

FLAVOURS OF MUDGEE PACKAGES ON SALE



With less than a month to go, Flavours of Mudgee tasting packages are now on sale and expected to sell fast - don't miss out.

While entry to Flavours of Mudgee is free, attendees are encouraged to purchase tasting packages for a complete experience. For \$25, you'll receive five tasting tokens and a souvenir Flavours of Mudgee tasting tumbler, perfect for sampling the region's award-winning wines. Kids packages, priced at \$15, include three tokens and a souvenir cup, ensuring they can join in the fun too.

Packages are on sale now and will be available for pick-up at the Stables car park (86 Market Street, Mudgee - next to Council's Mudgee Administration Building) from

22 September and on the event day. Check the Flavours of Mudgee website for collection times: flavoursofmudgee.com.au.

Last year, Flavours of Mudgee attracted over 10,000 attendees, celebrating our vibrant local food and wine culture. Don't miss the chance to be part of the region's largest food and wine event. Secure your tasting package today and get ready to indulge in the region's best culinary delights.

Flavours of Mudgee will be held on 28 September in Mudgee's CBD from 4 - 8pm.

\$25

adult tasting packages

\$15

children's tasting packages

22

September tasting packages will be available for pick-up at 86 Market Street, Mudgee



FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Local government elections will be held on Saturday, 14 September, at polling stations in Mudgee, Gulgong, and Rylstone. Residents are reminded that voting is compulsory, and pre-poll voting will be available from Saturday, 7 September.

This September celebrates Wine and Food Month. I encourage all residents to explore the range of events happening throughout our region over this period. Flavours of Mudgee is Council's flagship event taking place in Mudgee's CBD on 28 September. This is an event not to be missed and has grown to become the largest wine and food festival in our

region. The festival draws large crowds, including many visitors eager to sample the finest produce the region has to offer. Tasting packages for this year's event are now on sale and are expected to sell out quickly, so be sure to secure yours today.

I encourage the community to take part in providing feedback on Council's Housing Strategy survey. The survey aims to make sure the strategy meets residents housing needs, supports local businesses and industries. Please visit Council's website for more information.

GM Brad Cam

LAST DAYS UNTIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ARE HERE

Local government elections are being held on the second Saturday of this month, 14 September.

With local government elections just around the corner, it's important to remember the significant role the community plays in electing nine Councillors for a four-year term.

On election day there will be multiple polling locations throughout the region, ensuring that every resident has ample opportunity to participate.

Pre-poll voting runs from Saturday, 7 September, to Friday, 13 September (excluding Sunday, 8 September).

Residents can visit the NSW Electoral Commission website at elections.nsw.gov.au to verify their enrolment and find the nearest polling station. For additional details, visit Council's website.

Voting is compulsory so be sure to participate and help shape the community's future.

BIKE PUMP TRACK UPDATE

The new bike pump track at Glen Willow Sporting Complex is about to start construction and is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

In late 2023 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 design chosen has an area for younger children at the front of the park, and areas for intermediate and expert riders further behind.

The track will be located diagonally across from the Jennie Blackman Dog Park, and will be a hub for BMX enthusiasts and riders of all skill levels.

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



FREE ONLINE TUTORING

The Library now offers free online tutoring for students in Years 3 - 12 via Studiosity. Library members can connect live with qualified tutors for help in english, maths, chemistry and more. Students can also upload essays and drafts for feedback. To learn more or use this free service, visit: midwestern.nsw.gov.au/community/libraries/E-resources.

FREE CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

In October, Mudgee Tip and Kandos Transfer Station will be accepting household chemicals for free. Drop-off days are Tuesday, 8 October, from 2.30 - 5.30pm at Mudgee, and Sunday, 13 October, from 2 - 5pm at Kandos. These services offer a safe disposal method for hazardous materials, promoting environmental safety and responsible waste management.

RFS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Residents can attend the Cudgong Rural Fire Service community education days at the new Rural Fire Service building, 6 Goodger Place, Eurunderee on Saturday, 7 and 21 September, from 10am - 4pm. Explore the history of rural firefighting with a display of tankers, uniforms, and equipment from early times to today. Entry is \$5 for those over 14; under 14s enter free. For more info visit, NSW RFS - Cudgong District Facebook Page.

NEWS IN
BRIEF

PUTTA BUCCA WETLANDS PROJECT COMPLETED

In July, Council invited the community to celebrate the official grand opening of the Putta Bucca Wetlands Tourism and Community Infrastructure Development Project on Saturday, 20 July. The family-friendly event was a fun-filled day with a variety of free activities for all ages to enjoy.

On the day there were plenty of activities for children and families to participate in, including a scavenger hunt, nature walks, bird box painting and building, face painting, and a visit from Council's Library van.

The newly completed project at Putta Bucca Wetlands features a range of new amenities, including a boardwalk, picnic shelters, playground, native bee garden and upgraded car parking.

The Wetlands now feature 13 bird nest boxes and a bird hide, providing avian lovers with ideal locations to observe and enjoy the local bird life.

This significant development was made possible through joint funding from the Australian and NSW Government's Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF CITIZENSHIP

This year the nation commemorates 75 years of Australian Citizenship. On 18 July, Council held a citizenship ceremony at Council Chambers welcoming 17 new citizens.

This year's ceremonies mark a significant milestone in the nation's history and celebrates the diversity and strength of a growing community.

Congratulations to our new citizens, the community of the Mid-Western Region looks forward to the positive impact you will bring to both the region and Australia as a whole.



HOUSING STRATEGY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Council is developing a Housing Strategy to ensure our region's growth and prosperity. Council wants to hear from the community about their current housing experiences and vision for the region's future.

Community input will help shape housing solutions that support local businesses, industries, and our visitor economy while ensuring suitable housing for all residents.

Residents can share insights by participating in our online survey available on Council's website

until Friday, 27 September. Your feedback is crucial in understanding the housing needs of our community moving forward. All feedback collected will be instrumental in refining the Housing Strategy.

Later this year, Council will seek further community input on the proposed strategy objectives and recommendations.

For more information and to take part in the survey visit Council's website.



YOUNG PARENTS GROUP

Young Parents Group will be held at Saint Dominic's Hall, Kandos, on 5 and 12 September from 10am - 12pm hosted by Council and Barnardos Playgroup. Gain insights on neurodivergence from a speech therapist, learn to spot home dangers for infants, and get free child car seat checks. For more information, visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Council's Events Assistance Program is now open for Round 2, offering support for events that boost the local economy and attract visitors to the region. This round is for events held between 1 January - 30 June 2025. Not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding and in-kind support. Events with at least two years of proven success can apply for up to three years of funding in one application. Visit Council's website to apply.

GET READY MID-WESTERN

As we approach the warmer months, residents should be aware of the risk of emergencies and natural disasters, including bush fires, floods and storms. To find out more on what you can do to be better prepared in an emergency this summer, visit Council's website.

MAGPIE SWOOPING SEASON

Please be aware of magpies this spring when walking or cycling in any of our local parks and open spaces. For most of the year magpies are not aggressive, but for roughly eight weeks (between August and October) during nesting they will often defend their territory vigorously. Magpies are very protective parents and may swoop anyone seen as a threat.

EVENTS CALENDAR



8
SEP

Mudgee Mug

Mudgee Racecourse

Enjoy a day of action packed horse racing at Mudgee Racecourse. For more information visit, mudgeeraceclubinc.com

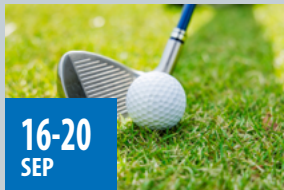


14
SEP

Local Government Elections

Various locations

Vote for 9 Councillors who will represent Mid-Western Regional Council for the next four year term. Voting is compulsory



16-20
SEP

Veterans Week of Golf

Mudgee Golf Club

The annual golfer's tournament has been running for over 20 years at Mudgee Golf Club



19-22
SEP

Cementa

Kandos

Cementa is a popular biennial art's festival held in Kandos over 4 days and nights. For more information, visit cementa.com.au



27-29
SEP

Mudgee Show Jumping Festival

Mudgee Showground

The Mudgee Show Society Show Jumping is a three day festival held at Mudgee Showground from 8am - 4pm



28
SEP

Flavours of Mudgee

Mudgee CBD

Flavours of Mudgee is back from 4 - 8pm, with over 60 stall holders offering wine, food, and more. Visit flavoursofmudgee.com.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.

Mudgee pool is now open from 6 - 10am, 7 days a week, in response to community requests. This trial extension aims to provide access for early morning swimmers. Normal operating hours will resume at all pools in Mudgee, Gulgong and Rylstone starting on 27 September. Regular users of Council pools should consider purchasing a season pass, available on Council's website. Family concession passes, covering two adults and 3 children, start at \$188, while full-price family passes are available for \$266. For more information visit midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

Work.

Mid-Western Regional Council is an award-winning organisation, offering a variety of career opportunities in areas such as administration, planning and development, water supply, parks and gardens, libraries, operations, and community services. You can register your interest in a career at Council by completing a form in the careers section of Council's website. On the form, you can specify your position of interest and upload your resume for consideration for future vacancies. Find out more at midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Careers.

Invest.

Latest consumer expenditure data has revealed that 9.9 million transactions worth a record total \$827.6m were conducted in the Mid-Western Region by residents, businesses and visitors in 2023-24. This is an additional \$26.6m and approximately 370,000 more transactions than in 2022-23. Of the \$827.6m, residents and local businesses spent 68.5 per cent (\$568m) whilst visitors spent 31.5 per cent (\$260m).

Visit.

Now that we are coming into the warmer months, why not plan a visit to one of the numerous local attractions in the Mid-Western Region. If you are seeking a place to unwind, consider visiting Ganguddy-Dunns Swamp, a world heritage site located 25 kilometres east of Rylstone. You can enjoy activities such as swimming, kayaking, bushwalking and camping. For more details: visitmudgeeregion.com.au.