

MILDURA DAY CELEBRATIONS

On 31 May 1887 the Chaffey Brothers, the Victorian Government and the Queen signed an Indenture formalising Mildura as Australia's first irrigation colony.

Join us to celebrate 127 years since this important milestone, watch the historic pumps in operation and see how the Chaffey's vision came to life.

Thursday 29 May, 1pm
Mildura Arts Centre Theatre

Complimentary afternoon. Mildura's history captioned with the viewing of three films followed by afternoon tea and an opportunity to be hosted on a guided tour through Rio Vista with historian Glenn Miller. RSVP to Jeni Snadden 5018 8240 by Monday 25 May.

Saturday 31 May Mildura Day, 11am – 3pm
Psyche Pumps

Psyche Bend Road, King's Billabong

Enjoy tasty snacks and lunches from bygone eras to modern day treasures.

Complimentary guided tours of the Psyche Pumps precinct including the wood pile, boiler foundation, Jane Eliza pump site, borrow pit and Billabong supply channel

11:15am See a historic 'argument' between Richard Tangye Engineer of Birmingham, George Chaffey and others. Come dressed in period costume - prizes for best dressed lady, gent, girl, boy and family, judging from 12noon - 1pm.

Entertainment from the Sunraysia Community Choir & Musicality.

Play olden day games and activities - sack and wheelbarrow races, skipping ropes and board games. Model paddleboats on display, markets, woodturning, spinners & weavers and more.

Visit Chateau Mildura (191 Belar Avenue, Irymple) between 10am and 5pm. Complimentary guided tours available at 3pm and 4pm.

Sunday 1 June, 2pm
Merbein Community Hub

Main Avenue, Merbein

Sunday 1 June 2014 marks 100 years since W.B Chaffey established his winery at Merbein. View a historic picture show at the Merbein Community Hub from 2pm and browse displays of historical photographs from the winery's early days



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