

COMMUNITY NEWS



JANUARY, 2025

2025 CHARITY SHIELD



The Charity Shield will return to Mudgee on Saturday, 22 February at Glen Willow.

The pre-season fixture featuring the South Sydney Rabbitohs v St George Illawarra Dragons will kick-off at 3pm.

Glen Willow Stadium has been home to the Charity Shield for seven years and has secured the game again in 2025 and 2026. The event is a calendar highlight for the region, bringing an economic boost and showcasing the town as a major tourism and sporting destination.

In 2023, the game attracted a crowd of 8,317 and injected \$1.6 million of spending into restaurants and cafes, retailers and accommodation providers.

General admission tickets start at \$28 for adults, \$18 for concession card holders, \$18 for juniors (5 - 15 years old) and \$80 for a family of four. Tickets on sale at 123tix.com.au. Tickets will be available at the gate for an additional charge, if not sold out prior.

For more information visit Council's website.

\$28

cost of a general admission adult ticket

7th

annual Charity Shield hosted at Glen Willow

\$1.6m

economic benefit to the region from the 2023 Charity Shield



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

2025 promises to be an exciting year, packed with major events to look forward to on the calendar. This year Australia Day celebrations will be held at Anzac Memorial Park in Gulgong, with a free barbecue for everyone to enjoy from 8am. The whole community is invited along to this family friendly event where we recognise the contributions of locals.

Mudgee will welcome the NRL back to Glen Willow in February, kicking things off with the pre-season Charity Shield, followed by Penrith Panthers v Canberra Raiders on 22 August. These games bring a significant economic boost to the community, and we are proud to host

players and fans in the region.

Engagement for the development of the Community Plan is well underway, following face-to-face activities in November. Throughout January and early February, residents can share their thoughts on Council's priorities through a series of online surveys. Your input is essential to ensure the plan reflects the community's needs and aspirations. I encourage everyone to get involved and have their say.

On behalf of Council, I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and safe year ahead.

Mayor Des Kennedy

COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Highlights from the State of Our Region Report, capturing key achievements from the previous term of Council.

MUDGEES ARTS PRECINCT (MAP)

The Mudgee Arts Precinct, which opened in 2021, has hosted several successful exhibitions, including the Wynne exhibition, *MAP Portrait Prize*, and *Guwayu: For All Time*. In 2022, the building received the prestigious World Architectural Festival Award, an accolade that celebrates architectural excellence from across the globe. The precinct's design is a striking blend of old and new, paying homage to the region's rich heritage. To have the building recognised on the world stage, alongside projects from around the globe, is a tremendous achievement.



RYLSTONE CARAVAN PARK UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS

During the first phase of improvements at the Rylstone Caravan Park, a new amenities building was constructed. The amenities facility includes restrooms, showers, storage space, laundry area, baby changing station, reception office, and an outdoor camp kitchen. This addition plays a vital role in enhancing the services offered to visitors at the caravan park. Council secured \$154,525 through the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, and contributed \$499,809 towards the project.

RED HILL COTTAGE UPGRADES

This project included the restoration of the historic Miners Cottage and the construction of new public amenities at the Gulgong Gold Experience. The restored Miners Cottage now serves as a welcoming hub for visitors, featuring tea rooms, gift shop, fully equipped kitchen, bathroom, and a dedicated visitor information centre. These renovations have revitalised a key local tourism asset and the Miners Cottage is expected to attract more visitors to the region, encourage longer stays, and contribute to local economic growth.



KANDOS WASTE FACILITIES

The Kandos Waste Transfer Station has undergone improvements, including the establishment of a new office and shop. These upgrades provide a comfortable workspace for staff and offer the community a convenient location to access waste management services. The shop also contributes to sustainability by offering repurposed and recycled items, encouraging waste reduction, and promoting environmentally conscious practices within the region.

NEWS IN BRIEF

RECEIVE RATES BY EMAIL
Did you know your 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.

REPORT A PROBLEM
The best way to let Council know about a problem or request is to report a problem which you can do in just a few minutes online. Simply follow the link to report a problem on 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 report.

MAKE A SUBMISSION
Council has initiated the budget planning process for the next financial year and is encouraging residents to participate by submitting proposals. Proposals can encompass new infrastructure, projects, activities, region-wide improvements, and can be lodged on Council's website until 10 January.

RESIDENTS RECOGNISED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

Congratulations to the following Mid-Western Region 2025 Australia Day nominees:

Citizen of the Year: Sam Paine, Carol Jones and Adam Davis.

Young Citizen of the Year: Charlie Johanson and Grace Pearce.

Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts and Music: Darsharni Martins and Tyrolin Puxty.

Sports Award: St Matthews Mudgee 9/10 boys netball team, Arya South, William Peake, Hayley Forster, Chelsea Mottershead and Spencer Doyle.

Volunteer Services Award: Mudgee Playgroup Committee, Lorraine Stewart, Heather Rushton and Jason Turner.

Community Event of the Year: Can Cruise 2024, Mudgee Lions Eye Health Programme for Children, Rylstone Rodeo Bull-A-Rama, Mudgee Showground Carols and Mudgee and District Toy Run.

Australia Day Awards will be presented at Anzac Memorial Park, Gulgong on Sunday, 26 January. Enjoy a free barbecue breakfast from 8am followed by the official ceremony.



ESSENTIAL ROADWORKS ULAN ROAD

Stage 1 of essential roadworks on Ulan Road, Mudgee began in October. These works involved full road rehabilitation to address significant damage from the 2022 floods and improve overall driving conditions. Stage 2 will commence in late January and include Ulan Road between Short Street roundabout and Pitts Lane roundabout.

There will be full road closures with detours through Mudgee and Putta Bucca, access to the Mudgee Nursery and Café will be maintained at all times throughout the project, either from the southern or the northern side. There will be detailed notifications confirming times and detours closer to the date. Council appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as we work to improve our region's road network.

PLANNING AND BUILDING APPLICATION LODGEMENT GUIDE IMPROVING PROCESSES

Starting 1 July 2024, the NSW Government prescribed benchmarks for NSW councils in relation to their performance on a range of planning and development functions, with the aim of speeding up the development application process and address the housing crisis. Following this, Council has developed an Application Lodgement Guide. This is the go-to document for people who want to

lodge an application for development, via the NSW Planning Portal. The document includes a submission matrix and checklist to help applicants understand what documentation they need to provide. It is anticipated that this guide will increase the efficiency of the overall application process. The Application Lodgement Guide can be found on the Council's website at midwestern.nsw.gov.au.



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.

POOL SAFETY FOR SUMMER

There are a few simple things to remember to keep your children safe at the region's pools. Lifeguards are responsible for the safety of all patrons and cannot watch your children for you. Parents still need to supervise children at all times while at the pool. This means focusing all your attention on them all of the time, when they are in, on or around the water.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Searching for enchanting activities for your children aged 3-12 this January? Our summer school holiday program has family trivia, creative collage sessions, cozy movie afternoons, and a treasure trove of Neverland-themed art activities. A small fee of \$5 is charged for some activities to cover supplies. Bookings essential at: mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com

GET GRUBBY PROGRAM

Looking for something to entertain and inspire your kids this school holidays? This online curriculum subscription service focuses on nature and sustainability, featuring never seen before video content with Dirtgirl, Scrapboy and Costa the Garden Gnome, activity kits, educator guides and email editions. Email waste.admin@midwestern.nsw.gov.au for your access code.



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EVENTS CALENDAR



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Council Re-Opens

Customer Service Centres and Works Depots re-open at 8.30am. Libraries opening hours vary see Council's website.



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Community Plan Proposals

Submissions close

Residents are invited to submit 'Community Plan Proposals' (CPPs) for consideration in the 2025/26 Operational Plan.



10-12
JAN

Town Hall Cinema

Mudgee Town Hall

Wicked, Moana 2 and *Gladiator II*. Adults \$15, children/concession \$10 and children under 5 free. Bookings and screenings on Council's website.



18-19
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2025 Swimming NSW Country Regional Championships

Gulgong Memorial Pool

400 swimmers from across regional New South Wales will compete. Pool will be closed to public.



25-26
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Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show

Simpkins Park

Family friendly event, with burnouts, show n shine, go-to-whoa, free kids entertainment, fireworks, and more.



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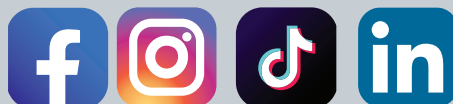
Australia Day Ceremony

Anzac Memorial Park, Gulgong

Free barbecue breakfast from 8am followed by official ceremony.

All information correct at the time of publication. Events may be subject to change. Please contact event organisers for further details.

Stay up to date with Council news as it happens.



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Live.

The Mudgee Regional Saleyards is a community facility owned and maintained by Council. Cattle and sheep sales are held every two weeks on Wednesday from 8am to 10.30am. Store cattle sales are held on the last Thursday of the month from 10am to 1.30pm. Located at 61 Abattoirs Road, Mudgee, up to 24 sales are held at the yards each year. All 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, 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.

If you own a business, or looking to start a new business, Council provides a range of support at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/business/business-support. The one-stop hub on Council's website provides businesses with up-to-date links to training opportunities, grants and other useful information. Sign up for the bi-monthly business newsletter that provides information on business events, grant opportunities, and the latest business news.

Visit.

The Mid-Western Region is home to a wide range of stunning walks, from a bird lover's paradise at Putta Bucca Wetlands to Indigenous rock art at Hands on Rock located two kilometres past the popular Drip walking track. At Ferntree Gully there are two walking tracks through an incredible gully containing fern trees and breathtaking rock formations. Visit visitmudgeeregion.com.au for more information.