

## Welcome and information pack ChangeFest 24 Mildura

Welcome to ChangeFest 2024 Mildura. Here is some information to help you get the most out of your experience.

- What to expect
  - Mildura will still be enjoying warm to hot weather during ChangeFest so be prepared for sunny days. The evenings may be slightly cool once the sun goes down.
- What to bring
  - Hats, sun umbrellas, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, water bottle and an open mind for sharing and learning.
- Airport transfers
  - The official ChangeFest airport transfers needed to be booked with your registration and are running on Tuesday and Friday.
  - Catching a taxi from the airport is the other option. You will need to order the taxi when you board the plane (they will ask you at the start of your flight if you'd like to book a taxi). There are limited taxis available in Mildura. There is no Uber in Mildura.
  - Mildura Taxis have been appointed the official Taxi Operators from Mildura Airport. If you need to call them, the phone number is (03) 5023 0033.
- Daily bus transfers to and from the venue
  - There will be a bus route along Deakin Avenue each morning to pick up people and drop them at the Mildura Arts Centre. There will also be a return drop-off route at the end of each day.
- Car parking
  - There is car parking available along the riverside precinct.
  - See the venue map of carpark locations.
- Transfer between venues
  - ChangeFest works to ensure it is accessibility friendly as possible. All venues are within walking distance of each other, however, working across 5 venues, some travel is required. The venues are close to each other; the venue map shows the estimated walking times.
  - If you have mobility issues there is access to transport that can be utilised between venues if required. Please let us know at the registration desk if you require transport.



- Assistance at ChangeFest
  - Look out for the white ChangeFest t-shirts! Local community volunteers along with CFI, Connected Beginnings and Hands Up Mallee Staff will be here to help you each day. Feel free to ask for any assistance at any point.
  - $\circ\;$  If you have any questions at the start of the day, ask our team at the registration desk.
  - For any questions throughout the day please visit the information HUB, located at the Mildura Workers Bowls Club, 176 Cureton Avenue, Mildura.
- Organiser contact number/s
  - If you require information during ChangeFest please contact Christine Cottrell (local Connected Beginnings Director) on 0421 179 759
- Catering
  - Morning and afternoon tea along with lunch will be provided. There will be a variety of meal options, and dietary requirements have been catered for. There are also coffee shops in easy reach of all venues.
- Wellbeing
  - We encourage everyone to take care of themselves throughout the festival. Some suggestions to help with this are:
    - Walk along riverfront, taking in the local sights and sounds
    - There are a number of gyms and pools available -<u>https://www.visitmildura.com.au/Operators/Health-and-Wellness.aspx</u>
    - Water will be available at each venue as well as water refill stations along the riverfront
    - Mildura has lots of cafes and restaurants to enjoy a meal or break at
    - For additional support Beyond Blue can be contacted on 1300 22 4636 or at Beyond Blue | 24/7 Support for Anxiety, Depression and Suicide Prevention
    - Lifeline Australia 13 11 14 Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.
- Getting around Mildura Transport in Mildura is limited, there is no Uber in Mildura. If you need a taxi, the details are:
  - Mildura Taxis: 03 5023 0033
  - City Taxis Mildura: 03 5022 2000
  - Urcab Mildura: <u>https://www.urcab.com.au</u> or via the Urcab App
- Additional activities
  - Wednesday evening Corrobboree, Rio Vista Park
    - The Ngiwa Yarna Committee, in partnership with Mildura Rural City Council, is pleased to invite ChangeFest attendees to be part of the bi-annual Mildura Corroboree on Wednesday 20 March 2024 from 5.30pm at Rio Vista Park.
    - Corroboree is a public event when the Mildura will attend alongside you. It's a great way to experience our wonderful community and culture.



- This is a public event run separately from ChangeFest, your attendance is entirely up to you.
- There will be some complimentary food provided at the event as well as food options to purchase.
- For more information visit <u>https://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Community/Aboriginal-community/2024-</u> <u>Mildura-Corroboree</u>
- Thursday evening Campfires Campfire storytelling is building a better connection within community, connection to Country through journeying across the landscape. It reflects the vibrant nature of our stories, traditional symbols for movement, including animal tracks and meeting places. They are stories of strength, skill and resilience that remind us of both how far we have come, and how far we have to go in creating a culturally safe community.
  - This event requires registration through the ChangeFest app and is limited to 50 people.
  - It will run on Thursday 21 March 2024 from 6-9.30pm at Rio Vista Park
  - Food and Drinks will be provided.
  - Friday afternoon Collective Movements: First Nations Collectives, Collaborations and Creative Practices from across Victoria, Mildura Arts Centre
    - This is a is a wide-ranging project focusing on the work of historic and contemporary First Nations creative practitioners and community groups from across Victoria that recognises collectivity as integral to Indigenous knowledges and ways of being.
    - ChangeFest24 attendees are welcome to join the exhibition celebration 5.30pm, Friday 22 March
    - It's a free event and refreshments will be served.
    - For more info <u>Mildura Arts Centre Collective Movements</u>
  - o Other events can be found at https://eventsmildura.com.au
- Visitor Info Centre
  - To find out about what other activities you can enjoy in the surrounding area visit our local Visitor Information Centre at 190 Deakin Avenue, or check out the websites:
    - Mildura: <u>Mildura Visitor Information Centre</u>
    - Wentworth: <u>Wentworth NSW (experiencewentworth.com.au)</u>