

Year of great achievements

Centenary celebrations two highlights



UNITED IN CELEBRATION: Centenary celebrations at Merbein and Ouyen this year were huge successes.

AS 2009 winds down and we brace ourselves for the silly season to hit full throttle, it's timely that we reflect on the year that has passed and all that we have achieved as a community.

The strength and spirit of the people who call Mildura Rural City home has always been apparent.

But some particular projects and events have revealed even further how fortunate we are to live in a place where people are so willing to contribute and get involved.

Community centenary celebrations at both Merbein and Ouyen in 2009 were personal highlights for me, and I imagine also for many of the residents of these communities.

Not only did these events provide a chance to reflect and enjoy the history of these towns, but also for people of all ages and walks of life to come together.

The Mayor on Monday

Mildura Rural City Councillor Glenn Milne

Through the combined efforts of many to achieve a common goal, we saw some amazing outcomes.

I believe as a council we have also been able to work with the community in 2009 to provide ongoing services and facilities as well as many new projects that will make a significant difference to the wellbeing of everyone.

Plans for major developments including the Mildura Arts Centre, Mildura riverfront and Langtree Mall are continuing to develop.

The community planning technique for smaller towns in our municipality has also proven successful, with residents driving

the future direction of their communities.

The story of Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ is one of hope and giving and I believe that whatever your views on religion, we can all take something from it.

This summer I encourage you to keep the Christmas message in mind as you catch up with friends and take time to enjoy some of the wonderful things our region has to offer.

The festive season presents us all with a welcome opportunity to unwind and look forward to 2010 with a sense of optimism.

If you are travelling over the festive season, please do so safely.

On behalf of the councillors, managers, and staff at Mildura Rural City Council, I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and thank you for your contributions to our community throughout the year.