



COMMUNITY NEWS



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COUNTRY UNIVERSITIES CENTRE MUDGEE REGION

Mudgee Region's new Country Universities Centre (CUC) is opening its doors for the first semester of study in February this year.

The new Centre located at 70 Court Street Mudgee offers quality higher education services in the region. CUC centres operate in communities where universities cannot or will not go, currently there are 13 centres operating in communities throughout New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

The CUC will provide the opportunity for locals to progress from high school to university without having to leave the region to attain their tertiary education.

Students will not have to

pay for this service, and any student who is enrolled to study tertiary education in Australia is welcome to use the facility.

The CUC fosters a nurturing atmosphere for students, offering study facilities that grant entry to cutting-edge campus technology, a community of peers, and guidance from a dedicated Centre Manager for academic support.

Facilities included in the centre will include a terminal room, a shared tutorial room, and small break-out rooms along with toilets, a kitchenette, and indoor/outdoor social spaces.

A significant student influx is expected, and the CUC is well-equipped to meet the growth projections for the region.

158 students studying full time in Mudgee

239 students studying part-time in Mudgee

84.5% of students are mature aged



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

2024 is set to be another busy 12 months for Council with a number of major events planned and ongoing capital projects.

I am excited to announce that Glen Willow will be hosting an NRL trial game in February between the St George Illawarra Dragons and the Wests Tigers. This will mark the first time that Wests Tigers have visited Mudgee to play a game. The weekend is set to be nothing short of spectacular with the Rylstone Show and Country Championships, a popular event on the horse racing calendar.

The new Country Universities Centre located

on Court St Mudgee will be a great resource for the community, giving locals a place to study and take part in university education without having to relocate or travel long distances. The fit-out is second to none and will be operational for the first semester of university in February this year.

This Australia Day I would like to encourage all residents to join in on the Australia Day celebrations at Robertson Park in recognition of locals who make great contributions to our community. This is a family friendly event with a free Barbeque for all to enjoy.

Mayor Des Kennedy

DECK THE HALLS



New Christmas decorations have been a hit with locals and visitors throughout the region.

In the lead up to Christmas, Mid-Western Regional Council responded to community requests by adorning Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos with new Christmas decorations. Large trees and wreaths were installed at strategic locations throughout the region, creating a warm and festive atmosphere.

Council allocated \$200,000 toward this project. Each year Council provides funding through its Community Grants Program for Christmas events. This financial year Council provided \$9,824 for the 2023 Mudgee Showground Carols and \$3,000 for Gulgong's Christmas Celebration.

Council would like to acknowledge the community for its vibrancy and unity making 2023 a truly magical Christmas.

HEAT WAVE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

This summer is predicted to be hot, with this in mind it's important to be prepared for impending heat waves. Talk to your relatives, neighbours and friends, and have a heat plan in place to help protect yourself and your loved ones during the summer months.

High temperatures can lead to serious illness, hospitalisation, and even fatalities. During heat waves it is important to ensure that you stay cool and maintain proper hydration.

NSW Health has produced a fact sheet called "Beat the Heat", helping ensure you are informed on how best to prepare yourself, and assist vulnerable community members in preparing for predicted heat waves. The fact sheet includes information on people who are most at risk, first-aid, and how to recognise heat

related illness. Vulnerable people in our community including the elderly, babies and children aged 0-5 are particularly at risk of heart related illness, heat stroke, and exhaustion during a heat wave.

For valuable information on how to better prepare yourself and assist others this summer, visit health.nsw.gov.au/beattheheat.



NEWS IN BRIEF

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FIRST HALF OF 2024

The first meeting of Mid-Western Regional Council for 2024 will be held on Wednesday, 21 February at Council Chambers (86 Market Street, Mudgee). Council meetings are held at 5.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month on the following dates: 21 February, 20 March, 17 April, 15 May and 19 June. All meetings are live streamed and recordings are available on Council's website.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The region's 2024 Australia Day ceremony will be held at Robertson Park Mudgee on Australia Day - Friday, 26 January. Enjoy a free barbecue breakfast from 8am followed by the official ceremony. Presentation of awards in six categories, including Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will begin at 9am.

EMERGENCY APP

Being able to give your precise location in an emergency can save vital time and lives. The free Emergency Plus app features what3words. Every three metre square in the world has been given a what3words address so you can help triple zero find you with just three words. Be prepared and download the Emergency Plus app today.

TRIAL NRL MATCH ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS VS WESTS TIGERS

Glen Willow Stadium is set to ignite, gearing up for a showdown between the St George Illawarra Dragons and Wests Tigers on Saturday, 24 February at 8:05pm. The trial game marks the first visit to Mudgee by the Wests Tigers, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event.

Gates will be open from 5pm, with the curtain raiser kicking off at 5.30pm. Ticket's for the trial game are on sale through 123tix.com.au.

Historically these NRL games are renowned for drawing big crowds,

with fans travelling large distances to revel in the competition. This is shaping up to be a big weekend in the region with a lineup of exciting events including the Rylstone Show, and the Country Championships horse racing event.

NRL games generate substantial economic benefit for the region, each game injecting more than \$1 million in local spending into the local economy.

For more information visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Mudgee Community Transport is searching for caring individuals to join as volunteer drivers, providing transport services for eligible clients and their devoted carers.

Express your interest by visiting the community services building located on the corner of Market and Douro Street or calling Mudgee Community Transport on 6378 2720. Your helping hand can make a significant impact on those in need - join us in building a more connected and compassionate community.

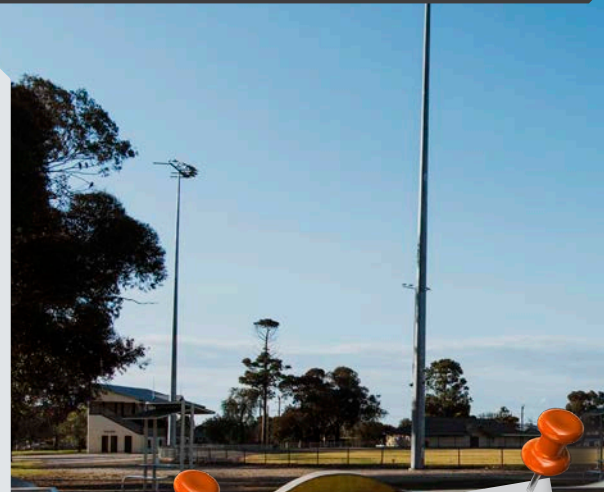
NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES

Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSPs) are final refuge points during bushfire emergencies, intended for use when all other alternatives are considered unsafe. It's important to identify NSPs in your area to incorporate them into your bushfire survival plan. Familiarise yourself with routes to these places and have alternatives in case primary roads are impassable or hazardous.

Not all regions have designated NSPs, so it's vital to identify alternative safer locations nearby, like

well-prepared homes, shopping centre car parks, or open spaces away from the bush. Remember, NSPs are specifically designed for bushfire emergencies and are not foolproof, safety isn't guaranteed. Your bushfire survival plan should encompass this information, ensuring preparedness in the face of unpredictable fire threats.

For more information visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au.



LODGE A WORKS REQUEST

The best way to let Council know about a problem or request work to be done is to lodge a Works Request, which you can do in just a few minutes online. Simply follow the link to Works Request in the top left panel of Council's home page. Your request will be referred to the relevant Council department, and our Customer Service Team will contact you to advise the outcome of your request.

PET SAFETY REMINDER

Exposing your dog to scorching temperatures in the back of a hot ute tray or inside a car without ventilation and water is not only cruel, but also a criminal offense. Violators could face fines of up to \$5,500 and six months of imprisonment. If you witness an animal suffering please take immediate action and report to RSPCA NSW on 1300 278 3589 or contact Mudgee Police on 6372 8599.

RECEIVE RATES BY EMAIL

Rates and Water Notices can be emailed direct. You can have your notices sent directly to the destination of your choice including a chosen email account, online banking or your accounting software. To sign up online visit Council's website midwestern.nsw.gov.au where you will be prompted to provide the BPAY registration number and customer name on your latest notice.

MID-WESTERN MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mid-Western Mobile Library is a great resource that visits schools, nursing homes, housebound residents and outlying villages across the region regularly for those who have difficulty accessing local branches. For more information on this service visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au.



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EVENTS CALENDAR



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Council and libraries reopening

Customer Service Centres, Works Depots and libraries will reopen Tuesday 2 January, 2024 following the Christmas break.



12-14
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Town Hall Cinema Town Hall Mudgee

Showing on 12, 13, and 14 January, adults \$15, children/concession \$10 and children under 5 free. Bookings and screenings on Council's website.



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Community Plan Proposals Close

Do you have a project that you would like Council to undertake? Submissions close 12 January, for more information visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au.



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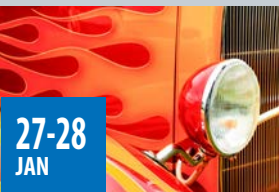
Australia Day

Robertson Park, Market Street Mudgee

Enjoy a free barbeque breakfast from 8am, followed by the official ceremony including the announcement of Citizen of the Year.



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EVENTS CALENDAR
ONLINE
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27-28
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Kandos Street Machine & Hot Rod Show

Simpkins Park Kandos

Enjoy the sights and sounds of street machines and hot rods along with entertainment for kids.

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.

The Mudgee Regional Saleyards is a community facility owned and maintained by Mid-Western Regional Council. Cattle and sheep sales are held every 2 weeks on Wednesday from 8am to 10.30am. Store cattle sales are held on the last Thursday of the month from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Located at 61 Abattoirs Road, Mudgee, up to 24 sales are held at the yards each year. 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, 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.

Mudgee Airport provides unique aviation business opportunities for the region, Council is currently seeking expressions of interest for the lease of commercial land at Mudgee Airport. There are 13 fully serviced lots available for long term lease and development, the lots cater to airport industry development. For more information visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

Visit.

The annual Kandos Street Machine & Hot Rod Show will be held on 27-28 January in Kandos. From an open air show and shine to burnout finals, a bucking bull, fireworks and kid's entertainment, there's plenty for the whole family to enjoy. The annual car show attracts thousands of competitors and spectators from around the State to Simpkins Park in Kandos.