



# COMMUNITY NEWS



JULY, 2025

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



**Young people across the region are in for a jam-packed schedule of fun and engaging activities these winter school holidays, with Council's Youth Services rolling out a diverse program designed especially for young people aged 12 to 24 years.**

From creative workshops and gaming sessions to accredited training and day trips, there's something to suit every interest. Drop-in sessions in Kandos and Gulgong will give young people the chance to relax with friends, play console and board games, try their hand at journalling, or just enjoy music in a welcoming space.

In Mudgee, youth aged 16 to 24 can take part in a free, accredited CPR course at the Country Universities Centre – a valuable opportunity to learn essential life-saving skills and basic first aid (15 July).

Budding performers can look forward to a dynamic theatre workshop at Town Hall Cinema (17 July), led by local talent Sam Paine from

Mudgee Performing Arts. The session will explore storytelling through performance and include fun theatre games designed to boost confidence and stage presence.

For those who love the outdoors and photography, the Cudgong Camera Club will host a guided photo walk through the Putta Bucca Wetlands (18 July). Participants will be shown how to capture the perfect nature shot, with cameras available to borrow or the option to bring your own.

A special day trip to Dubbo will offer a mix of excitement and history, with young people invited to solve puzzles in an Escape Room before heading off on a guided tour of the Old Dubbo Gaol (16 July).

And for those unable to attend in person, Council is also offering a creative online competition and free mailout activity kits to keep everyone entertained during the break.

All activities are free but places are limited, so bookings are essential. For activity dates and to register, visit Council's website.

### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

There has been significant interest in Council's work to attract more doctors to the region. I am pleased to report that the Council supported joint initiative, 'Doctors 4 Mudgee Region' has had great success in retaining a cardiologist and sonographer to provide monthly cardiology services and continues its efforts to attract full time GPs. Read more about the program and its progress on page 3.

Last month, Council invited the community to tour the all new Mudgee Team Training Village at Glen Willow. Residents saw the complex first hand, along with its

high-performance gym, recovery pools, seminar rooms, and premium accommodation suites. With capacity to host up to 96 guests as part of a group booking, the venue will generate a new revenue stream for Council.

Council's Youth Services and Libraries are hosting a number of fantastic events these July School Holidays. From CPR training to theatre games and nature photography, there's something for everyone. I encourage parents to take advantage of these free activities for their kids.

 Mayor Des Kennedy



# DISCOUNTED PET DESEXING AND FREE MICROCHIPPING



Throughout the month of August pet owners can access a discount on desexing services as part of a joint initiative between Council, the RSPCA and local vet practices.

A \$140 discount will be available per procedure, with an additional discount available for a limited number of pension concession card holders. This joint initiative aims to make the service more accessible to the community and encourage responsible pet care.

The discount is available during August only and is limited to one desexing procedure per household. Expressions of interest open on Council's website on 1 July and close 18 July. Customers can nominate their preferred vet with only 100 spots available. Veterinary practices will contact customers directly to arrange an appointment. Submitting an expression of interest does not guarantee a booking.

Pet owners are reminded Council also offers free microchipping for cats and dogs throughout the year. For more information visit the microchipping and registration page on Council's website.

## MASTERCLASS EVENT INFORMING SMALL BUSINESSES

This year's Mudgee Region Business Masterclass has been heralded a major success with attendees who rated it as "educational and inspirational".

The annual event brought small business owners together for an inspirational and practical day of business learning, networking, and skill building.

Some of the attendees said: "What we are learning is incredible", "I felt inspired and motivated, it was a well-rounded event", "Great to learn all the little tips and tricks that can significantly impact your life and business" and "Love learning how to use this information to make our workplace more inclusive".

The morning began with a powerful keynote from former NRL player and founder of the Mental Health Movement, Dan Hunt, focusing on mental health and

resilience. Followed by a session with Breath Body Balance, using breathwork to enhance mental clarity, reduce stress and rest your mindset. The Digital Picnic rounded out the day with a three-hour interactive workshop on content creation and how to optimally use social media platforms. The Mudgee Region Business Masterclass will return next year with another line-up of inspirational guest speakers and entrepreneurs.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### FLAVOURS OF MUDGEE

Tasting packages for the twelfth annual Flavours of Mudgee event will be available from 1 September at [flavoursofmudgee.com.au](http://flavoursofmudgee.com.au). This year's event will be held on Saturday, 27 September from 4pm-8pm in Church and Market Streets. Taste the finest produce the region has to offer while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere, live music and entertainment, including street performers.

### NATIONAL TREE DAY

Council is hosting a planting event at Lawsons Creek near Glen Willow on Sunday, 27 July from 10am to 1pm as part of National Tree Day. Council and the community have rehabilitated the site over the last three years. Tools, drinking water and a barbecue lunch will be provided. Visit Council's website or Facebook page for further details.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Library branches across the region will be hosting a variety of fun and engaging activities for children aged 3-12 these July school holidays. Children can make their own comic book, enhance their craft skills, or chill out and watch a film. There will also be an evening STEaM challenge for the family. A small fee is charged for some activities to cover supplies. Bookings essential at [mvrclibrary.eventbrite.com](http://mvrclibrary.eventbrite.com).

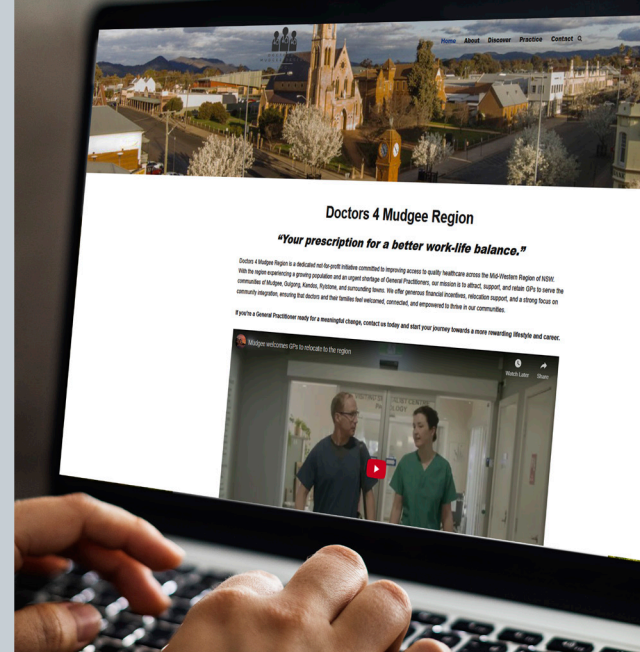
# COMMITTEE ADDRESSING GP SHORTAGE DOCTORS 4 MUDGEE REGION

Doctors 4 Mudgee Region Inc was established on 28 January 2025 as a grassroots initiative jointly supported by Council and local mining partners. Created to address the urgent need for healthcare access across Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone, and Kandos, the program aims to attract ten doctors to the region over the next three years.

The committee brings together voices from the community, local mines, Council, South Mudgee Surgery, Mudgee Medical Centre, and local hospitals. Major funding has been provided by Glencore, Yancoal and

Peabody, with additional significant support from Council. This funding underpins a package of financial incentives of up to \$45,000 per doctor, designed to encourage long-term retention, alongside tailored relocation and integration support into the region.

Encouraging progress has been made, with discussions already underway with several doctors. A cardiologist (Dr Rajan Rehan) and a sonographer are now also visiting the region monthly to provide cardiology services. To learn more visit [doctors4mudgee.com.au](http://doctors4mudgee.com.au).



## PAY YOUR RATES WITH MORE FLEXIBILITY

Payble is a new payment system at Council that allows you to pay your rates with greater ease. Some of the benefits include:

- Choose your payment flexibility - weekly, fortnightly, monthly, when payments are due or make a one-off payment;
- Set and forget payment via your bank account or credit/debit card;
- Freedom to update your scheduled payment without having to contact Council;
- See live balances of your rates accounts;
- Receive SMS reminders when payments are due;

Visit Council's website for more details.

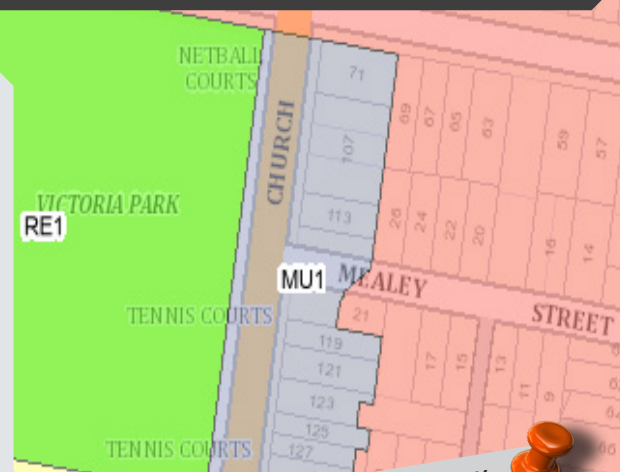
## COUNCIL MOVES TO DIGITAL LEP MAPPING

The Mid-Western Regional Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is a legal document that guides planning controls such as minimum lot size and land use zoning. It affects every parcel of land in our region.

The LEP is a written document and a series of maps. Council is transitioning away from traditional PDF maps within the LEP to a fully digital LEP mapping system.

This change will make mapping easier to access for the community and will also improve transparency by allowing users to track changes to the LEP over time.

Once PDF maps are phased out, all LEP spatial data will be available digitally via the NSW Planning Portal [planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewerhistoric](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewerhistoric). For more information contact [council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au).



### MUDGEE SALEYARDS UPDATE

All sheep transiting through Mudgee Saleyards must be scanned using Sheep eID technology. This initiative supports national biosecurity efforts, helping to protect Australia's sheep industry from disease outbreaks. If you are a regular user of the facility please ensure you're across these changes to avoid delays or disruptions. Find more information on Council's website or speak with our friendly team at the Saleyards.

### FREE GRANT SEARCH TOOL

Looking for funding opportunities but not sure where to start? Council's Grant Search Database connects you with a wide range of funding options for businesses, community groups or organisations, all in one convenient place and completely free. No registration is needed and it's simple to use. Visit Council's website and search 'Grants' to learn more.

### LIVE TRAFFIC APP

Live Traffic NSW provides real-time information about incidents and changes in traffic conditions that affect your journey on roads throughout New South Wales. Whether you're planning a trip or already on the road, this service helps you stay informed. For more information download the Live Traffic App or visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com).

### CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK

Join us for a week of community, culture and connection across Kandos, Gulgong and Mudgee from 5 – 12 July. From hands-on workshops and a powerful film screening to the official flag raising ceremony, there's something for everyone to take part in and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Visit Council's website and Facebook for details.





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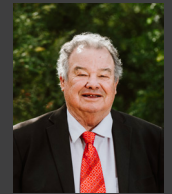
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

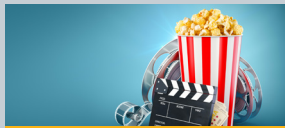


### ALL July

July School Holiday  
Activities - Youth Services

Various locations

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



### 4, 5, 6 July

Town Hall Cinema

Town Hall, Mudgee

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



### 5 - 12 July

NAIDOC Week

Events in Kandos, Gulgong  
and Mudgee

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### 7-18 July

July School Holiday  
Activities - Libraries

Mudgee, Gulgong, Kandos,  
Rylstone Library Branches

Details at  
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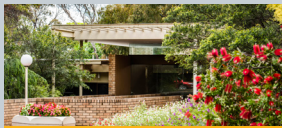


### 11-12 July

Mudgee Small Farm  
Field Days

Australian Rural Education  
Centre (AREC), Mudgee

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



### 16 July

Mid-Western Regional  
Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Market  
Street, Mudgee. From  
5.30pm

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

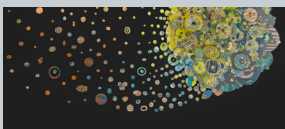


### 19-20 July

NSW Junior State Rugby  
Union Championships -  
Under 11s

Glen Willow Sporting  
Complex, Mudgee

[trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)



### 25 July - 15 Sep

The Indivisible

Mudgee Arts Precinct

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



### 27 July

National Tree Day

Lawsons Creek, Glen  
Willow Sporting Complex  
10am - 1pm

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

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.

Council has adopted the Mid-Western Region Housing Strategy, following the most successful community engagement ever recorded for a strategic land use document in the region. The Strategy sets a clear direction for how the region will grow, outlining the quantity, type, and location of future residential development across the Mid-Western Local Government Area. Developed with funding from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, the Strategy supports the long-term prosperity and liveability of the region.

## 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.

Council has released the 2025 update to its Economic and Business Profile for the Mid-Western Region. This update includes the latest data on population, unemployment, workforce, economic output, businesses, industries, housing, tourism, and more. View the 2025 Update and the Economic and Business Profile at Council's one-stop Business Support Hub: [midwestern.nsw.gov.au/business/business-support](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au/business/business-support).

## Visit.

The Indivisible is an ambitious new exhibition of abstract paintings at Mudgee Arts Precinct, featuring Kandos artists Gabrielle Bates, Leo Cremonese and Georgina Pollard. This exhibition highlights their regional artistic practice, shaped by relocating from Sydney to Kandos on Dabee Wiradjuri land over the past 12 years. Opening at 6pm on Friday, 25 July and running through until 15 September. Mudgee Arts Precinct is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. Entry is free.