

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Changes to Development and Building Applications

From 1 July, Development Applications can only be lodged via the NSW Planning Portal and not directly with Council.

That means all forms of development applications (listed below) must be lodged online via the NSW Planning Portal at planningportal.nsw.gov.au. The move online is mandatory for all councils throughout NSW and is a requirement of the NSW Government.

Through this transition period, to make lodgement as easy as possible, Council has a dedicated Planning Kiosk at the Mudgee Customer Service Centre where customers can lodge an application with the assistance of staff. Among

the benefits of the portal, applications can be lodged anywhere, 24/7 and there's no need to visit Council offices. Council will continue to provide lodgement through its Customer Service Centres until 1 July, however residents are encouraged to make use of the portal which is now live.

More information and help is available at yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au ■

1175

number of applications determined by Council in 2020

24/7

ability to lodge applications anywhere, anytime

\$164m

value of residential and non-residential building approvals in 2019/20

APPLICATIONS NOW SUBMITTED ONLINE

- ➔ Development applications
- ➔ Modification and review of development applications
- ➔ Construction certificates
- ➔ Subdivision works certificates
- ➔ Complying development certificates
- ➔ Occupation certificates
- ➔ Subdivision certificates
- ➔ Section 138 (Roads Act) and Section 68 applications

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As a Local Government organisation, one of the most important things we do is budget and plan for the projects Council will undertake. Council has prepared the draft 2021/22 Operational Plan which is now on exhibition. This plan sets out how much Council will spend on projects and activities. I'd encourage residents to take a look and provide their feedback (details inside).

Thanks to the great crowd that turned out to see the Sea Eagles take on the Titans at Glen Willow last month. This event generated \$1.3 million for our local economy and we hope to welcome Manly

back to the region for future games.

It's wonderful to see sealing of main bus routes throughout the region and I am pleased to say, just last month Council secured a further \$4.8 million for further sealing works on Coxs Creek, Botobolar and Lower Piambong Roads.

Well done Mid-Western Regional Youth Council on your efforts during another successful Youth Week. The range of activities on offer for the young people of the region were well attended.

▲ Mayor Des Kennedy

GALLERY CONSTRUCTION NEARING COMPLETION INTERNAL FITOUT FINALISED LANDSCAPING UNDERWAY



PLANS UNDERWAY FOR GALLERY OFFICIAL OPENING

Construction and fitout of the Mudgee Art Gallery is nearing completion with the focus now moving to landscaping and driveway works.

Restoration works, including painting and other improvements to the original features of the Cudgong Shire building are now complete.

Furniture will be moved into the gallery space, Visitor Information Centre and offices as part of the final phase of fitout.

Plans are also underway for the official opening including the launch exhibition by Mudgee artist Guy Maestri. More details on this event will be announced in coming weeks.

MANLY DOMINATE IN GLEN WILLOW NRL CLASH

A crowd of 6380 made their way to Glen Willow last month to watch the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles in a triumphant win against the Gold Coast Titans 36-0. Round 6 of the NRL Telstra Premiership coincided with a bumper sports weekend in Mudgee, that included a race meeting and air show the following day.

Council estimates from economic data that approximately \$1.3 million was spent in the region over the entire weekend, at restaurants and cafes, retailers and accommodation providers. Council continues to work to secure professional sports fixtures at the premier stadium.



PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

Council's Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan is now on public exhibition and can be viewed on Council's website and Your Say Mid-Western. The plan sets out the projects and activities which Council is committed to over the coming financial year, with measures, time frames, and responsibilities identified. Feedback can be submitted at yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au. Submissions close Friday, 21 May.

\$1.2M FOR NEW BRIDGE

Council has secured \$1.2 million in NSW Government grant funding to replace the Goodiman Creek timber bridge no. 18. The bridge on Spring Ridge Road at Beryl was constructed in 1954 and will be removed and replaced with a new concrete bridge. This project is being funded through the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges Program.

BECOME A SUPPLIER TO COUNCIL

Are you a local contractor keen to work with Council? There are many ongoing opportunities to work with Council, including the supply of Wet and Dry Plant Hire in 2022. This tender to supply Council with plant and equipment, opens soon. To receive notifications about this and other tenders please register with Council's online quoting system VendorPanel Marketplace by searching 'VendorPanel' on Council's website.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MUDGEE AND GULGONG WASTE FACILITIES CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

Council is offering residents the chance to safely dispose of potentially hazardous household chemicals next month. On Sunday, 16 May from 8am to 11am at Mudgee Waste Facility and 1pm to 4pm at Gulgong Waste Transfer Station, residents can surrender their chemicals free of charge.

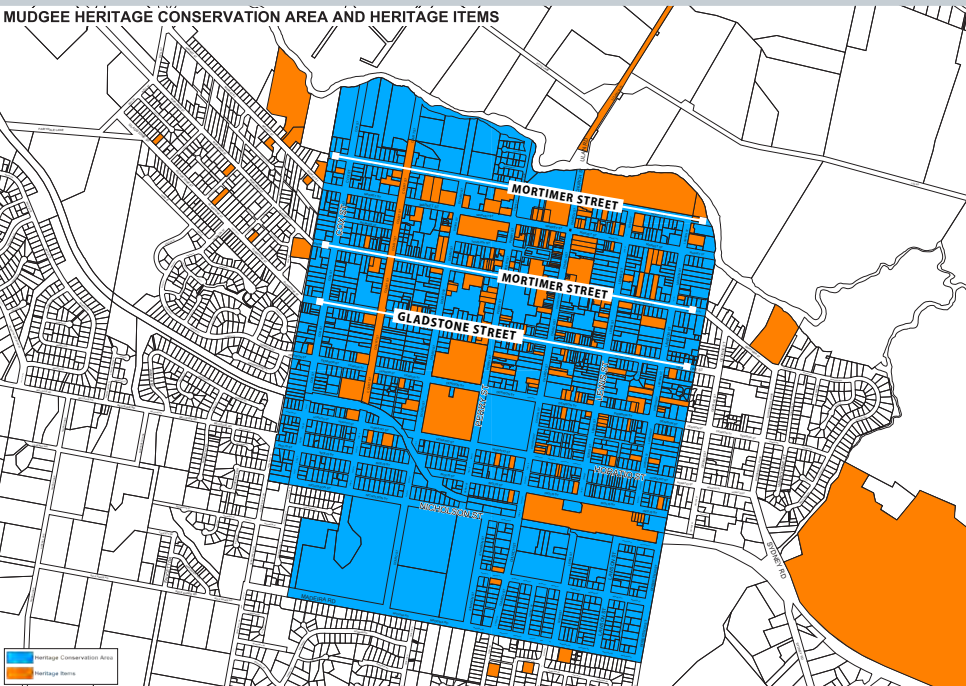
Hazardous chemicals that will be accepted include: garden chemicals, pool chemicals, household cleaners, hobby chemicals, poisons, batteries, paint, motor oils, fluids and fuels, fluorescent lights, gas bottles, fire

extinguishers and smoke detectors. The cleanout is for household quantities only, up to 20 litres or 20kg (except paint which can be up to 100 litres in 20 litre containers).

Council's Community Recycling Centre (CRC) is open all year round for disposal of low toxicity chemicals such as paints, car and household batteries, motor oils and cooking oils. The CRC is located at the Mudgee Waste Facility and open 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday.



MUDGEE HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA AND HERITAGE ITEMS



HERITAGE CONSERVATION ZONES: MUDGEE

Did you know there are four Heritage Conservation Areas within the Mid-Western Region in Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Hargraves. If your home or business is a Heritage Item or is located within a Heritage Conservation Area and you are considering works, or if you are unsure if your home falls within this zone, a Duty Planner is available to assist Monday to Friday. Development approval is not required for all works. Council's Heritage Advisor is also available to provide advice free of charge. Contact Council to arrange an appointment.

FOOTPATH UPGRADE THROUGHOUT THE REGION

Council is installing and upgrading a number of footpaths throughout the region as part of a major project to improve access.

A total of 25 footpath projects, of varying sizes, are underway in Mudgee, Gulgong and Rylstone. Projects were selected on a priority basis as identified in Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP). Some of the projects include a footpath from Health One to the nearby bus shelter for improved access

to medical facilities and public transport in Rylstone. In Gulgong, footpath improvements and extensions are being installed around Nandoura Street and Medley Street. In Mudgee, footpath replacement is underway around Gladstone, Mortimer and Market streets.

This project is being delivered through \$700,000 in grant funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI).



ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Our libraries have a fantastic range of reading and audio materials, but did you know there is also a range of author talks, storytelling, arts and craft, tabletop games and educational sessions for all ages happening each week? To learn about each of these activities and more visit the library on Facebook by following @MudgeeLibrary.

PURCHASING A RURAL PROPERTY?

Before purchasing rural land, prospective property owners should consider: biosecurity risks (weed infestations) on the land, whether weed infestations are being managed, costs of continual weed control, and if the land is to be used for farming, whether weed infestations will lead to production losses. Inspections by qualified professionals can help to identify weeds on a property and understand the extent of measures required to remove them.

GLEN WILLOW UPDATE

The newly relocated Mudgee Dog Park is starting to take shape with the perimeter fence up and irrigation currently being undertaken. All six of the new Glen Willow fields have been turfed. Works are nearing completion on the Rugby Union amenities building with the roof installed and cladding and windows to come. Twenty-two light towers will also be installed in coming months.

RECOVERY FUNDING AVAILABLE

Funding is now available for community projects as part of the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (BCRRF). The grants are designed to support community recovery by funding projects and initiatives that will promote community well-being, social and broader recovery and future disaster resilience following the bushfires. Apply via the Bushfire Recovery page on yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au



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EVENTS CALENDAR



12-13
MAY

Candidate Information Sessions

Council's Mudgee Customer Service Centre

Learn about Council and the role of elected members.

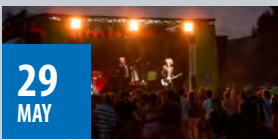


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Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee
From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream available on Council's website.



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Next Exit Festival

Mudgee Showgrounds

Australia's newest music festival celebrates local talent and highlights regional towns in its debut year. Tickets at ticketek.com.au



9-10
JULY

Mudgee Small Farm Field Days

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This year will be the 43rd Mudgee Small Farm Field Days. Tickets at mudgeefielddays.com.au



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Central West Young Entrepreneurs Summit

SAVE THE DATE

Learn valuable insights from some of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs.



21-22
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Mudgee Readers' Festival

Various venues

After a pandemic-enforced hiatus, Mudgee Readers' Festival is back. Visit mudgeereaders.com to learn more.

All information correct at the time of publication. Events may be subject to change based on COVID-19 Health Orders. Please contact event organisers for further details.



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Live.

One hundred and fifty copies of the young adult novel *The Left-Handed Booksellers of London* by Garth Nix are now available at libraries throughout the region as part of One YA (Young Adult) Book One Community. Pop into the library and take a book to read at your leisure, then simply return it to the library when you're finished. This project is a joint initiative delivered by Mid-Western Regional Youth Council, Mudgee Readers' Festival and libraries. Keep an eye on the Youth Council's socials for upcoming events and the activities relating to the novel.

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 region's population continues to grow, increasing 0.5% in the 2019-20 financial year.

The latest update from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reveals the region's estimated residential population to be 25,367 at 30 June 2020.

Visit.

Did you know Kandos has a rich industrial history as the town that famously produced the cement used in the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. You'll learn about all this history and more at the Kandos Museum housed in a distinctive Californian Mission Revival-style church. The museum houses a permanent collection of stories, objects and photographs that bring history to life. Visit kandosmuseum.org.au