

# COMMUNITY NEWS



JULY, 2024



## 2024 FLAVOURS OF MUDGEE

**The eleventh annual Flavours of Mudgee is set to return on Saturday, 28 September.**

Mudgee's flagship event will take place in the picturesque Mudgee CBD, along Church and Market Streets. Featuring local stall holders, this event showcases the finest food and wine the region has to offer.

Flavours of Mudgee is expected to draw a large crowd, including a significant number of visitors from outside the region. These visitors typically stay for 1-3 nights, providing a substantial boost to the local economy.

Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, entertainers and musicians will be performing amongst the crowd.

Adult tasting packages are priced at \$25 which includes a

tumbler and five tasting tokens. For children, a \$15 kids package is available, that includes three tokens for selected food vendors and a souvenir cup. Tasting packages will go on sale from 1 September.

Flavours of Mudgee will be held from 4pm to 8pm, locals are encouraged to secure their tasting packages to avoid disappointment. Packages will be available for purchase at [flavoursofmudgee.com.au](http://flavoursofmudgee.com.au).

64

Stallholders attended in 2023

10,326

people attended Flavours of Mudgee in 2023

\$2m

contribution to the local economy



### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Council has recently completed a draft Walking and Cycling Strategic Plan, outlining the types of facilities needed to support the communities of Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone, and Kandos. The document was available on Council's website for public exhibition, thank you to everyone who provided their valuable feedback.

I would like to thank Council's volunteers who were celebrated during National Volunteers Week with a luncheon held at the end of May. Congratulations to Ian Keys, who was honoured for his impressive 15 years of dedicated service to Community Transport.

Mudgee Arts Precinct's Guwayu exhibition has been a tremendous success, attracting a record number of visitors to see this important body of works by First Nations artists. The exhibition will remain open until 28 July.

Looking ahead, Council elections are scheduled for 14 September. In preparation, Council has conducted two briefing sessions to inform prospective Councillor candidates about the essential role of local government in delivering vital community services.

Mayor Des Kennedy

# PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

# IN MUDGEE AND KANDOS



## ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND ADDITIONS

**Exciting upgrades have been completed at Lawson Park and Kandos Rotary Park playgrounds.**

The new pirate ship design concept at Lawson Park playground focuses on climbing, imaginative play, role-playing, and slides. New seating and tables have been installed, along with landscaping to create an inviting environment. Council has expanded the rubber impact-absorbing material throughout the area to enhance safety and reduce maintenance.

Kandos Rotary Park playground has also seen significant improvements, including a climbing tower and a skyrider zip line, providing even more fun and adventure for children. Additional seating and expanded impact-absorbing material has been installed for safety and comfort.

Council is committed to providing safe, engaging, and fun playgrounds for children throughout the region.

## NATIONAL TREE DAY AT GLEN WILLOW

Council, in partnership with Planet Ark and Toyota, is proudly hosting a National Tree Planting Day event at Lawsons Creek in the Glen Willow Sporting Complex later this month. Residents are invited to come along on 28 July from 9am to 12pm to help plant trees and shrubs.

This initiative aims to attract native animals and extend the riparian buffer zone along Lawsons Creek. Parking will be available at Glen Willow in P4, located at the northern end of the facility, next to the junior rugby league fields.

On the day, gloves, tools, and refreshments will be supplied. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a hat and enclosed shoes for protection. The event will conclude with a free barbecue for volunteers at 12pm,

organised by the Mudgee Lions Club. Additionally, there will be a lucky door prize for participants. Volunteers are welcome to register on the day. For more information and to register before the day, visit Council's website.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MUDGEE LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Get ready to go for gold these school holidays! Children aged 3-12 will be delighted that the Library is hosting an Olympic-themed extravaganza of school holiday activities; filled with fun, games, and friendly competition. Let the games begin! A small fee is charged for some activities to cover supplies. Bookings are essential: [mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com](http://mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com).

### LIFE ADMIN DAY

Join us for "Life Admin Day" on Wednesday, 10 July, from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Cultural Workshops, 2-6 Douro Street, Mudgee. This free event features representatives from Services Australia, Service NSW, and NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Bring your ID, birthdate, and birthplace info to apply for birth certificates, IDs, Medicare cards and more.

### MUDGEE ARTS PRECINCT PORTRAIT PRIZE

Don't forget to start your portrait for the next MAP Portrait Prize which opens on 1 November 2024. Categories will include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and digital art. The Next Gen Portrait Prize for the region's youth will also be exhibited at the upstairs galleries over the same time. Entries close 30 September, visit [mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au](http://mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au).

# APPLICATIONS FOR SOLID WOOD HEATERS

Residents who are considering installing a wood heater in their home are advised to seek approval prior to installation. Domestic combustion heaters and fire places must be approved and installed in accordance with the Local Government Act, to ensure safety and compliance.

Residents can submit their applications through the NSW Planning Portal. The application must include the manufacturer's installation instructions and a floor plan. Once the application is approved and installed, residents should contact Council to

schedule a final inspection.

Council's final inspection ensures that the installation complies with the Building Code of Australia and the manufacturer's specifications, safeguarding home occupants.

To lodge an application, residents are required to set up an account on the NSW Planning Portal, the application can be found under section 68 of the Local Government Act.

For more information and to apply, visit [planningportal.nsw.gov.au](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au).



## NEW AMENITIES BUILDING IN CLANDULLA

In response to community requests, Council has added a new amenities block at the Clandulla Recreation Ground. The new structure features striking artwork that blends seamlessly with the area's natural beauty.

The artwork not only beautifies the structure but also reflects the local flora and fauna, making it a visually appealing addition to the recreation ground. Council is committed to providing functional and aesthetically pleasing facilities that enhance community spaces.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES CELEBRATES VOLUNTEER WEEK

Council's Community Services celebrated National Volunteer Week with a luncheon to honour the remarkable individuals who generously dedicate their time to make a difference in the community. These volunteers contribute through Council supported programs such as Meals on Wheels and Community Transport.

At the luncheon Community Transport driver, Ian Keys, was recognised for his extraordinary

commitment as a volunteer. Over the past 15 years, Ian has driven an impressive 160,500 kilometres, providing transportation for clients from Mudgee to Sydney, as well as to areas in the region and within Mudgee itself.

The efforts of volunteers result in a significant improvement in the lives of clients, facilitating access to medical appointments, social engagements, personal errands, and meal deliveries.



### ADOPT DON'T SHOP

Choosing a pet from the pound is a great way to find a diverse range of animals, from different breeds to unique mixed breeds. Council encourages residents looking for a furry friend to adopt don't shop. Adopting a pet is a rewarding experience that transforms the life of an animal and brings joy and companionship to the adopter. Visit [midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au).

### CRAFTERNOON IN KANDOS

Craft enthusiasts, mark your calendars. Join Kandos Library for Crafternoon, held every second Wednesday of the month. Whether you're into modern crafts, traditional techniques, or anything in between, there's something for everyone. This is a free event with all materials provided. Don't miss out on the fun from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Bookings are essential through [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au)

### PLASTIC FREE JULY

Take the Plastic Free July challenge this month and make a difference. Reduce single-use plastics, minimise landfill waste, and help protect our natural environment. Join millions worldwide taking part in this initiative to stop plastic pollution. For more information and handy hints on how you can help, visit [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org).

### GUWAYU EXHIBITION

Guwayu: for all time is showing at Mudgee Arts Precinct until 28 July. Come and see some of Australia's most famous First Nations artists in an important exhibition curated by Wiradjuri woman, Aleshia Lonsdale. The exhibition includes works by Vincent Namatjira, Danie Mellor, Fiona Foley, Blak Douglas and Lorraine Connelly-Northey.



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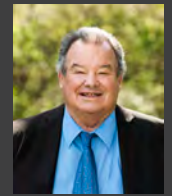
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## EVENTS CALENDAR



5-7  
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### Town Hall Cinema

#### Mudgee Town Hall

Showing on the 5, 6 and 7 July. Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (M), IF (PG), The Way My Way (M). Tickets and session times are available on Council's website.



7-14  
JULY

### NAIDOC Week

#### Various Locations

Flag raising ceremony at Kandos Museum on Friday, 12 July, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Free screenings of The New Boy in Mudgee, Kandos, and Gulgong. More info at [midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au).



12-13  
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### SMALL FARM FIELD DAYS

#### AREC

A two-day annual event that has been running for over 40 years. The event promotes innovation and sustainability in agriculture and rural living.



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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.



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### NSW Junior Rugby Union

#### Glen Willow Sporting Complex

Under 11's Junior Rugby Union State Gala will be held at Glen Willow Sporting Complex.



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### National Tree Day

#### Lawsons Creek, Glen Willow

Plant trees and shrubs to improve native habitat. Bring a hat and sunscreen. Tools, gloves and refreshments will be provided.

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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2022 WINNER

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## Live.

After extensive community consultation, Mudgee Library has adjusted their opening hours. Effective from 1 July, 2024, the new hours are as follows: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 9am - 5.30pm, Thu: 9am - 7.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 1.30pm. This change adds 5.5 extra hours per week of operating hours, aligning with local business hours. No adjustments have been made to the Gulgong, Kandos, or Rylstone branches. Mudgee Library staff look forward to welcoming you during the new extended hours at the Mudgee branch.

## 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.

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](http://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 a wealth of information including key economic data to support business.

## Visit.

Mudgee Arts Precinct is hosting the Waste 2 Art community exhibition and competition until 21 July. This innovative event features creative works made from reused and recyclable waste materials, challenging individuals to breathe new life into items that would otherwise be discarded. For more information on Waste 2 Art and upcoming exhibitions visit [mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au](http://mudgeeartsprecinct.com.au).