

COMMUNITY NEWS



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EVENTS SHINE BRIGHT



The combined Mudgee Glow and Manly NRL game weekend in April has been heralded a major success for the region.

Thousands of people made their way into Mudgee CBD for Council's Friday evening Mudgee Glow to see spectacular projections and light displays on some of the town's historic buildings, including the Post Office.

Feedback on the free event has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly from families.

The following day, 9024 people headed to Glen Willow to see the Manly Sea Eagles draw 32-all against the Newcastle Knights under sunny skies.

Ticketing data showed half

the crowd were visitors to the region, which returned an estimated \$1.75 million into the local economy.

Mudgee Glow was delivered through the support of the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW - Community Events Program, while Manly v Newcastle was delivered through the support of the Regional Event Acceleration Fund.

\$1.7m injected into the region

5 iconic buildings in Mudgee lit up for Mudgee Glow

3 Manly Warringah Sea Eagles NRL games hosted in the region since 2019



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Each year Council prepares a budget and plan for the projects it will undertake over the coming 12 months. It is one of the most important things we do as a local government organisation and this year's draft 2023/24 Operational Plan and Delivery Program is now on exhibition. This plan sets out how much Council will spend on projects and activities, and also includes submissions from residents. I'd encourage residents to take a look and provide their feedback which can be done online via Council's website.

As you'll read on our cover story, Mudgee Glow was a huge success and

I would like to thank all the businesses that got involved, and either allowed projections onto their building or access for projection devices. Your cooperation was critical to the event being a success.

Council is currently working on a Walking and Cycling Strategic Plan to make walking and cycling access easier for people with disability, seniors, school students and children - as well as commuters, tourists and people running or cycling for fitness. Feedback is encouraged and can be made on Council's website.

Mayor Des Kennedy

LATEST EXHIBITION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Working the Waters

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE WORLD OF WATER

Mudgee Arts Precinct's newest exhibition, Working the Waters, is now open to the public.

The exhibition of immersive moving image and installation works is the first of its kind shown at the Mudgee Arts Precinct.

It explores humanity's engagement with water across the globe and has been curated by Ann Finegan, arts educator, co-founder and former co-director of the Cementa Contemporary Arts Festival in Kandos.

Ann Finegan has brought together a collection of works spanning over a decade in creation that investigate our complex relationship with water and its cultural, environmental, spiritual and social impacts. This collection of immersive time-based projections and installations showcase grandeur through cinematic scale.

The exhibition is on display until 28 May.

COMBATting MISUSE OF WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Ulan Waste Transfer Station was locked to non-Ulan residents earlier this year following ongoing misuse and illegal dumping.

Council undertook consultation and engagement with nearby residents and property owners ahead of locking the facility in January. Since then, Council has seen a reduction in misuse of the site and the dumping of incorrect waste types.

Ulan residents can now access the facility via an electronic key and digitally via an app. Council congratulates the Ulan community on its effort in keeping the facility clean and tidy.

Rural Waste Transfer Stations are only available to rural residents who live outside collection areas.

These sites are for the disposal of domestic waste and recycling.

You can dispose of residential green waste and furniture free of charge at Mudgee, Gulgong and Kandos Waste Facilities. Please contact Council for disposal of domestic quantities of hazardous waste, including asbestos (under 10m²) and household chemicals.



NEWS IN BRIEF

GET YOUR RATES EMAILED

Customers can now opt to receive their water and rates notices by email rather than post. Electronic notices save on time and paper, and help track and manage bills more effectively. To register to receive your rates and water notices via email, visit Council's website midwestern.nsw.gov.au. You'll need an old rates notice with your unique reference number to sign up.

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK WALKING AND CYCLING

Council is planning how to support the growing use of healthy active transport by region's residents and visitors. We want your ideas on getting more people walking, cycling and using new e-mobility options like e-bikes, more often. Feedback can be made on Council's website and closes on 12 May.

SIGN UP TO LOCAL BUSINESS NEWSLETTER

Did you know that you can read and subscribe to Council's monthly business newsletter 'Doing Business in the Mid-Western Region' online? Each edition features important information on government business support, grant opportunities, local business events, free online training opportunities, and much more. Sign up on Council's website.

JOIN IN A DAY OF FUN AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

TREE PLANTING EVENT

Council is inviting residents to plant native trees and shrubs at Glen Willow (west of the Netball Courts) this month.

Native trees and shrubs will be planted near the new road bridge at Glen Willow to revegetate areas of the Cudgogong River.

This tree planting event will take place at Glen Willow on Saturday, 13 May from 8am to 11am.

Participants are invited to park at the netball courts or the dog park.

Those coming along are reminded to wear a hat, sunscreen and enclosed shoes. Gloves, tools and refreshments will be supplied.

A free barbecue lunch will be provided to volunteers. For more information visit Council's Facebook page.



REDUCING INVASIVE SPECIES AT CARP MUSTER

More than 115 carp were removed from Putta Bucca Wetlands recently as part of the annual Carp Muster. Hosted by Council and Local Land Services, the fishing competition is held each year to raise awareness of the invasive species and reduce its numbers in local waterways. Carp have destructive feeding habits and spread to new waterways, competing with native fish and reducing water quality.

Over 200 people attended this year's event at Putta Bucca Wetlands. Council would like to thank partners Club Mudgee Fishing Club and Mudgee Men's Shed for their assistance with the event.

ILLEGAL DUMPERS ISSUED CLEAN UP COSTS

Unfortunately, Council's Rural Waste Transfer Stations continue to be the target of illegal dumping.

Last month, asbestos and tyres were dumped at two facilities and reported by the public. Thanks to these reports and evidence collected from surveillance cameras, Council was able to issue a clean-up cost notice to the individuals who illegally dumped these waste items.

Residential loads (of up to 10m²) of waste

containing or potentially containing harmful asbestos can be safely disposed of at Mudgee Waste Facility for FREE. Bookings must be made no later than 24 hours prior to disposal date. For more information visit Council's website.

A clean-up cost notice was also issued for incorrect disposal of tyres. Tyres are a trackable waste similar to asbestos and are not accepted at any unmanned Waste Transfer Stations.



MAY TOWN HALL CINEMA

Champions (M), *Fisherman's Friend: One and All (PG)*, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie (CTC)* will hit the big screen this month on 5, 6 and 7 May. Tickets 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.

CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY

From 1 May 2023, the Library will no longer have the Axis360 app available for members. The majority of content from Axis360 will be transferred to the BorrowBox platform. This means eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines will all be available in the one place. Get started by downloading BorrowBox today.

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

Council's Draft 2023/24 Operational Plan and Delivery Program is now on public exhibition and can be viewed on Council's website. The plan sets out the projects and activities which Council is committed to over the coming financial year and during this term of Council, with measures, time frames, and responsibilities identified. Feedback can be submitted on Council's website midwestern.nsw.gov.au

LOST YOUR PET?

Have you lost your pet? Or are you looking to adopt an animal? You can view an up to date register of all animals currently held at Mudgee Pound on Council's website at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/pets-in-the-pound. To report a missing animal, arrange a visit to the pound or enquire about adoption, please get in touch with Council directly on 6378 2850.



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EVENTS CALENDAR



5-7
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Town Hall Cinema Mudgee Town Hall

Generally held on the first weekend of each month. Adults \$15, children/concession \$10 and children under 5 free. Bookings and screenings on Council's website.



FROM
14
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Gulgong Prince of Wales Eisteddfod

Various locations

Showcases the talents of the youth in our region in three disciplines: Dance, Music and Speech. The event begins on 14 May and runs to 2 June.



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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



10-12
JUN

UneARThed Gulgong

UneARThed Art Show and Exhibition is a diverse art and culture event that showcases local, regional and interstate artists.



10-12
JUN

Henry Lawson Heritage Festival

Gulgong

Step back in time to the gold rush days and celebrate Henry Lawson's birthday.



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JUN

Gulgong Gold Cup

Gulgong Racecourse

Enjoy a fun day of country racing at the annual race meet.

Live.

Have you signed up for YourWater? Monitor and track your daily water consumption and detect leaks in real time with Council's Smart Water Meter Portal. Along with daily data on the amount of water being used in the home, customers can review water charges and set up email and SMS alerts to notify of possible water leaks and high consumption periods. Monitor your water consumption anywhere, anytime. Save water, save money and register for free at yourwater.midwestern.nsw.gov.au

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.

Latest data has revealed that the region's unemployment rate has decreased half a percent to 1.8 per cent (December 2022 quarter). This is the region's lowest unemployment rate in over 12 years, and is 1.2 per cent and 2.1 per cent lower than the NSW and Orana Region unemployment rates respectively. As at the December 2022 quarter, the region's labour force was 13,354 people, and there were 237 unemployed people in the region. *Source: Jobs and Skills Australia*

Visit.

There is so much to see and do in Gulgong over the June Long Weekend as the town celebrates the annual Henry Lawson Heritage Festival. Throughout the weekend (10 - 12 June) there will be market stalls, performances by local musicians and dancers, a grand parade, cake cutting for Henry Lawson's birthday, scarecrow trail, best dressed competition, poetry recitals, poetry competition and more.

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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