

COMMUNITY NEWS



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OPENING THIS MONTH



Mudgee Arts Precinct will officially open its doors to the public on Saturday, 7 August.

Mudgee Arts Precinct is a state-of-the-art purpose built gallery, bringing together artists and the community.

In addition to important gallery spaces, the precinct will be the new home of Mudgee Region Tourism, provide community rooms for meetings and workshops, acting as a hub to promote, nurture and facilitate participation in art, creativity and cultural activities. The official opening coincides with the inaugural exhibition by Mudgee-born artist and Archibald Prize winner, Guido Maestri. The opening exhibition, *Stories*

From Homedale, is a series of landscapes painted by Maestri whilst in the Mid-Western Region. The Mudgee Arts Precinct will officially open to the public at 9am on Saturday, 7 August.

Mudgee Arts Precinct is proudly funded by the Australian Government and the NSW Government's Regional Cultural Fund in association with Mid-Western Regional Council.



Guido Maestri, *Return to Berkley's Creek*, 2021, image courtesy the artist.

7 days a week, 9am to 5pm – opening hours of the Mudgee Arts Precinct

691,000 number of visitors to the region annually

\$8.4m total cost of the project – with grant funding from the NSW and Australian Governments

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Local Government Elections have been postponed until Saturday, 4 December. Until then current councils across the state will continue in their role. Details on the election can be found at elections.nsw.gov.au

I know a lot of residents will share my excitement in seeing the Mudgee Arts Precinct open its doors to the public this month. It has been fantastic to see this facility grow, first with the gifting of the original Cudgong Shire Building back to Council from the NSW Government to the subsequent construction of the adjoining gallery

spaces. Information about the opening can be found on Council's Facebook page.

Council hosted a variety of school holiday and Plastic Free July activities last month. These events were very popular and well attended. Council regularly hosts school holiday activities. Check Council's Facebook page for details.



General Manager
Brad Cam

JENNIE BLACKMAN DOG PARK



(Above) Mayor Des Kennedy and Council's General Manager Brad Cam with Judy and Phil Blackman and family at the unveiling of the park's plaque recently and (inset) Jennie Blackman.

NEW OFF-LEASH DOG PARK OPENING SOON

Located between Glen Willow Suspension Bridge and Stadium, the new Jennie Blackman Dog Park is expected to open this month.

The off-leash park was named in honour of Mudgee woman Jennie Blackman, who was an avid dog lover, well known and inspirational resident. Community feedback and ideas were incorporated into

the design that includes designated combined, small and large paws areas, bins (including dog waste bags), 'air-lock' style entrance/exit gates, landscaping, seating, shelter and drinking stations for dogs.

The former park on Pitts Lane will soon be closed in preparation for future Glen Willow stages.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SAVE WATER IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Whilst water restrictions have been lifted across the region it's important to continue water saving practices. There are a number of things you can do to save water in your household. Over coming months Community News will feature water saving tips for areas of your home including the bathroom, laundry and garden. In your kitchen:

- 1. Pre-rinsing dishes wastes water.** Instead of rinsing your dishes before loading them into the dishwasher or sink scrape the excess food into the bin. Pre-rinsing dishes can double your water use.
- 2. Plug the sink or use a bowl when you're washing vegetables.** Running taps contribute to water waste, running the tap to rinse fresh produce can use up to 10 litres of water per minute. Avoid unnecessary waste by putting a plug in the sink or

using a bowl when cleaning fruit and veg. The water you collect can be used on your garden.

- 3. Fill your dishwasher before using it.** Running your dishwasher with only a half load effectively doubles our water use. Waiting until it's full and using the eco option are the best ways to maximise its water efficiency.



NEWS IN BRIEF

AUGUST TOWN HALL CINEMA

The Mudgee Town Hall Cinema will open its doors on 6, 7 and 8 August for screenings of *Spirit Untamed* (G) and *Dream Horse* (PG). Tickets online 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!

SIGN-IN AT COUNCIL FACILITIES

In addition to mask wearing, it is now also mandatory that anyone visiting a Council facility must sign-in through the Service NSW QR code. QR codes are located at all building entrances. For the most up-to-date information as well as COVID-19 Health Orders visit the NSW Government website at nsw.gov.au

DA APPLICATIONS ONLINE

All Development Applications must now be lodged online via the NSW Planning Portal (planningportal.nsw.gov.au) and not directly with Council, following a mandate by the NSW Government. Council has a dedicated Planning Kiosk at the Mudgee Customer Service Centre where customers can lodge an application with the assistance of staff. More information at yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au

RURAL RESIDENTS REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR WATER FILL STATION ACCESS

To improve emergency water access for rural residents, Council is upgrading Rural Water Filling Stations in Mudgee, Gulgong and Rylstone. Due to be completed soon, these new filling stations will provide more ensured emergency potable water access for rural residents, faster flow rates and reduced fill times.

The new Water Fill Stations have an outlet of either 25mm (per existing) or a larger outlet of 50mm for higher flow rates. From 16 August, rural residents can only access the Water Fill

Stations by registering with Council. Registration is free to rural residents. Simply fill in the online form at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/ruralwaterfill or complete a 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.

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



YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS SUMMIT NEW DATE

The Central West Young Entrepreneurs Summit has been postponed from August until Thursday, 21 October due to the Sydney-lockdown. The Council-coordinated event brings together some of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs including *The Block* favourites and professional renovators Kyal and Kara (pictured), co-creator of one of Australia's biggest swimwear brands *Budgy Smuggler*, Adam Linforth, founding partner of agribusiness *Straight to the Source*, Tawnya Bahr and more. Tickets and event information at youngentrepreneurssummit.com.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION POSTPONED

Local Government Elections have been postponed to Saturday, 4 December due to the ongoing greater Sydney lockdown.

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. The operational management is led by the General Manager, and supported by three directors responsible for Operations, Development and Community, as well as a Chief Financial Officer and Executive Manager of Human Resources.

For more information on the election as well as enrolment details visit the NSW Electoral Commission at elections.nsw.gov.au



CHESS CLUB FOR ADULTS

A chess club for adults will now be held each month at Mudgee Library following the huge popularity of the Junior Chess Club. The club will meet on the third Thursday of the month, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Mudgee Library. All skill levels welcome. Bookings are essential at mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

FLYPELICAN RESUMES DAILY FLIGHTS

FlyPelican will be resuming a daily flight between Sydney and Mudgee six days a week in September. Council invests in this important service to ensure it is readily available to residents of the Mid-Western Region. Residents are encouraged to consider using this service when possible to ensure the continuation of regular flights between Sydney and Mudgee. To book visit flypelican.com.au

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Unfortunately due to the current Public Health Orders, Council in conjunction with Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council have rescheduled National NAIDOC Week activities to October, and Kandos events in conjunction with the Kandos Dabee Nation to later in the year. More details will be provided closer to the date.

OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

There are three off-leash dog parks in our region located in Mudgee (Glen Willow), Gulgong (Peoples Park), and Rylstone (behind Rylstone Showground). These parks are designated areas for dogs to run and roam without a leash under supervision. If you'd prefer to walk your dog in one of the region's many parks please remember it must be on a lead at all times, otherwise you could face an on the spot fine of \$330.

EVENTS

CALENDAR



Central West Young Entrepreneurs Summit

Parklands Resort

Learn valuable insights from some of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs.



Public Opening Mudgee Arts Precinct

90 Market Street, Mudgee

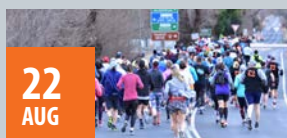
See the inaugural exhibition by Mudgee-born artist and Archibald winner Guido Maestri.



Mudgee Readers' Festival

Various venues

After a pandemic-enforced hiatus, Mudgee Readers' Festival is back. Visit mudgeereaders.com to learn more.



Mudgee Running Festival

The Mudgee Running Festival will include four courses.

More information at mudgeerunningfestival.com.au



Local Government Elections

Various venues

Visit the NSW Electoral Commission online to check your enrolment and find your nearest polling location.



Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee
From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream available on Council's website.

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.

The Mudgee Regional Saleyards is a community facility owned and maintained by Council. Located at 61 Abattoirs Road, Mudgee, up to 35 sales are held at the yards each year. Cattle sales are held fortnightly on a Wednesday from 8.30am, followed by sheep and lamb sales at 11.30am. Store cattle sales are held on the last Thursday of the month from 1.30pm. A canteen runs every sale and there is a 24/7 truckwash available. All saleyards enquiries should be directed to the Saleyards Supervisor on 6378 2750.

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.

Local businesses can now access free courses on digital marketing, customer service, essential business planning, and more through MudgeeRegionBusiness.com.au. Developed and funded by Council, the site is part of a series of initiatives to support local business through COVID-19. To register visit MudgeeRegionBusiness.com.au

Visit.

Now more than ever it is important to shop local and support small business. Buying and spending locally helps keep the region's small businesses going and locals employed. There are currently 950 small businesses registered in the Mid-Western Region that employ less than 19 employees and 1624 businesses that are owner-operated.