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Crowds flocked to Gulgong Showground for the annual show and rodeo on February 18. Photo by Sigrid Grace Photography

A TRIO OF EVENTS

BY ALANNA TOMAZIN

IT WAS a marvellous weekend not to be missed in Mudgee on Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19 with a trio of events.

Despite sweltering conditions on Saturday a strong crowd turned out for the 40th annual Charity Shield at Glen Willow Stadium to watch the South Sydney Rabbits take on the St George

Illawarra Dragons.

A total of 8,317 supporters watched the match as the temperature rose to 37 degrees, to see Souths claim back the shield title, defeating the Dragons 42-24.

Mid-Western Region mayor Des Kennedy praised well-behaved fans for their patience on the day.

"Everything ran smoothly and it was fantastic to see locals and visitors alike en-

joying themselves at a great day out," he said.

Council estimated approximately \$1.6 million was spent in the Mudgee region over the weekend at restaurants, cafes, retailers and hotels and motels.

Cobb & Co Court Boutique Hotel had no vacancy over the weekend according to office manager Nerilyn Skinner.

"We were fully booked out

on Friday and Saturday, we have 16 rooms and there was an average of two people to a room. Some did stay for the Sunday," she said.

"It's great to see our local economy booming once again especially post COVID."

Cr Kennedy said large events provide a real boost to the local economy and council plans to continue working with NRL teams to attract

games in Mudgee.

"The success of this game comes down to a tremendous amount of planning on the part of Council as we continue to revise and improve the event format," he said.

Also on Saturday, hundreds flocked to Gulgong Showground for the 2023 Gulgong Show. From wood-chopping to whip cracking, a rodeo and an animal nurs-

ery, there was plenty to see and do for everyone.

Events continued into Sunday with the Country Championships at Mudgee Racecourse on February 19. Patrons came from far and wide dressed to the nines to get a taste of some of the best country racing on offer.

Trained by Dubbo's Dar Lunn, five-year-old mare Praline had an impressive victory on the day.

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PROJECT UPDATE

Wollar Solar Farm is located 55km north-east of Mudgee in NSW

WOLLAR SOLAR FARM CONSTRUCTION WORKS TO COMMENCE

Construction works at Wollar Solar Farm are planned to commence at the end of February. The first works will be mobilisation and civil works including temporary construction compounds and access tracks. Construction is expected to be completed in mid-2024.

Typical hours of construction will be Monday - Friday between 7am - 6pm and Saturday 8am - 1pm.

For further information regarding the project visit wollarsolar.com.au
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