

# Sunraysia Daily

## News 7

**MONASH Rural Health Mildura** aims to boost Sunraysia's medical, nursing and allied health workforce with its annual health careers information night tomorrow.



## Nation 8

**A BRISBANE chef** who killed and dismembered his Indonesian partner before taking his own life in 2014 had seen a doctor for anxiety, depression and a sleep disorder in the weeks before their deaths, an inquest has heard.



## World 11

**EMMANUEL Macron** has taken power as president of France, vowing to restore the country's status and heal divisions.



## Farming 12-14

**MORE engagement** of horticulturists from Sunraysia will be the aim of the new Victorian Farmers Federation horticulture president Emma Germano.



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## \$10m Calder cash splash announced

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"Constructing new overtaking lanes, as well as improving existing rest areas and building new ones will make the journey safer for truck drivers and all other motorists," Mr Chester said.

"The Australian Government's record investment is building critical infrastructure projects such as this, helping prepare for future traffic growth, deliver safer roads and cut travel times and costs for local producers. Every dollar we invest in upgrading roads helps to save lives and reduce serious injuries."

Member for Mallee Andrew Broad applauded the extra funding for the Calder Highway and said it was a great result for the residents and industries of the region.

"I drive the Calder Highway a lot and I know firsthand how dangerous it can be," Mr Broad said.

"This corridor has seen traffic grow by roughly a third over the last five years."

"It provides a link to the Henry Highway and supports a lot of freight movement from Sunraysia to south-western Victoria."

"Adding these extra overtaking lanes and better rest stops is great for road freight operators and all other motorists."

The Australian Government's \$10 million investment will be matched by the Victorian Government.



Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester (inset) will be in Mildura today to announce vital funding for key Calder Highway and blackspot intersection works.



## BLACK SPOT FUNDING TO BOOST SAFETY

**A \$70,000 upgrade** to a Mildura roundabout will be among projects to be funded under the Federal Government's latest Black Spot Program.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester will make the announcement in Mildura this morning.

Mr Chester will be joined by Member for Mallee and Victorian Black Spot Consultative Panel chair Andrew Broad at the roundabout at Etiwanda Avenue and Fourteenth Street for the funding announcement.

"By fixing and upgrading road

locations where crashes are occurring through safety measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts, we are helping to make our local roads safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians," Mr Chester said.

Mr Broad said the latest investment in black spot projects would deliver safer roads in 31 local government areas throughout Victoria.

"Locally, we'll see \$70,000 from the government go to Mildura Rural City Council to help them upgrade the roundabout at Fourteenth Street and Etiwanda Avenue," he said.

## Resort complex plan for Gol Gol

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**A FOUR** to five star tourist accommodation precinct, covering almost 700ha and comprising resort villas, serviced apartments and holiday homes, has been proposed for Gol Gol.

The Northbank on Murray business case details cafes and restaurants, shopping facilities, family fun and adventure activities, a golf course and water sports.

It could transform the Sunraysia tourism accommodation sector on the NSW side of the Murray River.

ADDICO Property principal David Fowler, who is consulting on the Northbank on Murray project, said the long-term development was a very bold proposal.

"We've got a situation at present where there is tourism in New South

Wales, but people are running across the river to Mildura in another jurisdiction," the Sydney-based consultant said.

"All we're doing at this stage is getting the council's approval to get to the next steps of the process."

Stakeholders, which include former councillor and Wentworth property developer Bob Wheelton, believe the resort proposal fits in with the NSW Government's draft strategy for Western NSW and its plans to grow and maximise tourism.

The proposed development would cover a 679ha site, located just east of the Gol Gol township, stretching from the banks of the Murray River, traversing the Sturt Highway and backing on to the Gol Gol Swamp.

The proposal is to go before Wentworth Shire Council tomorrow.

The development's proponents will request a rezoning of the proposed

site from Primary Production to tourism, commercial and mixed use.

The business case for the development stated the land in question "has been sitting dormant for a long time and not contributing to the local economy."

The council's health and planning division enlisted the Aurecon Group to complete an independent assessment of the proposal so a "fresh set of eyes" could review the business case.

Twenty points of suggestions – mainly to do with planning, economic and employment, and servicing – were recommended by Aurecon so further justification could be given for a large scale development, which the proponents responded to.

The business case stated community consultation was proposed and believed a 28-day consultation period was appropriate at later stages of the planning process.

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