

COMMUNITY NEWS



FEBRUARY, 2021



▲ **Inaugural festival:** Celebrating all things fermented.

The region's newest event, Fermenta, is heading to Rylstone and Kandos on Saturday, 13 March.

The Fermenta Festival will celebrate the art of fermentation by local producers from sauerkraut to kombucha, small batch beers and fine wines, to chocolate and cheese.

The day-long festival will feature a variety of events beginning with food and wine markets and entertainment in Kandos. Join in a series of workshops throughout the day, hosted by local producers on their process from kombucha making to sourdough baking. Finish off the day with a gourmet hamper at the Twilight Picnic on the banks of the Cudgegong River in Rylstone.

Tickets to workshops and the twilight picnic can be purchased at 123tix.com.au

The Fermenta Festival is jointly-funded by the NSW Government through Create NSW and the Australian Government's Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Fund. It is proudly delivered by Council in partnership with Cementa and Mudgee Region Tourism. ■

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March - date of the inaugural Fermenta Festival

\$30

starting price of a Fermenta workshop ticket

10am

start time of the Kandos markets in Coomber Park featuring all local stallholders

ALL THINGS FERMENTED: CHOCOLATE, BEER, KOMBUCHA, SAUERKRAUT AND SOURDOUGH



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I'd like to congratulate all of the Australia Day award nominees and winners, including our dual Citizens of the Year, Dr Alex Ghanem and Dr Gary Moore for their work in establishing the Mudgee Fever and Respiratory Clinic. I am always blown away by the wonderful contributions so many of our citizens make to their community every day and our Australia Day awards are a fantastic way to acknowledge this.

I am sure many were delighted to see the reopening of the Town Hall Cinema earlier this month. Council is currently reviewing future

screenings based on this COVID Safe February trial. To stay up to date with cinema news follow Council's Facebook page.

Council's major projects are full steam ahead including the Mudgee Regional Art Gallery which is progressing well and on track to be completed in July.

Mid-Western Regional Council will hold its first meeting of 2021 this month. Speakers wishing to address Council can now do so again with Open Day resuming. More information on page 3. ■

▲ **Mayor Des Kennedy**



CHARITY SHIELD: 27 FEB DRAGONS V RABBITOHS

The annual Charity Shield returns to Mudgee this month when the St George Illawarra Dragons take on the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

To protect players, staff and the community some changes have been implemented as part of the game day schedule in accordance with health orders. As a COVID Safe venue, patrons will be

required to sign in via the Service NSW app upon entry to the stadium.

The first allocation of tickets has been exhausted. Depending on health orders, there may be a second release closer to game day. Register on Council's website and be the first to receive updates on the second allocation of tickets.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NATIVE TREES PLANTED AT RED HILL, GULGONG
Native trees have been planted to help rejuvenate the Red Hill environment, and encourage growth and protection of the plant and animal species native to the area. Last year, Council secured \$10,000 through the Australian Government's Communities Environment Programme for the ongoing beautification of Red Hill, Gulgong.

CHARBON RESERVOIR UPGRADES
Council has completed upgrades to Charbon Reservoir, refurbishing existing reservoir infrastructure and site security to improve water quality. Additional works are scheduled in coming months. Council is responsible for the management of five existing water supply systems including the Mudgee and Gulgong potable systems, Rylstone, Kandos, Charbon, Clandulla potable system and the Mudgee and Gulgong chlorinated bore water irrigation systems.

STATE GOVT 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.



Gates open 5.30pm
Kick-off 6.30pm



Return services will be operating from Gulgong, Kandos, Rylstone and Lue. Tickets are available at 123tix.com.au



Limited parking will be available at the Mudgee Racecourse. Parking is available at all shuttle bus pickup locations. Strictly no public parking will be permitted at Glen Willow or on Pitts Lane on game day. (Note: Vehicles displaying a disabled parking pass will also be permitted to park in the car park areas on Pitts Lane directly across from the stadium).



A free shuttle bus will be operating in Mudgee CBD and West Mudgee. A low floor bus will also be available for patrons requiring assistance. Pickup and drop off locations on Council's website.



Health Orders may require that patrons wear a mask to the event. As a COVID Safe event, the Charity Shield will be cashless and patrons not in a family group should remain 1.5m apart when seated.



Glen Willow is a short 1km walk from Mudgee CBD across the Holyoake Footbridge.

MUDGEE AIRPORT RUNWAY AND TAXIWAYS RESEALED

Mudgee Airport's runway, taxiways and aircraft parking areas have been renewed with an all new resal.

Last year, Council secured \$187,500 in grant funding from the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (jointly funded by the NSW and Australia Governments), plus an additional \$308,000 in grant funding through the Australian Government's Regional Airports Program to undertake repair, resal and line-marking works.

Council partially matched funding for the project to continue to support a regular passenger service and

critical air services including the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Rural Fire Service. Regional airports are essential for local economies, and in the Mid-Western Region particularly so for our tourism, medical and mining industries.



CONNECTING EMPLOYERS WITH JOB SEEKERS

FREE LOCAL JOBS SITE

Businesses can now advertise vacancies and connect with job seekers free of charge on Council's all-local employment website.

MudgeeRegionJobs.com.au is an online platform where local businesses can create listings to increase visibility of vacant jobs, recruit for positions, and source potential employees.

Developed by Council and funded by the NSW Government, the site is part of a series of initiatives and activities to be launched over 2020/21 to support local business.

There is no cost to register or create job listings on Mudgee Region Jobs, and businesses can discover potential employees in the one-stop shop which will help retain local talent, source external talent, support business growth and help our business community.

Additionally, job seekers can search vacant positions and create job seeker profiles completely free of charge.

To learn more and register visit mudgeeregionjobs.com.au



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CONSTRUCTION MARKS HALFWAY POINT

ART GALLERY

Construction of the Mudgee Regional Art Gallery has reached the half-way point and is on track to be completed in July.

The building's structural framework is up and installation of air conditioning, communications, electrical and plumbing are underway.

Painting and restoration of the adjoining Cudgegong Shire heritage building is being carried out both internally and externally.

Construction of a pathway linking the gallery with the Sculpture Walk along Walkers Oval is expected to begin this month.

\$2.6M SECURED FOR SEVEN COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Council has secured \$2.6 million in state government grant funding for seven important community projects that include:

- \$808,069 for Stage 1 of LED street light replacement in Mudgee and Gulgong;
- \$500,000 for amenity upgrades to Cudgegong Waters Park;
- \$500,000 for car park extensions at Glen Willow Sporting Complex;
- \$250,000 for Mid-Western Regional Playground shading program;

- \$250,000 for fitout of a new Mudgee Showground grandstand;
- \$250,000 for construction of a hangar and ancillary studio at Mudgee Airport; and
- \$50,000 for a business case for an indoor pool at Mudgee.

These projects are being delivered through the NSW Government's Resources for Regions funding program.



OPEN DAY RESUMES

Residents wishing to address Council can now do so again with the trial recommencement of the Open Day section of Council's monthly meeting. Speakers must contact the General Manager's Office by 4pm the day before the Council meeting. The Chambers will remain closed to the general public, however speakers are welcome to bring one other person to attend their presentation.

NEW LIBRARY RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Current students and school leavers can discover the career best suited to them through a new tool available on the library website. My Career Match is a free career profile resource that matches your personality style to potential careers. Proudly funded by Mid-Western Regional Youth Council, the site also provides helpful tips and instruction on resume writing.

COMMUNITY PLAN PROPOSALS

Council would like to thank residents who submitted a Community Plan Proposal as part of the annual budgeting process. Submissions have now closed and are currently being reviewed. They may be included in the Draft Operational Plan that is due to be presented at the April Council meeting. For more information visit yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

EVENTS ASSISTANCE

Local event organisers are encouraged to apply for funding and in-kind support through Council's Events Assistance Program opening Monday, 1 March. The Program is open to not-for-profit events that are being held from 1 July to 31 December 2021. Organisers can apply for up to \$2,500 in assistance with multi-year funding available. Applications close Monday, 29 March.



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EVENTS CALENDAR



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FEB

Gulgong Show and Rodeo

Gulgong Showground

All the excitement of the annual rodeo plus family favourites including farmyard nursery, whip cracking and more.



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Charity Shield

Glen Willow Stadium, Mudgee

Watch the St George Illawarra Dragons take on the South Sydney Rabbitohs. More details inside.

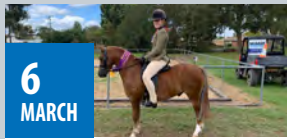


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FEB

The Country Championships

Mudgee Racecourse

Part of a bumper sports weekend in Mudgee, this traditional country race meeting coincides with the Charity Shield weekend.



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MARCH

Mudgee Show

Mudgee Showground

Mudgee Show will be a livestock only event this year. The agricultural event is proposed to include cattle, sheep, horses and poultry.



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MARCH

Fermenta

Rylstone and Kandos, various venues

Food and wine markets, entertainment, fermenting workshops and twilight picnic. Tickets at 123tix.com.au



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MARCH

Can Cruise 2021

Mudgee Showground

See all the classic cars of the Cudgegong Cruisers taking part in the annual fundraising rally to support local charity Can Assist.

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.

CONTACT MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

For more information, search 'events' on Council's website.



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Live.

To improve traffic movements and pedestrian safety around the new Mudgee Hospital and Mudgee Medical Centre, Council plans to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Church and Meares streets. A pedestrian refuge is also planned to be constructed on Church Street outside Mudgee Medical Centre. This development is a positive step towards improvement in pedestrian safety and traffic flow in the area however some parking will be lost on Church Street to accommodate both of the improvements. Off-street parking will become available at Mudgee Hospital via Meares Street. Construction is expected to commence in the coming months. Learn more at yoursay.midwestern.nsw.gov.au

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.

275 new businesses were registered in the Mid-Western Region in the first half of the 2020/21 financial year across a range of industries. A total of 466 new businesses were registered in the region in the 2019/20 financial year, an additional three businesses on the previous year. Council's Economic Development Team provides support to all businesses in the region, learn more at midwestern.nsw.gov.au

Visit.

It's showtime across the region. Annual shows give the community a chance to celebrate local achievements and recognise the region's produce and agricultural excellence. Shows are held across the region's showgrounds that boast purpose-built pavilions and dedicated facilities. Council is proud to support local shows which engage, educate and entertain local communities.