

# Mildura Day

31 May  
2021

The celebrations of Mildura Day this year will be limited due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, we have chosen three important historic institutions to conduct events on this day. Experience the occasion with your friends and learn more about Mildura's history.

## **Mildura Club – Guided Tours to be conducted at 12.15 p.m. and 1.15 p.m. Not to be missed.**

This is of course one of our most prestigious institutions. The story will be told of how the social clubs were established in a time of austere prohibition. The poem, 'The Relief of Mildura', captures the legendary thirst of the workers and how they managed to get around such restrictions. The tour will include the 'Golden Stairs' leading to the Board Room and Ranfurly Reading Room, the historic 'punkahs' reminiscent of colonial India, the numerous fireplaces, the historic billiard room and bar and the infamous portrait of the 'Reclining Nude'. Free admission and a complimentary tour and Stefano port on arrival – *no bookings necessary*.

## **Mildura Grand (Coffee Palace) Hotel – Grand high tea in the original Chaffey Office Garden 2 pm to 4 pm - A Gourmets Delight.**

The Grand Hotel is exactly as its name suggests – GRAND. Starting as Mildura Coffee Palace, it was the venue for many grand events in the early colony. The impressive building housing the Chaffey Brothers Offices and the magnificent gardens was situated next door. These have since been removed to make way for extensions to 'The Grand'. However, weather permitting, the sumptuous 'High Tea', complete with a menu of taste temptations, will be conducted beside the original 'Chaffey Fountain'. *Bookings Grand Hotel: 50230511 Cost is \$50 per person, includes complimentary champagne on entry.*

## **Langtree Hall – Old-time Film night – 7 pm to 9 pm – Complete with popcorn.**

Now in Walnut Avenue, this was the first hall in the Mildura Irrigation Colony. Once home to the 'Lyric Theatre' it hosted orchestral concerts, operettas, musical recitals and band performances. It has also served as a dance hall, roller skating rink, Court of Petty Sessions, Church, 'Mildura Telegraph' printing office, and for many years as a billiard saloon. It is now a museum of historic artefacts and collections and an occasional old time movie theatre. The films will include digitally restored footage of vintage Sunraysia. Be shown to your seat by a delightful usherette and Interval may include some traditional delights. Special presentation courtesy of Ian McWilliams. Entry \$5 per person. *Bookings Mildura Visitor Information Centre: 5018 8379*

**At each venue, you will be asked to use a QR code with your phone, alternatively, your details can be recorded, for COVID best practice.**

*SEE OVER FOR CONTACT DETAILS.*



Chaffey Office on Seventh Street





View from clock tower showing Mildura Club



Coffee Palace, 16th May, 1890. Visit of Victorian Parliamentarians. Now the Grand Hotel.



Chaffey Office Garden - 1890



Langtree Hall - 1892



Mildura Rural City Council

**THE CHAFFEY TRAIL**  
Mildura — Australia's First Irrigation Colony

Mildura Visitor Information and Booking Centre (03) 5018 8379