



# Our natural & built environments

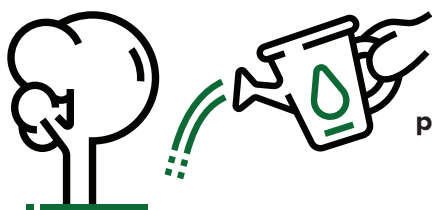
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**2040**

Your Vision. Our Future.

At 22,330 square kilometres, the Mildura Rural City Council area covers almost ten per cent of the state of Victoria and includes unique Mallee vegetation, broad acre grain properties, intensive horticultural farms and vibrant towns. The beautiful Murray River winds its way through much of the municipality and is a focal point for visitors and about 55,700 people who call the region home.

The places and spaces where we live, work and play have a huge impact on community health and wellbeing. Council manages and maintains a huge range of community infrastructure and delivers many services that help promote and sustain our natural and built environments.

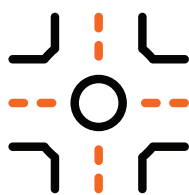
**28<sup>1</sup>** nature strips  
converted as part of  
our Low Water Use  
Nature Strip Program



**1274**  
trees were  
planted in the  
2019-2020  
season

## Roads, Footpaths and Road Drainage

**420km<sup>1</sup>**  
Footpaths and  
shared paths



**470km**  
Kerbs and channel  
for road drainage

**1,047km**  
Sealed roads

**4,145km**  
Unsealed roads



## Waste Management

Council provides a range of waste management services to keep our municipality clean and safe. These services assist residents, visitors and businesses to responsibly dispose of the waste they make, extend the life of local landfills and improve the sustainability of our environment.



**6,936<sup>2</sup>**  
Tonnes of organic  
waste collected  
in kerbside  
green bins since  
July 2020



**9** Landfills and  
transfer stations<sup>3</sup>

**26,206<sup>2</sup>**  
Rubbish bins  
collected  
each week

**25,993<sup>2</sup>**  
Recycling bins  
collected each  
fortnight

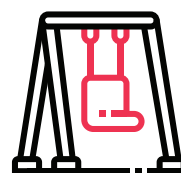


## Public Open Spaces

**8<sup>1</sup>**  
Swimming  
pools



**17**  
Sporting  
reserves



**111**  
Parks



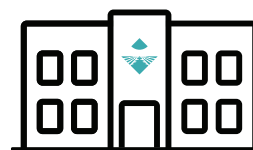
**4** Wetlands



**60** Playgrounds



**4**  
Skate  
parks



**1176<sup>1</sup>**  
Council  
maintained  
buildings

**3**  
Wharfs  
and  
mooring



## Drainage

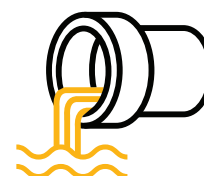
**337km<sup>1</sup>**  
Pipes



**11,377**  
Pits and gross  
pollutants



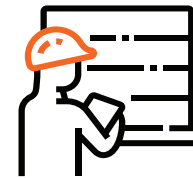
**80**  
Stormwater  
management  
areas





## Building and Planning

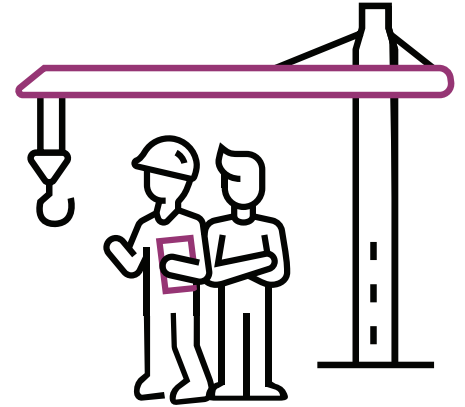
**986**<sup>2</sup>  
building permits issued  
for building works totalling  
**\$174,224,004**



**593**  
planning  
permit  
applications  
received

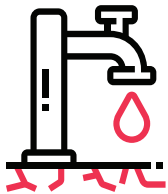
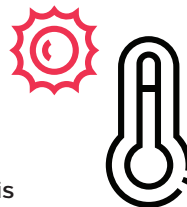
Mildura Rural City Council provides the following services to support our natural and built environments:

- Parks and gardens
- Waste management
- Building and enforcement
- Strategic land use planning
- Works and infrastructure services
- Engineering services
- Asset management
- Statutory planning
- Building facilities
- Environmental sustainability



## Climate Change<sup>3</sup>

Climate change has the potential to affect our community, the economy and our environment adversely. Victoria is already experiencing climate change impacts, increased and longer fire seasons and extreme fire warning days, and is becoming hotter and drier in the recent years.



On 26 February 2020 Council declared a climate emergency and is currently setting up a Climate Emergency Reference Group which will provide input and guide the development of a Climate Emergency Plan containing community owned climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

The following Mildura Rural City Council strategies aim to create and promote sustainable natural and built environments:

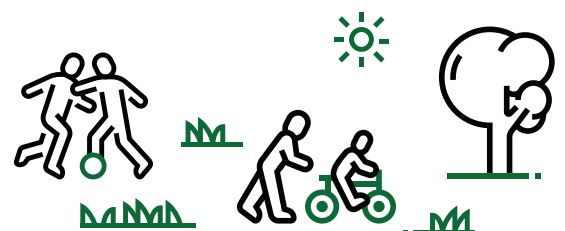
- Asset Management Strategy
- Deakin Avenue Master Plan
- Energy Management Plan
- Mildura CBD Plan
- Environmental Education Plan
- Mildura Housing and Settlement Strategy
- Invasive Plants and Animals Plan
- Mildura Retail Strategy
- Road Management Plan
- Public Toilet Strategy
- Native Vegetation Plan
- Mildura Riverfront Master Plan



## COVID-19 impacts on our natural & built environments

The global COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our community. During this time lockdowns placed limits on time away from the home for outdoor activities such as exercise. Other restrictions have also encouraged us to socialise outdoors over indoors to reduce the chance of spread. This has shown us how important it is to have open spaces, facilities and features such as parks, playgrounds, reserves and gardens to enjoy individually and with others, and how vital they are in playing a part in our general wellbeing.

Sometimes there is nothing better than getting outside and into fresh air and nature.



<sup>1</sup> MRCC records

<sup>2</sup> MRCC Annual Report 2019-2020

<sup>3</sup> mildura.vic.gov.au

