

COMMUNITY NEWS



JANUARY, 2021

CHARITY SHIELD - 27 FEBRUARY



▲ **Dragons v Rabbitohs: Glen Willow Stadium**

The St George Illawarra Dragons will take on the South Sydney Rabbitohs for the Charity Shield at Glen Willow on Saturday 27 February.

Tickets for the 6.30pm game are available at 123tix.com.au. Prices start at \$45 for grandstand seats, \$25 for adult GA, \$18 for concession card holder GA, and \$18 for junior GA (aged 5 - 15).

Strictly no public parking will be permitted at the venue on game day. Limited parking will be available at the Mudgee Racecourse for a gold coin donation. Patrons are encouraged to catch the free shuttle bus. Pick up and drop off locations are available

on Council's website and Facebook page. A low-floor bus will be available from the Mudgee CBD for patrons requiring assistance. Glen Willow Stadium is a short 1km walk from Mudgee CBD across Holyoake Footbridge. The Glen Willow Suspension Bridge will be closed. For further information visit Council's website. ■

\$25 cost of a general admission adult ticket

4th annual Charity Shield hosted at Glen Willow Stadium

\$1.78m economic benefit to the region from the 2020 Charity Shield

2021 CHARITY SHIELD

Saturday 27 February

GLEN WILLOW STADIUM, MUDGEE



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Happy New Year to everyone in our beautiful region.

I am excited to welcome the St George Illawarra Dragons and South Sydney Rabbitohs back for the fourth Charity Shield game at Glen Willow Stadium. This is an opportunity for footy fans to see their heroes in the flesh and experience the atmosphere of an NRL game. Get your tickets at 123tix.com.au

Council has commenced its budget planning process for the next financial year and now is the time to let Council know what infrastructure or activities you would like to see

happen. If you'd like to see footpath improvements in your street or additional seating in parks, this is your opportunity to tell Council as it identifies projects for the new financial year. Let Council know your ideas at yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au

The region's Australia Day ceremony will be held at Robertson Park, Mudgee on 26 January. This year's event has been modified as a result of COVID-19 health orders and will include the presentation of Australia Day awards only. ■

WATER RESTRICTIONS CURRENT STATUS

DOMESTIC



NO WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

Rylstone, Kandos, Clandulla, Charbon and upstream of Windamere Dam

Employ everyday water-saving measures



LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

Mudgee, Gulgong and downstream of Windamere Dam



Water lawns and gardens
Summer times between 6am–9am; 6pm–9pm every second day, as per odds and evens system



Irrigate new turf for one week after laying after which Level 2 restriction on watering lawns applies



Wash cars at home on lawn with bucket and trigger nozzle between 9am–12pm



Top up private swimming pools between the hours of 7am–9am and 6pm–8pm every day



No washing down hard surfaces (including walls and driveways)

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED UPSTREAM OF WINDAMERE

Water restrictions have been lifted in Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon and Clandulla following a decision by Mid-Western Regional Council at its November Meeting.

Councillors moved to lift water restrictions from communities upstream of Windamere Dam.

Rylstone Dam is nearly at 100% capacity and as a result, Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon

and Clandulla will no longer be on water restrictions.

Mudgee and Gulgong will remain on Level 2 water restrictions. These townships are serviced by Windamere Dam which is currently sitting at 29.8% capacity.

More information on Level 2 water restrictions is available on Council's website.

CONTROL THE SPREAD OF PRIORITY WEED BLUE HELIOTROPE

Blue Heliotrope is an extremely drought hardy weed with the ability to persist and spread in dry conditions. Blue Heliotrope is a summer growing perennial plant, growing 15-30cm in height and 30-200cm in width.

Due to its ability to withstand severe drought conditions, Blue Heliotrope is a priority weed in the Mid-Western Region. It spreads easily as it produces sticky seeds which attach to animals, machinery, humans and can also be moved by water. It competes with desirable pastures and causes toxicity to stock. Blue Heliotrope can be managed through pasture

management; grazing management and chemical control. To learn more, download the free NSW WeedWise app by searching 'NSW weeds app' or contact Council's Weeds Team on 6378 2850.



NEWS IN BRIEF

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FIRST HALF OF 2021
The first meeting of Mid-Western Regional Council for 2021 will be held on Wednesday, 17 February at Council Chambers (86 Market Street, Mudgee). Council meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month on the following dates: 17 March, 21 April, 19 May and 16 June. All meetings are live streamed and recordings are available on Council's website.

REPORT A WATER PROBLEM
If you experience problems with your water quality please report it to Council immediately on 6378 2850. Reporting a problem immediately will ensure a staff member is assigned to fix the issue as soon as possible. A customer service agent is available 24/7 on the above number to address emergencies and urgent works.

WALL OF REFLECTIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE
The Library has digitised Council's Wall of Reflections, awards that have been posthumously given to members of our community on Australia Day for their significant contribution. The digitised photographs and biographies can be found on the Library's catalogue by searching 'Wall of Reflections'.

MID-WESTERN REGION AUSTRALIA DAY 2021 AWARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

Council received an overwhelming response to its Australia Day Award nominations last month. The following residents and organisations have been nominated.

Citizen of the Year: Rosie Gibbs, Dr Alex Ghanem and Dr Gary Moore, Jane Hanna, Joy Harrison, Barbara Hickson, Adrian Johnson, Peter Mitchell, Joyce Purtle, Denise Sim, Colleen and Max Walker, Trish Wells and Robert Woods.

Young Citizen of the Year: Max Beechey, Jessica Nipperess and Zacharie Nipperess.

Community Event of the Year: Cudgegong Cruisers - Can Cruise 2020 and Kandos Street Machine and Hot Rod Show.

Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Arts and Music: Louise Butlin and Des Kelly.

Sports Award: Andrew Adams, David Allworth, Barbara Hickson, James Hughes, Peter Mitchell and Charlotte Wilson.

Volunteer Services Award: David Allworth, Donna Collins, Alison Doyle, Joy Harrison, Barbara Hickson, Jamie Hudson, Keegan Midson, Ellen Riley, Kaye and Tony Riley, Rylstone, Olinda, Clandulla, Bogee, Ilford/Running Stream Rural Fire Brigades, Denise Sim and We Care Community Shop.

Wall of Reflections: Michael Chapman, Heath Gay, William Knowles, Geoff Pitt, Michael Preston and Kevin Robson.

Australia Day Awards will be presented at a small ceremony in Robertson Park, Mudgee on Tuesday, 26 January.



2020 Young Citizen of the Year, Ned Dickson.

MANLY V GOLD COAST MANLY2MUDGEE

The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles will take on the Gold Coast Titans at Glen Willow Stadium on Saturday, 17 April for Round 6 of the 2021 NRL Season.

Ticket details will be announced in coming weeks, but to ensure fans are kept up-to-date Council has created a dedicated web page where they can register their interest in attending the game.

Register your interest at midwestern.nsw.gov.au



HAVE AN IDEA? SUBMIT A BUDGET PROPOSAL

Council has commenced its budget planning for the next financial year and is encouraging residents to submit proposals as part of the process.

Residents can put forward Community Plan Proposals for new infrastructure, projects, activities and improvements throughout the region to be considered in the 2021/22 Operational Plan. This plan sets out the projects and activities which Council is committed to over the coming

financial year, as well as measures and time frames to achieve this. Successful community proposals that have recently been completed include the Liberty Swing in Robertson Park Mudgee, Victoria Park Gulgong lighting, seating along the Rylstone riverbank and Lawson Park pathway improvements.

Proposals can be submitted now at yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au or via Council's website until Friday, 29 January.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The slab and building frames have been installed as the new Mudgee Regional Art Gallery begins to take shape. Refurbishment of the existing building is progressing and work is underway with Mudgee Region Tourism on the interior retail design. Council's Gallery Curator is working to secure exhibitions ahead of the anticipated opening in the second half of 2021.

STATE GOV ONLINE DA SERVICE

If you're seeking Council approval on a new build or renovation, you can now submit development applications (DAs) online – anywhere, anytime, through the NSW Planning Portal. Use of this service will become mandatory for all councils from July. Through this transition period, to make lodgement as easy as possible, Council will have a dedicated planning kiosk at its Mudgee Customer Service Centre and staff will also be available to assist with the process.

INCREASED KOALA SIGHTINGS

Koala sightings have increased in the Munghorn Gap area. Council is working closely with the National Parks and Wildlife Service to ensure the best environmental outcomes as part of the Wollar Road Upgrade. Council is investigating the potential for fauna crossings and has been working with Mudgee Men's Shed to build nesting boxes to provide additional habitat.

NEW HOSPITAL PHONE NUMBER

Mudgee Hospital's phone number has changed. The old numbers will still be operational for an additional nine months as part of the transition period. The new Mudgee Hospital phone number is (02) 6371 9700. On-site car parking is underway and the remaining works are nearing completion to realise the masterplan for the Mudgee Health Service.



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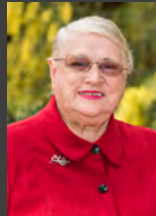
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EVENTS CALENDAR



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Council and Libraries reopening

Customer Service Centres, Works Depots and Libraries will reopen Wednesday 6 January, 2021 following the Christmas break.



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Australia Day 2021

Robertson Park, Mudgee

Watch the presentation of awards in seven categories. Numbers are limited and bookings essential by contacting Council.



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CPPs Close

Do you have a project you'd like Council to undertake or new infrastructure you'd like to see installed? Make a submission at [yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au](https://www.yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au)



17
FEB

Mid-Western Regional Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee
From 5.30pm

Meeting live-stream available on Council's website.



26
FEB

Rylstone Kandos Show

Rylstone Showground

Showcasing the agricultural produce, talent, animal husbandry, cooking, crafts, and artistry skills of the local community.



27
FEB

Charity Shield

Glen Willow Stadium, Mudgee

Watch the St George Illawarra Dragons take on the South Sydney Rabbitohs. Tickets at [123tix.com.au](https://www.123tix.com.au)

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Live.

Neighbourhood Safer Places are a place of last resort during a bushfire emergency. They are to be used when all other options in your bushfire survival plan can't be put into action safely. You should be aware of any Neighbourhood Safer Places in your area, and note them in your bushfire survival plan before a bushfire occurs. In the Mid-Western Region Neighbourhood Safer Places include: Rylstone Showground, Queens Pinch RFS Station, Lue Road Bus Stop, Cooyal RFS Station, Goolma Tennis Courts, Billy Dunn Oval Gulgong, Simpkins Park Kandos, Ulan Public School, Victoria Park Mudgee and Windeyer Oval.

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.

CCTV has been installed at White Circle Playground to prevent future vandalism attacks. The playground was destroyed by fire on two occasions, most recently in 2019 and rebuilt at a cost of \$50,000. Vandalism costs Council and the community thousands of dollars each year. If you see anyone committing acts of vandalism on community facilities please report it to Mudgee Police on 6372 8599.

Visit.

Go back in time and learn about life on the gold fields at the Gulgong Gold Experience. Located at Red Hill, the location of the first gold find in Gulgong in 1870, the educational experience includes a replica underground mining tunnel. Learn about conditions on the gold fields and the gold rush in detailed audio and visual displays of the town's rich mining history.