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Power to the people

Locals Anne, James, Jo and Helen are among dozens of people gearing up to makeover Mildura's Langtree Mall in June. An exciting new initiative that will put the community in the driving seat will see a section of the Mall transformed in just seven days. Learn more and find out how you can be part of the Langtree Mall 7 Day Makeover on page 3.



Eco House opens its doors to sustainable living

The retro-fitted Eco House at the Mildura Eco Village is ready to change the way we think about sustainable living.

The Eco House, which was originally the 1950s caretaker's cottage at the Nichols Point Cemetery, was moved on to the Eco Village site near the Mildura Landfill in 2014 and has since undergone an amazing transformation.

Now a fully functioning house with a host of energy and water saving ideas that can be transposed into our own homes, the Eco House has great renovating ideas which will save energy, water and money. Double-glazed windows, LED lighting, insulation in the floor, walls and ceiling and water saving devices are just a few easy options available to all homeowners.

The layout of the house also includes spaces that can be used for community meetings and office spaces.

In conjunction with the award winning Education Centre, Community Garden and the Solar Distillation project, the addition of the Eco House makes the Eco Village a truly unique environmental and educational setting in our region.

The Eco Village was first opened in June 2013 and is managed by the Sunraysia Sustainability Network with financial support from Council, Sunraysia Institute of TAFE, the Christie Centre and the Victorian State Government.

More information about the Mildura Eco Village is available at www.sustainablemildura.com.au



Progress aplenty at Murrayville Caravan Park

Already a popular spot for campers and caravaners, the Murrayville Caravan Park will soon add 'self-contained cabins' to its list of accommodation options.

Two new cabins – one with disability access – are being installed at the Mallee Highway facility. A camp kitchen and other infrastructure improvements are also planned.

The upgrades are part of a bigger plan to help boost Murrayville's economic and community capacity by catering to the large number of tourists who frequent the area to visit nearby national parks.

Once the upgrades are complete, Council will work with Murrayville Inc. to transfer operations of the Caravan Park over to a social enterprise model. This will enable the Murrayville community to manage all aspects of the park including pricing, promotion and maintenance.

These exciting developments at Murrayville are taking place thanks to funding from the State Government's Advancing Country Towns Initiative along with contributions from Council and the Murrayville community. Well done to everyone involved!





LEFT: Mildura Motorcycle Club members with Race Winton and Kay Sylvester, descendants of George Winton, and Mayor Glenn Milne.

Tribute to the memory of a visionary

The road used to access Olympic Park Speedway and the Mildura Gun Club finally has an official name.

Now to be known as Winton Drive, the road has been named after Mr George Winton, founding President of the Mildura & District Motorcycle Club and the visionary behind speedway in our district.

George Winton was a local motorcycle dealer and enthusiast, who in July 1947 helped form the Mildura & District Motorcycle Club, now known as Mildura Motorcycle Club (MMC).

Looking for an appropriate venue to host their rides, the Club approached the then Forestry Commission in November 1947 and negotiated a lease to build a motorcycle scramble track on land at Johnsons Bend.

But it was Mr Winton's dream to see a speedway track modelled on the famous Wembley Stadium in London, which drove him to push for a world class speedway venue here in Mildura.

And in 1956, in honor of the Olympic Games being held in Melbourne, Olympic Park Speedway was officially named, with the track now regarded as one of the best speedway motorcycle racing venues in the world.

Mr Winton passed away in 1976 but his legacy and foresight remains with us today.

What's in a name?

VICNAMES is the state's official Register of Geographic Names. It contains more than 200,000 place names including cities, towns, suburbs, regions, roads, landscape features, recreational reserves, transport stations, schools, hospitals, national parks, forests, reserves and tracks. It is free to search place names and add historical information.

To view VICNAMES and learn more about the process for naming places visit the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure at www.dtpli.vic.gov.au

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Help makeover the Langtree Mall

The Langtree Mall is set to get a makeover. Using \$5,000 and the power of people, the central public precinct will be transformed from June 1-7. And the community is invited to make it happen.

Anyone can get involved in the makeover – you just have to be willing to pitch in and be passionate about making the Mall a more appealing public place where people want to spend time.

Dozens of people have already committed to being part of the project, donating their time, ideas and resources to be used for the makeover. Two mobile ping pong tables and a big deck chair that used to grace the front entrance of a Deakin Avenue hotel are among the many items in the makeover tool kit already.

The 7 Day Makeover is a new concept for our region, which puts the community in the driver's seat and uses their ideas to improve public spaces. It is also the community that will do the actual makeover.

To be part of the Langtree Mall 7 Day Makeover go to www.7day.com.au or search 7 Day Makeover Mildura on Facebook.





DID YOU KNOW?

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories around the Mildura townships and surrounding our region date back more than 40,000 years.

The proud Traditional Custodians of the lands in and around Mildura are the Latji Latji people and neighbours the Barkindji people across the river.

According to data from the 2012 census, approximately four percent of residents in the Mildura Local Government Area are of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, making the region home to the second largest population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in regional Victoria.

Local community knowledge indicates that the population is significantly higher than what is captured through census data.

NAIDOC Week, July 5 –12

NAIDOC Week is an important time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Running from July 5 to 12, the theme for NAIDOC 2015 is We All Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate.

Council is one of many local organisations and groups that is planning community events in Mildura to mark the occasion.

Everyone is invited to join in the local celebrations.

Events and activities planned include a flag raising ceremony and march to Langtree Mall followed by celebrations and cultural activities, basketball clinics, an Elders Morning Tea and a Welcome Baby to Country ceremony at Mildura Arts Centre.

For more details about local NAIDOC Week celebrations search NAIDOC Mildura on Facebook or check Council's website closer to the date.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.



Latji Latji artist James Baxter with his painting which features in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.

A commitment to Reconciliation

This June, during National Reconciliation Week, Mildura Rural City Council will publicly commit to reconciliation by launching its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

An initiative of Reconciliation Australia, RAPs enable businesses, organisations and groups to formalise their dedication to bridging the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Council's RAP outlines practical actions the organisation will take to build strong relationships and enhanced respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

It also sets out Council's aspirational plans to drive greater equality by pursuing sustainable opportunities.

Councillors, Council staff, Council's Aboriginal Action Committee, local Aboriginal organisations and community members helped contribute to the RAP, and it will be reviewed annually. Councillors will consider the RAP for adoption at the May monthly Council meeting.

Through respect and collaboration, Mildura Rural City Council embraces a united approach to equality and inclusiveness and is committed to providing an environment that is free from racism and discrimination.

Reconciliation through art

Art is integral to Aboriginal culture. For thousands of years Indigenous people have used paintings, carvings, ceremonial markings and icons to pass on traditions, share stories, record history and celebrate milestones.

Council's Reconciliation Action Plan acknowledges the importance of art to Aboriginal heritage and culture.

As part of the Plan, Council has committed to creating opportunities that encourage the development of the arts and cultural heritage within the municipality. This includes working on partnerships to establish community arts projects and increasing the amount of Aboriginal art in the community.

Latji Latji artist James Baxter's painting features throughout the Reconciliation Action Plan. James created the acrylic on canvas especially for the Plan. It features a Murray Cod and Goanna at its heart, surrounded by a series of circles, connected by flowing lines.

James explains the story behind his painting and its link to reconciliation.

"I see the goanna as my totem, it's what I always paint or draw. And the Murray Cod is a symbol of the river, which is important for our region."

James said the circles around the animals are a traditional Indigenous symbol, representing a watering hole or meeting place. He uses them and lines, a lot in his artwork.

"The circles to me in this painting represent the different communities in Sunraysia, and how they are all connected."

As well as featuring in the Reconciliation Action Plan, James' untitled painting will form part of Mildura Arts Centre's permanent collection. It will be hung in a prominent location within Council's Deakin Avenue Service Centre, for all community to appreciate.



Council's Natural and Wetlands Areas Maintenance person Tina Grasser at the Etiwanda Wetlands

Tina's passion for our environment shines through

With an infectious enthusiasm for looking after our rivers and wetlands, the role of Natural and Wetlands Areas Maintenance person seems custom-made for Tina Grasser.

Tina joined Council 12 months ago and has relished the role of keeping our riverfront and wetland areas looking their very best.

"I've always had a passion for our natural environment and absolutely love living in a region where we can enjoy the outdoors on a daily basis," Tina explained.

Tina is part of Council's Parks and Gardens team, but instead of mowing lawns and looking after manicured gardens, her time is spent making sure our stormwater wetlands and riverside reserves are in tip-top condition.

"My schedule includes maintaining the Etiwanda and Bob Corbould Wetlands, as well as Lake Ranfurly, and the riverfront from Blandowski Walk at Merbein through to River Boulevard," Tina explained "There are also some other pockets of natural area reserves that I also look after."

"Every day there is a new challenge - I could be clearing away rubbish left on the riverbanks, patrolling the wetlands and river to assess vandalism or I could be helping out at a tree planting with

a local school.

"Weed management, spraying and mulching is also a big part of my job."

Tina's love of the environment extends beyond her work with Council and she is President of the Red Cliffs and District Community Landcare Group.

"I love getting out and working with our community to protect, grow and green our surroundings."

Tina has made some great inroads since joining Council, particularly in the collection of illegally dumped rubbish along the riverfront.

"It is disappointing to see the vandalism and damage people do to the infrastructure along our riverside in particular.

"But it's also heartening to see how many people care about keeping these areas looking great too. I really want to thank everyone who helps out by picking up rubbish they see left behind, like the walking groups who leave little piles in strategic places for me to collect."

And if you see Tina out and about, make sure you stop and say hi. She's happy to talk to you about what Council is doing to keep these important areas looking great.

Eyes on protecting our riverfront and waterways

New signs along our riverfront aim to remind river users that the protection of our natural environment is the responsibility of everyone in our community.

Activities such as littering and illegal dumping of rubbish, off-road driving and vandalism of public property are costly and can cause damage to our beautiful riverside areas.

The signs will hopefully be a deterrent to those behaving inappropriately, as well as giving everyone the opportunity to take a stance against actions which harm our waterside reserves.





Kinder's back, bigger and better

Children have resumed classes at Mildura's Kathleen Kelly Kindergarten after the facility underwent major renovations over Summer.

Having used the Mildura Band Hall as a temporary Kindergarten space since December, children and staff were excited to return to their new and improved premises in April.

More than \$300,000 was invested in the Kindergarten. Improvements include an extension to one of the playrooms, two new offices and storerooms, new children's, staff and disabled toilets, an electrical upgrade and a new roof.

The renovation work was funded thanks to a grant from the Department of Education and Training, Council and the Kathleen Kelly Kindergarten.

Special thanks to the Mildura Band Hall and other local community groups whose cooperation and support allowed Kindergarten classes to continue whilst the renovations were underway.



Shannon, Juslin, and Ivana and Emily of the Leo Club

Achievements of our young people celebrated

Congratulations to the deserving winners of the 2015 Mildura Rural City Council Youth Awards. The winners were announced at a Recognition Dinner on Thursday 16 April 2015.

- **Youth Volunteer Award** Juslin Ruganzia
- **Youth Group Award** Leo Club of Sunraysia
- **Youth Carer Award Joint winners** Tyson Keeble and Shannon Proctor

The awards were first given out three years ago as a way to say thank you to local under 25's who do their bit to support the many events, programs and people in our region and this year over 60 young people were nominated in three categories.

New Early Years Directory available

The 2015-16 edition of the Early Years Directory is now available. This handy resource is a comprehensive guide to services, facilities and support available to local families.

Produced as part of the Mildura Best Start program, in partnership with Council and local service providers, the directory includes listings and details about everything from breastfeeding and playgroups to parenting support and primary schools.

Copies of the 44 page directory are available at sites throughout the region, Council Service Centres and online at www.mildura.vic.gov.au



Find it online

Visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au to find a range of up-to-date information and services.



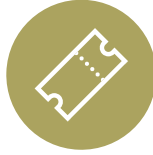
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Residents and ratepayers are invited to provide feedback on Mildura Rural City Council's Draft Budget for 2015/16.

Draft Budget documents, which detail the organisation's planned income and expenditure for the next financial year are available to view online and at Council Service Centres.

Submissions and feedback about the Draft Budget will be accepted up until Monday 5 June 2015.

www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

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Mildura Arts Centre

www.milduraartscentre.com.au

Sustainable Mildura

www.sustainablemildura.com.au



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