINCT GOES POP!



Andy Warhol Cheddar Cheese, Campbell's Soup II, 1969 © Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. ARS/ Copyright Agency, 2025  
Roy Lichtenstein Reflections on The Scream, 1990 © Estate of Roy Lichtenstein/ Copyright Agency, 2025

**Works by some of the greatest international Pop Art creators are now on display at Mudgees Arts Precinct.**

*Icons of Pop Art: Warhol and Lichtenstein* is the first of four major exhibitions to be hosted at the gallery. Highlights include Andy Warhol's *Campbell's Soup II – Cheddar Cheese* (1969) and Lichtenstein's *Reflections on The Scream* (1990).

These works are on long-term loan from the National Gallery of Australia through the Commonwealth Government's Sharing the National Collection Program, which will showcase 41

significant pieces in Mudgees over two years.

Upcoming exhibitions will feature David Hockney's Paper Pool series, Lichtenstein's Bull series, and works by Willem de Kooning, Maurice Sendak, Masami Teraoka, Helen Frankenthaler and Frank Stella.

Since launching in 2023, over a million people have enjoyed the national collection closer to home – now it's Mudgees's turn.

*Icons of Pop Art: Warhol and Lichtenstein* is on display at Mudgees Arts Precinct until 15 March 2026. Open daily, 9am–5pm. Entry is free.

4

exhibitions over two years

41

works on loan from the National Gallery of Australia

8

international artists

15

March - exhibition closing date



### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As you'll read, Mudgees Arts Precinct is exhibiting some internationally famous works. Normally showcased in national galleries, it is a huge achievement for our gallery to secure the exhibition that would rarely make its way out of major cities. I strongly suggest taking a look, seeing these works really is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Flavours of Mudgees was another great success for the region with almost 11,000 people attending. Visitors spent \$1.17 million locally whilst attending the event that celebrated its twelfth year. I extend a warm thanks to our wonderful stallholders, suppliers and Council event

staff who made it all happen.

I was pleased to attend the official opening of the Macquarie Home Stay extension recently, joined by a number of generous Mid-Western Region businesses and community organisations who contributed financially to the project. The facility provides affordable accommodation for patients and their families while receiving cancer treatment in Dubbo. Residents from our region are the second-highest users of Macquarie Home Stay - a key reason Council was proud to contribute to its development.

**Mayor Des Kennedy**



# 10,977 ENJOY THE REGION'S BEST FOOD AND WINE AT **FLAVOURS OF MUDGEEE**



## 2025 EVENT GENERATES **\$1.17 MILLION INTO ECONOMY**

**The region's most beloved festival, Flavours of Mudgee, has returned for its twelfth year with 10,977 people spilling into Mudgee's CBD to taste award-winning food and wine.**

Visitors to the region attending the event spent \$1.17 million locally during their stay based on economic data. More than 60 local stallholders lined

Church and Market Streets in near-perfect conditions. This year's event was proudly supported through Destination NSW's Regional Event Fund with a \$30,000 marketing grant to help promote the festival and attract visitors to the region.

Planning is already underway for next year's event which will be held on Saturday, 26 September 2026.

## START YOUR CAREER RIGHT HERE **COUNCIL TRAINEESHIPS**

When Zane Bowmaker finished high school, he wasn't sure what came next. A gap year gave him time to think - and a chance encounter with a registered building certifier changed everything.

"He explained what he did day-to-day, and I thought, I'm interested in the building industry, maybe I'll give it a go," Zane said. "The traineeship with Council popped up, I applied, and they took me on board."

Now a Trainee Building Surveyor with Council, Zane is thriving in a role that combines technical skills, community impact, and time outdoors.

"Our job is to make sure every new home, shed, pool, and retaining wall in the region is safe and compliant under the National Construction Code and Australian Standards."

Balancing work and study can be challenging, but Council's support makes it easier. "Council gives me paid study days each year and covers 100 per cent of

my course fees," he said. "In just two years, I'll be fully accredited."

Zane encourages others to consider applying for Council's upcoming traineeships. "Give it a go. It's something I never thought I'd get into, but I'm loving it. Council's a great place to start your career - they support you in every way possible."

Council offers a range of traineeships throughout the year across various departments, providing valuable hands-on experience and a nationally recognised qualification. For upcoming opportunities, visit [midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au).



## NEWS IN **BRIEF**

### **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATE LOCAL HEROES**

Nominations for the 2026 Australia Day Awards are now open. There are six categories including Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, the Glen Johnston Memorial Award - Arts and Music, Sports Award and Volunteer Services Award. Nominations close Monday, 1 December 2025. To nominate someone, visit Council's website, [midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au).

### **REPORT A PROBLEM**

The easiest way to let Council know about an issue or to request work is by using the 'Report a Problem' feature on our website. It only takes a few minutes to complete online - simply follow the link on Council's homepage. Once submitted, your request is sent directly to the relevant department, and our Customer Service Team will be in touch to update you on the outcome.

### **FREE STREAMING SERVICE KANOPY AND KANOPY KIDS**

Library members can take advantage of the streaming service Kanopy and Kanopy Kids, free with their Library membership. Enjoy over 10,000 titles (including British television series, foreign films and children's cartoons), ad-free on your TV, mobile phone or tablet. Visit the Library's E-Resources page to log in with your library card.



# INVESTMENT IN LOCAL AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY SALEYARDS UPGRADES

A series of upgrades have recently been completed at the Mudgee Saleyards, aimed at improving functionality, efficiency, and capacity for the region's sheep producers.

The works are part of Council's ongoing commitment to supporting the local agricultural sector and ensuring the facility continues to meet modern industry standards. In addition to the integration of Sheep eID (Electronic Identification) technology, a number of practical improvements have been made to enhance operations for both vendors and buyers.

The height of the selling pens has been increased to provide better visibility and handling, while new gates have been added to larger pens to improve livestock movement and safety. Adjustments to the overall layout have also enabled the creation of an additional 10 pens, expanding the space available for displaying and selling sheep during market days.

These upgrades will help streamline saleyard operations, accommodate growing demand, and support the continued success of the region's thriving livestock industry.



## HEALTH CARE ACCOMMODATION UPGRADES

Council's \$55,000 contribution towards a critical accommodation service for cancer patients has been realised with the newly expanded Macquarie Home Stay now open. Glencore contributed a further \$245,000 towards the \$7 million Stage 2 development in Dubbo, along with local donations from The Rotary Club of Mudgee, Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise (pictured) and operational support from Can Assist. The facility provides low-cost accommodation for patients receiving treatment at the new Western Cancer Centre. Patients from the Mid-Western Region are the second highest users of the facility, behind Cobar. Since its completion in February, 2000 guests have made use of the accommodation.



## RECREATION STRATEGY INDOOR POOL PLANNING

Council has adopted its updated Recreation Strategy, setting a clear direction for the planning, development and management of recreation facilities and opportunities across the region over the next 10 years.

Building on the 2013 Strategy, the updated document reflects Council's ongoing commitment to both active and passive recreational pursuits, while responding to evolving community needs and participation trends.

Fifty-three submissions were received on the strategy during the consultation period. Based on community input, Council will now prioritise feasibility planning of the Indoor Swimming Complex in the short term (2–3 years) to further investigate a facility, and bring forward the Public Convenience Strategy Action Item to the short term (2–3 years). Council has already committed funding in its 2025/26 Operational Plan to progress a feasibility study for an indoor sports facility.



### GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Make or save a buck over two big weekends as more than 400,000 Australians join the nation's biggest second-hand treasure hunt. Whether you're hosting a sale or hunting for bargains, this is your chance to get involved. Garage Sale Trail takes place on 8–9 and 15–16 November. It's free to register, and you can take part on one day or both. Sign up at [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au).

### ASBESTOS AWARENESS

Planning renovations soon? Be aware that asbestos is still commonly found in many structures in our region, especially in buildings constructed or renovated before 1987. Ensure you understand the dangers of handling asbestos and follow proper disposal procedures. Visit Council's website and search 'asbestos' for further information.

### FREE BREAST SCREENING

The BreastScreen NSW van is now in Mudgee until 22 January, 2026. The van is located at Mudgee Railway Station Car Park, Inglis Street Mudgee. Early detection saves lives and BreastScreen is here to help. Visit [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 20 50 to book your free breast screen.

### HAVE YOUR SAY RAIL CORRIDOR

Residents are invited to share their views on the potential future use of the non-operational rail corridor between Rylstone and Gulgong, via Lue and Mudgee. The survey is now open on Council's website, with printed copies also included in October rates notices. Feedback closes Monday, 17 November.



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## EVENTS CALENDAR



**6 November**

### Native Frog Workshop

Mudgee Arts Precinct  
Cultural Workshop  
Centre

Bookings at [midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au)



**7, 8, 9 November**

### Town Hall Cinema

Town Hall Mudgee

Adults \$15, children/  
concession \$10 and kids  
under 5 free. Details at  
[midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au)



**8 November**

### MotorFest

Mudgee Showground

Details at [123tix.com.au](http://123tix.com.au)

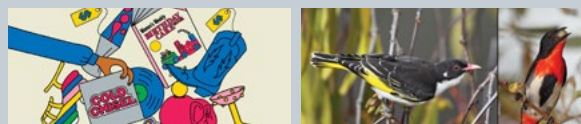


**8-9 & 15-16 Nov**

### Garage Sale Trail

Various locations

Details at [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au)



**10 November**

### Mistletoe Matters Roadshow

Mudgee Arts Precinct,  
Seminar room

Details at  
[events.humanitix.com](http://events.humanitix.com)



**19 November**

### Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers,  
Market Street, Mudgee.  
From 5.30pm

[midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au)



**22-23 November**

### 2025 Don Green Western Junior Championships

Glen Willow Sporting  
Complex

[midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au)

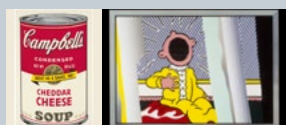


**NOW - 7 Dec**

### Royston Harpur: A Painter's Painter

Mudgee Arts Precinct

Free entry. Details at  
[mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au](http://mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au)



**NOW - 15 Mar**

### Icons of Pop Art: Warhol and Lichtenstein

Mudgee Arts Precinct

Free entry.

## Live.

Council Customer Service Centres, Works Depots, and Libraries are scheduled to close over the Christmas holiday period, commencing on Wednesday, 24 December 2025 and re-opening Monday, 5 January 2026. Waste facilities in Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos will not be operating on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. Kerbside waste and critical services will remain unaffected during the Christmas and New Year break, continuing as per their usual schedule. For urgent enquiries contact 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 'Careers' on Council's website.

## Invest.

Latest consumer spend data has revealed that 8.8 million transactions worth a total of \$426m were conducted in the Mid-Western Region by residents, businesses and visitors in 2024-25. Of the \$426m total spend, residents and local businesses spent 77 per cent (\$328m), while visitors spent 23 per cent (\$98m). The peak spend month in 2024-25 was December 2024 with \$40m spent. Source: CommBank iQ

## Visit.

Join the free Mistletoe Matters Roadshow, Supporting Regent Honeyeaters on Monday, 10 November from 1pm - 5pm. Hosted by Central Tablelands Local Land Services in partnership with Council and Birdlife Australia, the walk and talk will debunk the common myths around mistletoe and show its vital role in our ecosystems for threatened species. Afternoon tea is provided and participants will take home a free copy of the new 'Mistletoe Propagation in Eastern Australia' manual. Registration is free at [events.humanitix.com](http://events.humanitix.com).

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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