

# COMMUNITY NEWS



MAY, 2025

## NRL TICKETS ON SALE



**Get your tickets to see the Penrith Panthers take on the Canberra Raiders from Friday, 2 May at [123tix.com.au](https://123tix.com.au).**

The Telstra Premiership Round 25 game will be held at Glen Willow Stadium on 22 August, kick-off at 6pm.

The match is part of a two-year agreement between Council and the Penrith Panthers for 2025 and 2026. While it's the third time the Canberra Raiders have played in Mudgee, it's the first time for the Panthers. In addition to the game, the club will immerse itself in the community, hosting their Play Like a Panther Rugby League Clinic both years.

Bringing premiership games to the region delivers widespread benefits.

Fans can enjoy the thrill of seeing their favourite players live, while visiting supporters inject a welcome boost into the local economy, spending on accommodation, dining, and retail.

Tickets start at \$30 for adult general admission, \$20 for concession card holders, and \$20 for child general admission. Tickets on sale Friday, 2 May at [123tix.com.au](https://123tix.com.au).

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**\$1.67m** injected into local economy following visitor spend at the Charity Shield



### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Every four years, Council creates the Community Strategic Plan, which sets out the community's vision for the future. As part of the process, Council conducted community engagement from May 2024 to March 2025. During this time, we engaged with more than 4300 people and I'd like to thank the community for their valuable input. This is the largest response to any engagement activity Council has done. Your feedback has informed the direction of the plan, and it will continue to be a vision that we can all contribute towards. Alongside the Community Strategic Plan, Council's draft 2025/26 Operational Plan is also now on public

exhibition. This document sets out Council's budget and projects for the next 12 months, as well as requests from the community. Both documents can now be viewed on Council's website and in-person. We welcome any feedback you may have.

Council will host the Mudgee Region Business Masterclass on 5 June. Formerly the Entrepreneurs Summit, this is a valuable event for small business owners. Hear from an inspirational speaker and take part in a hands-on workshop. Tickets will be on sale later this month. Follow Council's Facebook page for updates.

 **Mayor Des Kennedy**



# COUNCIL PLANS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

# PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE



Council is pleased to announce that the draft Community Strategic Plan – Towards 2040, the 2025–2029 Delivery Program, and 2025/26 Operational Plan are now on public exhibition.

The Community Strategic Plan is developed every four years with extensive input from local residents. It outlines the community's long-term vision and priorities for the region. The Delivery Program sets out Council's key activities over the Council term to help achieve the goals in the Strategic Plan. The Operational Plan details the projects, services, and budgets for the upcoming financial year.

This year's Operational Plan includes \$63 million in capital expenditure, supporting a mix of new projects, essential infrastructure upgrades, and ongoing maintenance. It reflects Council's commitment to financial sustainability while continuing to invest in the growth and wellbeing of our region.

These important documents are now available for community review. We invite you to visit Council's website, view the plans, and share your feedback.

## CONTROLLING INVASIVE WEEDS ON YOUR PROPERTY

Controlling invasive plant and animal species is a key strategy in Council's Community Plan. Weeds are a threat to the natural environment and the agriculture industry, with the financial impact on farming in NSW alone in the vicinity of \$600 million each year.

Priority weeds in the Mid-Western Region are plants that can pose a biosecurity risk to human health, the economy, regional liveability and the environment. Landowners are expected to have a reasonable understanding of the weeds likely to be present on their property and to have a management plan in place to prevent, eliminate or control them. You can take simple steps to help limit the spread of weeds and reduce their impact. Early detection and regular monitoring are among the most effective and affordable ways to manage weeds. The NSW

WeedWise app provides key information to help users reduce the impact of over 300 weeds in NSW. Visit [dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds](https://dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds).

Council's weeds team can assist landholders with weed identification and developing tailored weed management plans. Visit [midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Services/Weeds](https://midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Services/Weeds).



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### JOIN A BOOK GROUP

The Library hosts a number of Book Groups across its branches, and have recently introduced a new evening session. There are currently vacancies in Book Groups in Gulgong and Mudgee. The groups meet monthly from February through to November. For full details about the groups, when they meet, and how to register or join a waitlist, visit [midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Community/Libraries/Book-groups](https://midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Community/Libraries/Book-groups).

### CONSIDERING PET ADOPTION?

Thinking about adding a pet to your family? Consider adopting from the Mudgee Pound, where plenty of lovable cats and dogs are waiting for a second chance at a happy home. To find out more about these furry companions, contact Council Rangers today on 6378 2850 or visit [midwestern.nsw.gov.au/pets-in-the-pound](https://midwestern.nsw.gov.au/pets-in-the-pound).

### TABLETOP GAMERS TWICE A MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

Unplugged Gamers brings people together from across the region to play a variety of contemporary and traditional tabletop games. The group will meet twice a month as a trial on the first and third Thursday of each month, 6pm–8pm at Mudgee Library. Unplugged Gamers is for anyone aged 18 and over. Bookings for this free program are essential, visit [mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com](https://mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com).



# VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: WE WANT YOU

## HELP LOCAL SENIORS

Do you enjoy driving? Do you have extra time on your hands and would like to support seniors in our region? We could have the role for you.

Mudgee Community Transport is seeking volunteers to help provide friendly, reliable transport for the elderly, disabled, and others in the community who have trouble accessing public transport.

Volunteers drive Council fleet vehicles locally and out of the region to Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst, Lithgow, and Sydney.

You can choose your hours—some volunteers drive once a week, others a few days a week, and some just help out when they're available for occasional trips.

Mudgee Community Transport's volunteers help clients maintain their independence and health by attending essential medical appointments.

If volunteering your time to this important local service sounds like you, please contact Council on 6378 2710.



## NEW WAYFINDING SIGNAGE INSTALLED

All new signage has been installed along pathways throughout the Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex and Mudgee CBD to help residents and visitors navigate their way on foot. As well as providing directions to key sites like the Mudgee Pump Track, sculpture walk, Lawson Park and CBD, the signs provide pedestrians with distance to these sites.

Known as wayfinding signage, these signs improve navigation and enhance the user experience in complex spaces. Well-designed signage also supports accessibility, ensuring people with disabilities can navigate easily.



## PLANNING PROPOSAL PROCESSES AND INFORMATION

For residents who would like to know more about the Planning Proposal process there are guidelines available on the NSW Planning Portal titled 'Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline August 2003'. These guidelines provide a comprehensive overview of the Planning Proposal process.

Council's Strategic Planning Team are also at your disposal for further information on specific Planning Proposal processes. Examples include land that has been identified for future urban

growth within one of Council's published land use strategies. For those who have an interest in rezoning and developing land for residential purposes, Council's Strategic Planning Team can talk you through the Planning Proposal process.

A meeting can be arranged by emailing [council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au) or calling Council's Customer Service Team.



### MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels offers more than just nutritious meals—it also provides valuable social connection and a friendly check on clients' wellbeing. In Mudgee, the service is supported by Council and offers flexible options to suit individual budgets, with delivery schedules arranged directly with customers. For more information visit Council's website.

### IPTAAS CLAIMS MADE EASIER

It is no longer necessary to have the referring GP (or other referrer) sign the application form when claiming on IPTAAS (Isolated Patients Transport and Accommodation Assistance Scheme). IPTAAS provides financial assistance towards travel and accommodation costs when you need to travel out of the area to receive medical care not available locally. For more information visit [iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au](http://iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au).

### BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

Landfill (dark green or red bin) and Food and Garden Organics (light green) bins are collected weekly, while Recycling (yellow), Paper and Cardboard (blue) bins are collected fortnightly (alternating weeks). Never miss another bin day. Check your neighbourhood's waste collection days on Council's website.

### MENTAL HEALTH COURSES

Council is hosting free Accidental Counsellor workshops in conjunction with Lifeline. The courses equip participants with the skills and knowledge to support other people experiencing distress or a crisis. Workshops are on 9 May for general community and 23 May for trades people. Bookings are essential, visit Council's Facebook page for more details.





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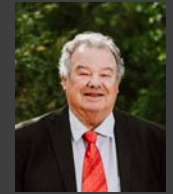
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## EVENTS CALENDAR



**2-4 May**

### Town Hall Cinema

Town Hall Mudgee

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



**3-4 May**

### Mudjee Classic

Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex

Event information at [cyclingclassics.com.au](http://cyclingclassics.com.au).



**4-30 May**

### Gulgong Prince of Wales Eisteddfod

Prince of Wales Opera House

[gulgongeisteddfod.com/program](http://gulgongeisteddfod.com/program).



**4 May**

### Cudgong Choir Concert

St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Mudgee

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



**9 May**

### Annual Angus Breeders Sale

Mudgee Regional Saleyards, Abattoirs Road

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



**9 & 23 May**

### Lifeline Accidental Councillor Workshops

Mudgee Arts Precinct

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



**16 May-20 July**

### ARTEXPRESS 2024

Mudgee Arts Precinct

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



**21 & 28 May**

### Mid-Western Regional Council Meetings

Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee. From 5.30pm

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



**5 June**

### Mudgee Regional Business Masterclass

Mudgee Team Training Village

Bookings essential. Visit [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.

The 27th Annual Angus Breeders Sale will be held at the Mudgee Regional Saleyards on Friday, 9 May. Viewing commences from 9.30am, followed by sales from 11am. Presented by CS Livestock, Elders, MacDonald Lawson Carter, in collaboration with Auctions Plus online sales, the sale is expected to feature in excess of 1100 head of cattle ranging from cows and calves, P.T.I.C females, steers and heifers. Bloodlines include Coffin Creek, Taloooby, Tivoli, Millah Murrah, Trio, Booroomooka and more.

## 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 is inviting local businesses to take part in the new Workforce Shortages Survey. This quick survey aims to identify current staffing gaps, hard-to-fill positions, and recruitment challenges across all industries in the region. Your input will help inform strategies to better support local businesses and tackle workforce shortages. Have your say by visiting Council's website.

## Visit.

ARTEXPRESS 2024 is coming to Mudgee Arts Precinct this month. This exhibition features a selection of outstanding student artworks developed for the HSC examination in Visual Arts in 2024. For the first time, ARTEXPRESS includes two works by former Mudgee students, Gabrielle Tipping and Angela Littler. The exhibition opening event will be held on 16 May from 6-8pm and runs until 20 July. Entry is free.