



what's on

in january 2012

Discover what there is to see and do while visiting our magnificent region!

The professional staff at the Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre offer assistance with information on the many attractions, accommodation venues and cruises to enjoy. Browse through the permanent interactive exhibition and learn about the region's history dating back to the Aboriginal inhabitants of the land. View the Centre's theatrette which constantly runs fascinating images on the big screen reflecting the history and vibrancy of the region. The Gift Shop offers a wide range of souvenirs and quality locally handcrafted giftware to take to someone special.

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday
9am – 5:30pm

Saturday, Sunday
& Public Holidays
9am – 5pm
Closed Christmas Day

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Mildura Visitor Information & Booking Centre.

Phone (03) 50188 8380.



Murray River International Music Festival 24-29 January

PSYCHE PUMPS RUNNING DAY

Sunday 1, 10am-4pm, End of 11th Street (East)

The steam driven engine and pumps were designed by George Chaffey and provided irrigation water for Mildura from 1891 to 1959. The unique design is the only operational one of its kind in the world. The engine and pumps were built in England by Tangye in 1889-90 and installed and commissioned at Mildura in 1891. Admission Adults \$4.00 Family \$10.00.

The Psyche Pumps are operated and maintained by the Sunraysia Steam Preservation Society Inc.

MILDURA MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Sunday 1, Olympic Park Motorcycle Complex, 11th Street (west)

Masters Speedway. Gates open at 5.30pm and racing starts at 7pm. Fully catered. No BYO by law. Please note dates are subject to change or cancellation due to circumstances outside of our control. Please check with club prior to making arrangements 0429 904 603.

RED CLIFFS COUNTRY MARKET

Monday 2, 9am-1pm, Ilex St, Indi Ave & Barclay Square

The Red Cliffs Market is just a short 15 minute drive from Mildura and offers over 100 stalls of local produce, crafts, bric-a-brac, gourmet delights, plants, jewellery, sausage sizzle and rides for the kids. Enjoy the local entertainment which varies from month to month. Most local stores are also open on Market Day. For more information contact 0458 907 226.

MILDURA SPEEDWAY DRIVERS CLUB INC.

Monday 2, Timmis Speedway, Deakin Ave extension & 19th St

Inland Crane Hire Allstar Sprintcars, Street Stocks, Juniors, Demo Derby \$1,000 winner take all. Gates open at 5pm and racing starts at 7pm. Fully catered. No BYO by law. For more information contact 0404 370 747. (Due to reasons beyond the club's control, race dates and classes maybe subject to change. Please check with the club prior to making arrangements.)

MILDURA HARNESS RACING-NIGH MEET

Thursday 5, Mildura Recreation Reserve, 12th St

Gates open at 5pm and racing starts at 6.30pm. Adults \$8, Pens. \$4, Under 17 Free when accompanied with an adult, otherwise \$2. Relax in the comfort of the on-course restaurant whilst enjoying an evening at the trots. For more information contact 5023 2454 or 0407 864 558.

MILDURA SPEEDWAY DRIVERS CLUB INC.

Friday 6, Timmis Speedway, Deakin Ave extension & 19th St

NSSS Super Sedans, Modifieds, Street Stock. Gates open at 5pm and racing starts at 7pm. Fully catered. No BYO by law. For more information contact 0404 370 747. (Due to reasons beyond the club's control, race dates and classes maybe subject to change. Please check with the club prior to making arrangements.)

RIO VISTA HISTORIC HOUSE

Every day except Tuesdays, 11am-4pm, Cureton Ave

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SUNRAYSIA FARMERS' TWILIGHT MARKET

Friday 6, 6pm-9pm,
Ornamental Lakes, Hugh King Drive



Come down to the Sunraysia Farmers' Market and watch the sun set over the mighty Murray River as you stroll around the

many fabulous stalls. You will find crisp fresh produce, dried fruits, plants-from seeds to trees, marvellous muffins and pastries, honey, jams and chutneys, meats, freshly ground coffee and even something for your pooch. For more information contact 0439 252 342.

MILDURA MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Saturday 7, Olympic Park Motorcycle Complex, 11th Street (west)

Arena X. Gates open at 5.30pm and racing starts at 7pm. Fully catered. No BYO by law. Please note dates are subject to change or cancellation due to circumstances outside of our control. Please check with club prior to making arrangements 0429 904 603.

MILDURA CITY MARKET

Sunday 8, 8am-1pm,
Langtree Ave (between 9th & 10th Streets)

Find a gift among the many stalls that have lovely items for sale. There are crafts, socks, clothing, home cooking, fruit and vegetables as well as jams, pickles and dried fruit. You will also find jewellery, natural beauty products, books, plants, fancy cards, woodwork items, bric-a-brac and locally made boomerangs and didgeridoos. The market is managed by the Sunraysia Region Girl Guides and market insurance is available. If you are interested in a stall contact 0400 032 803 Monday-Friday.

COOL 4 KIDS

Friday 13, 11am & 6pm,
Mildura Workingman's Club,
Deakin Avenue

An interactive music show featuring Cool Bear and his friends. Tickets available at venue. Price \$12 or Family \$38. For more information contact 0417 515 799.

ALI BABA - PANTOMIME

Thursday 12 to Saturday 14,
7.30pm and Saturday 14 &
Sunday 15, Matinee 2.00pm,
Mercy Theatre, cnr
Riverside Ave & 11th St

Ali Baba, a poor free-lance camel driver, arrives home having accidentally discovered the treasure cave of the villainous Abu al Kapoun, leader of the Forty Thieves. This is fun-filled musical romp through the Arabian Nights as Ali Baba and his friends team up with the Genie of Aladdin's lamp to give the notorious Forty Thieves their come-uppance. So come along, bring the family and friends. Tickets on line now at www.rcms.org.au or Toyworld.



MILDURA MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Saturday 14, Olympic Park Motorcycle Complex, 11th Street (west)

Sidecar Grand Slam. Gates open at 5.30pm and racing starts at 7pm. Fully catered. No BYO by law. Please note dates are subject to change or cancellation due to circumstances outside of our control. Please check with club prior to making arrangements 0429 904 603.

MERBEIN STREET MARKET

Sunday 15, 8am-1pm,
Commercial St and Pit Stop Forecourt

The Merbein Street Markets are held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. You will find local and interstate stalls, fresh produce, arts and crafts, bric-a-brac, entertainment and the local second hand shops open. For more information contact 0427 888 708.

MALLEE FOLK CLUB

Sunday 15, 4pm-7pm, LEAP Project Space, 39 Langtree Avenue

The Mallee Folk Club provides a venue for acoustic music enthusiasts of all traditions and ages to meet and to either perform or listen. A regular music gathering is held on the second Sunday of each month. The club welcomes new performers. Poets and yarn tellers also welcome. Join in and help keep the folk tradition alive. For more information contact 5023 2547 or 5024 1986.

SUNRAYSIA FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday 21, 8am-12noon,
Ornamental Lakes, Hugh King Drive



The Sunraysia Farmers' Market is located alongside the Murray River at the picturesque Ornamental Lakes.

A sumptuous breakfast, using local in-season produce is served during the morning. Crisp fresh produce, dried fruits, plants- from seeds to trees, marvellous muffins and pastries, honey, jams and chutneys, meats, freshly ground coffee and even something for your pooch. For more information contact 0439 252 342.

MILDURA CITY MARKET

Sunday 22, 8am-1pm,
Langtree Ave (between 9th & 10th Streets)

Find a gift among the many stalls that have lovely items for sale. There are crafts, socks, clothing, home cooking, fruit and vegetables as well as jams, pickles and dried fruit. You will also find jewellery, natural beauty products, books, plants, fancy cards, woodwork items, bric-a-brac and locally made boomerangs and didgeridoos. The market is managed by the Sunraysia Region Girl Guides. If you are interested in having a stall contact 0400 032 803 Monday-Friday.

MILDURA HARNESS RACING-TWILIGHT

Sunday 22, Mildura Recreation Reserve, 12th St

Ouyen Cup at Mildura. Gates open at 4pm and racing starts at 5.30pm. Adults \$8, Pens. \$4, Under 17 Free when accompanied with an adult, otherwise \$2. Relax in the comfort of the on-course restaurant whilst enjoying an evening at the trots. For more information contact 5023 2454 or 0407 864 558.





MURRAY RIVER INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Tuesday 24 to Sunday 29, Various Venues

Bringing fine music from Australia and internationally renowned performers into unique Murray River locations. Each day of the program provides for world class performances combined with master-classes and workshops. The artists perform in a variety of venues ranging from riverside settings to riverboats and regional art venue. '

The 2012 program opens with Interpreti Veneziani performing in 'heavenly gardens' otherwise known as Ampelon Gardens in Gol Gol NSW across the Murray River from Mildura. For those who have been to our concerts before, you will know how simply divine this evening is and for the first timers-you are in for an evening you will never forget.

The opening night will also feature two acclaimed international performers; guitarist, Massimo Scattolin and outstanding flautist, Roberta Fabbriani.

Other guests during the Festival include the exceptionally gifted violinist, Miwako Abe and Indigenous soprano, actor and author of internationally acclaimed plays, Deborah Cheetham, who will perform excerpts from 'Pecan Opera'.

For more information go to www.artsmildura.com.au

MILDURA CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY

Thursday 26, 8.30am-10.30am, The Nowingi Place, Hugh King Drive



Australian Citizenship symbolises our unity as a nation. It represents commitment to Australia and its people, the values we share and our common future. It also symbolises the sense of belonging to the country where we have been born or where we have decided to make our home.

Mildura's Australian Day Ambassador will be Tony Wheeler, founder of the travelling bible Lonely Planet. Tony was born in Britain, but grew up in Pakistan, the Bahamas and the USA. With his wife Maureen, Tony travelled across Asia to Australia in the early '70's. The book they wrote and published about that trip became the first Lonely Planet guidebook, a business which now employs more than 500 staff at its head office in Melbourne and subsidiary offices in London and San Francisco.

The day will include a scrumptious breakfast from Mildura Lions or Clove Organics, available for a small fee, as well as the Australia Day Awards, Honours and Citizenship Ceremony. Chloe Russell, soloist, will be performing as well as local band Different Colours.

This is a great day to celebrate all things good about this nation. Bring a chair or picnic rug and enjoy the morning's celebrations.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 26, Various Locations

Irymple

Irymple Lions Club Australia Day Breakfast. Henshilwood Reserve. Citizen of the Year presentation. Raising the flag by Scouts/Guides. Fantastic local entertainment from 8am. Breakfast from 7.30am (small fee) For more information contact 0407 011 648.

Red Cliffs

Red Cliffs celebrates Australia Day at Barclay Square. The day will start with raising the flag at 8.00am and then followed by breakfast (small fee). For more information contact 5024 6566.

Merbein

Merbein Australia Day is celebrated at Kenny Park. Light entertainment and a breakfast on the day starting from 7.00am to 11.00am (small fee). For more information contact 0428 535 023

Murrayville

Breakfast will be at Pioneer Park from 7.30am to 9.00am. Award Presentations at 9.00am.

Ouyen

Ouyen's Lions Club Australia Day Breakfast from 7.00am to 9.00am (small fee). Local entertainment. Presentation of Senior and Junior Citizens Awards. For more information contact 5092 2262.

Underbool

Celebrations will take place in Outen Park in the evening starting at 6.30pm. For more information contact 5094 6214.

Walpeup

Breakfast at 8.00am at the Wayside Stop. For more information contact 5094 1268.

Nangiloc-Colignan

Breakfast at 9.00am at the Mud Hut. Lucky ticket prizes. Free jumping castle for the kids.

MILDURA HARNES RACING-DAY MEET

Thursday 26, 12noon, Mildura Recreation Reserve, 12th Street

Gates open approximately 12noon. Adults \$8, Pens. \$4, Under 17 Free when accompanied with an adult, otherwise \$2. Refreshments available. For more information contact 5023 2454 or 0407 864 558.

SUNRAYSIA TENPIN CUP

Friday 27 to Sunday 29, Sunraysia Tenpin Bowl, 1 King Avenue

This tournament will have a first prize of \$10,000 making it the 2nd largest bowling event in Australia. Given this the best bowlers in the country and a number of top internationals will show the public the very best of tenpin bowling outside of America.

Qualifying Day 1 & Day 2

7.30am-11pm

Finals Day

9.30am-afternoon.

For more information contact 0409 510 261.

MILDURA SPEEDWAY DRIVERS INC.

Saturday 28, Timmis Speedway, Deakin Ave extension & 19th Street

MJS Street Stock Series, Wingless Sprintcars, Modifieds, AMCA, Juniors. Gates open at 5pm and racing starts at 7pm. Fully catered. No BYO by law. For more information contact 0404 370 747. (Due to reasons beyond the club's control, race dates and classes may be subject to change. Please check with the club prior to making arrangements).



MILDURA MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Saturday 28, Olympic Park Motorcycle Complex, 11th Street (west)

King of the Murray Arena X. Gates open at 5.30pm and racing starts at 7pm. Fully catered. No BYO by law. Please note dates are subject to change or cancellation due to circumstances outside of our control. Please check with club prior to making arrangements 0429 904 603.

SUNRAYSIA UKULELE NETWORK (SUN)

Sunday 29, 2pm-4pm, Old Mildura Cottage, Cureton Ave

SUN play uke and sing. Everyone is welcome. It is a happy and fun way of spending a Sunday afternoon. Uke's to borrow. It's free and good for the soul. For more information call 5024 1986.

YEAR LONG EVENTS

Sunraysia Farmers' Market

The first and third Saturday of each month.

Red Cliffs Country Market

The first Sunday of each month.

Merbein Street Market

The third Sunday of each month.

Mildura City Market

The second and fourth Sunday of each month.

HOLIDAYS (Victoria)

**Labour Day
Monday, 12 March**

**Good Friday
Friday, 6 April**

**Easter Monday
Monday, 9 April**

**ANZAC
Wednesday, 25 April**

**Queen's Birthday
Monday, 11 June**

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While demolition works continue on the site of the theatre, and the gallery remains closed to the public, Rio Vista House is open from 11am to 4pm every day except Tuesdays. Entry is free.