

COMMUNITY NEWS



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BIKE PUMP TRACK



PUMP TRACK CONSULTATION RESULTS

Council conducted stakeholder engagement in September to obtain community feedback on a new bike pump track to be constructed at the Glen Willow Regional Sporting Complex.

Community members were invited to provide their feedback on two proposed concept designs for the bike pump track via an online survey and at an on-site consultation event.

The pictured design by Dirtz Track Pty Ltd was chosen by the community as the preferred option (concept 2). This design has an area for younger children at the front of the park, and areas for intermediate and expert riders further behind.

Proposed to be conveniently located diagonally across the road from the Jennie Blackman Dog Park, the bike pump track park will be a hub for BMX enthusiasts and riders of all levels.

The bike pump track will make the Glen Willow complex a more diverse facility for residents and visitors, providing a range of amenities for sport and recreational activities.

The project is anticipated to commence this year and completed in the second half of 2024. Council has secured \$350,000 from Moolarben Coal and \$205,000 through the NSW Government's ClubGrants Category 3 Infrastructure Grants for the project.

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submitted responses from the community

\$205K

secured from NSW Government for bike pump track

\$350K

secured from Moolarben Coal for bike pump track



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It is great to see that Flavours of Mudgee made a spectacular return in September with over 10,000 people making their way into Mudgee's CBD to enjoy the region's best food and wine. Close to 50 per cent of attendees were visitors from outside of the region, and it is estimated the event generated \$1.4 million for the local economy (details inside). Flavours of Mudgee will return in 2024 on Saturday, 28 September.

As you'll read, Council engaged directly with the wider community, seeking input on a new bike pump track park to be constructed at the Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex. Community members provided their

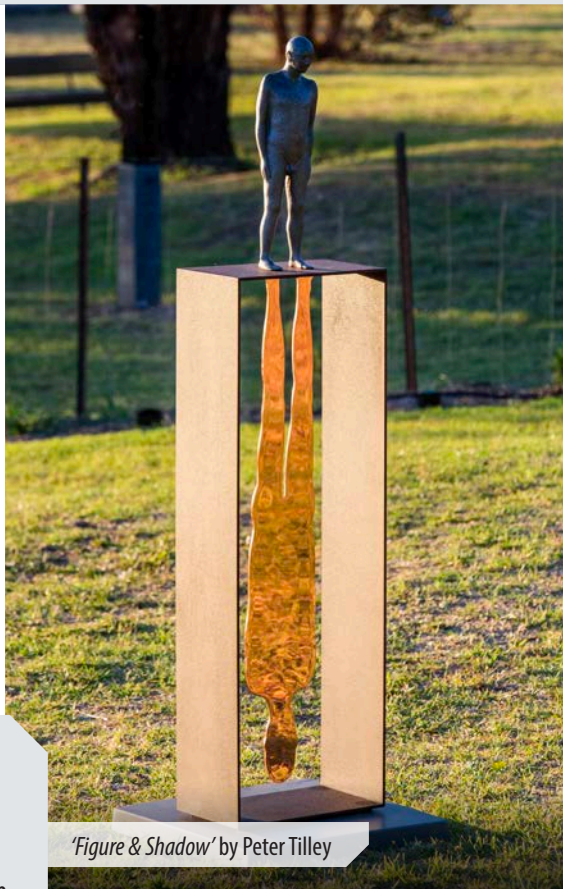
feedback on two proposed concept designs for the new recreational facility. Thanks to everyone who provided their feedback.

It's fantastic to see the region's public art collection growing with three new works selected from the Sculptures in the Garden event. These new sculptures will be installed in coming months.

Early last month a grass fire broke out in the St Fillans area, I would like to thank all emergency responders and Council staff for their efforts, their swift actions ensured properties were safe with minimal damage caused.

Mayor Des Kennedy

PUBLIC ART COLLECTION GROWS WITH THREE NEW SCULPTURES



'Keeper' by Ingrid Morley

Photos: Amber Creative

'Figure & Shadow' by Peter Tilley

'The Angel of Mudgee' by Edward Willson

COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP WITH ART EVENT CONTINUES

Three new additions will soon be added to the region's public art collection following their selection at the annual Sculptures in the Garden event.

The new sculptures include "Keeper" by Ingrid Morley from Jenolan NSW, recipient of the Mid-Western Regional Council and Sculptures in the Garden Acquisition Prize; 'The Angel of Mudgee' by Edward Willson from Bermagui NSW, recipient of the Friends of Sculptures in

the Garden Acquisition Prize; 'Figure & Shadow' by Peter Tilley from Newcastle NSW, recipient of the Moolarben Coal Acquisition Prize. Council is proud to have been a partner of Sculptures in the Garden from its inception. Since 2013 Council has acquired works from the exhibition that are added to the Public Art Collection which has now been expanded into Rylstone.

SEALING LOCAL ROADS

16.8 kilometres of previously unsealed and heavily used local bus routes in the Mid-Western Region will be sealed by the end of 2023, providing improved driving conditions for residents and local bus services.

9 kilometres of Coxs Creek Road, 5.8 kilometres of Botobolar Road, and 2 kilometres of Lower Piambong Road will be sealed from where their respective sealed sections previously ended.

Road strengthening and sealing to a width of 6 metres, table drain reestablishment, and road shoulder clearing is being completed as part of the overall project which will help assist with ongoing maintenance of these local roads, and reducing vehicle wear and tear.

The project will help improve the quality, reliability and safety of Coxs Creek, Botobolar, and Lower Piambong Roads whilst improving access, connectivity, and passenger comfort within the region for rural residents, farmers, school children, emergency services, heavy vehicles and industry.

Council secured \$4,855,200 towards the project through Round 2 of the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads Program, and contributed \$856,800 towards the road sealing.



NEWS IN BRIEF

CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

Council Customer Service Centres, Works Depots and Libraries will close for the Christmas break from 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2023, and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024. There will be minimal closures at other Council facilities and services will continue without interruption. On call staff will remain on duty and available during this period to respond to urgent enquiries on 1300 765 002.

NEW BUSINESS PROGRAM

The Digital Solutions Program, a subsidised Australian Government initiative, is designed to help business owners better understand the digital space. The program offers business owners a personalised digital roadmap tailored to their needs; one-on-one support from expert Business Advisors; access to a content library; and over 200 live webinars and workshops each year. For more information and to join the Program visit digitalsolutions.business/realise-business/

FIRE PREVENTION

The fire season has come early this year with the RFS being called to action putting out fires within our Region. It is of utmost importance that residents exercise precautionary measurements now, the NSW RFS provides extensive information and resources to assist people interested in preparing their homes and families against the risk of bush fires. Visit the RFS website at rfs.nsw.gov.au for detailed information on preparing your home and bushfire survival plans.

\$1.4M INJECTED INTO LOCAL ECONOMY FROM FLAVOURS OF MUDGEE

Flavours of Mudgee made a spectacular return in September with over 10,000 people making their way into Mudgee's CBD to enjoy the region's best food and wine.

Following the success of last year's event after pandemic-forced cancellations in 2020 and 2021, almost half of this year's crowd (44 per cent) were first-timers to the event, with the remaining 56 per cent having attended previously.

A strong contingent of visitors made up this year's crowd, with close to 50 per cent visiting from outside of the region and the remaining

living locally. Based on these visitor numbers, length of overnight stays and postcode data it is estimated the event has generated \$1.4 million for the local economy.

The major event is part of Council's strategy to drive economic development within the region.

Council secured \$30,000 through Destination NSW's Regional Event Fund to market the event locally and throughout the state. Council has also secured an additional \$60,000 through the Fund to promote the event in 2024 and 2025.

Flavours of Mudgee will return in 2024 on Saturday, 28 September.



NEW ACCESSIBLE AMENITIES AT GLEN WILLOW

New accessible amenities including a viewing platform, first aid room, baby change facility, accessible toilet, and water bubblers have been constructed at the Glen Willow Regional Sports Stadium to enhance the experience of event spectators including families, and people with disability and their carers. Located at the northern end of the Stadium grandstand ground floor, the works were co-funded by Council who secured grants through the NSW Government's Regional Events Acceleration Fund and Regional Tourism Activation Fund.

WYNNE PRIZE EXHIBITION FROM DECEMBER

The Wynne Prize 2023 Exhibition is touring regionally from the Art Gallery of NSW for the first time since it began over 125 years ago, and will provide the local community the opportunity to see the best of Australian contemporary landscape painting and sculpture at the Mudgee Arts Precinct from 1 December 2023 to 28 January 2024.

The \$50,000 Wynne Prize is Australia's oldest art prize and was established following a bequest by Richard Wynne who died in 1895.

The Wynne Prize was first awarded in 1897 to mark

the official opening of the Art Gallery of NSW, and has since been awarded annually to the best landscape painting of Australian scenery or figure sculpture, alongside the Archibald and Sulman Prizes.

The Wynne Prize regional tours are proudly supported by the NSW Government through the Create NSW Blockbusters Funding initiative.

The Mudgee Arts Precinct is open seven days a week (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day) from 9am to 5pm. For information on Mudgee Arts Precinct exhibitions visit mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au



Image: Wynne Prize 2023 finalist, Lucy Culliton, Bibbenluke, spring © the artist

PINK UP MONTH

The Mudgee Region turned pink last month in support of the McGrath Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pink Up Mudgee, held annually every October and supported by an array of local businesses, saw a range of events being held to raise funding for the McGrath Foundation. These vital funds provide a McGrath Breast Care Nurse in the region. Visit mcgrathfoundation.com.au for more information, and follow Pink Up Mudgee on Facebook.

LIBRARY BRICK BONANZA

The Mudgee Library Brick Bonanza, a free fortnightly 1 hour activity on Tuesdays for school children (years 3-6), is being held three times across November and December. The Brick Bonanza is a space for children to get creative and release their inner architect. With a new challenge per session, children will be encouraged to think outside the box, engage in teamwork and strive for success. Bookings essential at eventbrite.com.au. For more information visit Council's website.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS MONTH

National Asbestos Awareness Month (1-30 November) is Australia's asbestos awareness and community education campaign in the prevention of asbestos-related diseases. With these diseases continuing to increase among Australians as a direct result of exposure to asbestos fibres during home renovations or in the workplace. Residents are reminded to manage and dispose of asbestos safely in accordance with requirements. For more information visit Council's website.

GET BUSINESS NEWS ONLINE

Council publishes a monthly business e-newsletter titled 'Doing Business in the Mid-Western Region'. Each edition features important information on available business support, funding opportunities, local business events, free online training opportunities, and much more. Subscribe and read previous editions at mudgeeregionbusiness.com.au



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EVENTS CALENDAR



1-26
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Messages in the Sky Mudgee Arts Precinct

The exhibition features the artists' ongoing investigation of air transport and collaborative work with local youth.



3-5
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Town Hall Cinema Mudgee Town Hall

Showing on 3, 4 and 5 November, Blackberry (M), A Haunting in Venice (M), Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (PG). Tickets and session times on Council's website.



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Rylstone Street Feast Louee Street, Rylstone

Enjoy the beauty of Rylstone's main street and sample the diverse range of local foods, produce, wines, art, craftwork, street markets and live entertainment.



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Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers,
Market Street, Mudgee

From 5.30pm. Meeting live-stream available on Council's website midwestern.nsw.gov.au



18-19
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Don Green Western Junior Football Championships

Glen Willow, Mudgee

This annual event will be held at the Glen Willow Regional Sports Complex, Mudgee.



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Australia Day Awards

Nominations close

Visit Council's website to nominate someone for a 2024 Australia Day Award. Six categories to nominate. Australia Day 2024 will be held at Robertson Park Mudgee.

Live.

An open green space has been created on the grounds of St John The Baptist Anglican Church Mudgee, following the opening of the existing sandstone wall on Market Street. A joint initiative between Council and the Anglican Parish of Cudgong Valley, the green space provides toilets at the rear of the church for public use, and will be enhanced with additional trees, paving, and refurbishment of outdoor furniture.

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.

The Mid-Western Region continues to see significant investment as part of the Central West & Orana Renewable Energy Zone. A range of State Significant Development (SSD) projects are at various stages and are being thoroughly monitored and evaluated. Council remains proactive in managing challenges and opportunities that impact our community. The developments provide a large number of employment and supply chain opportunities for local businesses.

Visit.

The Mudgee Race Club will host the 2023 Mudgee Cup at the Mudgee Racecourse from midday on Friday 1 December. With fun for the whole family, the premier annual event will include entertainment, a 7 Race Program and Fashions on the Field. For more information visit mudgeeraceclubinc.com or the Mudgee Race Club Inc Facebook page.

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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