



Community Court Winter Update!

Over the past month, we have seen a fantastic increase in community use of the court, particularly on weekends. The space is now consistently fully booked on Saturdays and Sundays, and we've successfully hosted a number of volleyball competitions, welcoming players from both Robinvale and Boundary Bend.

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Community Court Updates

Court usage has grown significantly, with 256 recorded entries across April (including basketball, netball, soccer and badminton), increasing to 765 entries in May. It's wonderful to see the community making the most of the free access, and there is strong appreciation for MVAC's support in funding court entry.

It has also been great to see more families getting involved. For example, mums and daughters have been enjoying casual afternoon badminton sessions together, creating a welcoming and active environment for all ages.

Looking ahead, planning is underway for a children's playground program in July, along with the possibility of organising adult soccer games in September.



Celebrating Excellence: Highlights from our QIC Accreditation Report

Quality Innovation Performance
Accreditation Report



Big news — MVAC has officially been assessed under the Quality Innovation Performance (QIC) Accreditation, and the results speak volumes about who we are!

The assessors didn't just tick boxes. They saw the heart behind everything we do. Clients told them they feel "very well supported and listened to as individuals," with some families sharing stories of a lifelong connection with MVAC's programs.

Here is what stood out:

- **A Culture of Care** — Our team's "strong passion and caring approach" shone through at every level. Assessors saw a workplace built on collaboration and genuine connection.
- **Growing Together** — Many staff have grown from entry-level roles into senior positions. That's not just retention — that's a family.
- **Strong Foundations & Big Futures** — With 50+ years behind us, the Board is now building a bold 15-year master plan, backed by recent capital works grants.
- **Community Trust** — External partners called MVAC a "valuable partner" and a force for good, locally and beyond.

To our Board, our incredible staff, and YOU — our community — thank you for 50+ years of walking this journey together.

Reflections from the Gathering on Country: Caring for Our Elders

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Amber Ison and Carol Stokes who joined the Gathering on Country, caring for Elders event. It was a beautiful day filled with deep respect, learning, and connection. The day was all about bringing people together to share insights, strengthen our networks, and reflect on the vital, culturally safe work being done to care for our community's Elders.

The gathering hoped everyone who attended walked away with new perspectives, inspired energy, and meaningful connections to carry back into their everyday roles.



Community Noticeboard



The poster features the MVAC logo at the top left, a small Australian flag and a blue square with a white 'A' at the top right, and a large orange and black circular pattern on the right side. The main title 'Koori Night Market' is in white, with 'On NAIDOC Week' in orange below it. The text describes the event as a showcase of local talent. The event details are presented in four orange-bordered boxes: Date (Thursday/9 July 2026), Location (MVAC Hall Car Park), Time (From 2 - 5 PM), and RSVP (Call MVAC Mariah 0447 809 846). At the bottom, there is a photograph of jars of goods and a wooden sign that says 'ALWAYS WILL BE'. The website 'mvac.org.au' is at the bottom center.

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Koori Night Market
On NAIDOC Week

Come along and check out what our local talent has to offer! We have gathered a fantastic mix of local artists, jewelers, craftspeople, and collectors for a showcase of unique goods.

From stunning original artworks and handmade jewelry to one-of-a-kind bric-a-brac and pre-loved treasures, there is something for everyone to discover.

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Thursday/9 July 2026

Location
MVAC Hall Car Park

Time
From 2 - 5 PM

RSVP
Call MVAC Mariah
0447 809 846

mvac.org.au

Have your say on how we can improve MVAC

If you have some feedback about any of our operations here at MVAC, we have a new way to make your voice heard. You can have your say by scanning the QR code with your smartphone. You'll be taken to our feedback form, where you can pass on your suggestions.





**MVAC NAIDOC
WEEK 2026**



**COMMUNITY
FUN DAY
FRIDAY 10TH
JULY**

**Rides & Amusements,
Koorie Games, Story
Telling, Animal Petting
Farm, Laser Tag, Hot
dogs & Donuts, BBQ
lunch and more**



****Anglicare, RDHS, Mallee Family Care, Many rivers will be there**



NAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026

**PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY NIAA, MURRAY
PHN AND OTHER PARTNERS OF MVAC**



ABOUT OUR AOD PROGRAM

Our Alcohol and Other Drugs program can support you and your family in your recovery journey.

Who Can Access This Program

- **IF YOU EXPERIENCE TROUBLE OR SUBSTANCE ADDICTION WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**
- **LIVING IN THE LODDON MALLEE, ROBINVALE**

What Services are Provided

- Individual and family counselling that supports recovery and substance use
- Focus on harm reduction to reduce negative actions and effects
- Focus on wellbeing
- Court and Corrections referral support

How Does it Work?

You will have your individual needs discussed and assessed, then the correct services will be provided for you and a tailored case plan will be created.

Wants to get involved?

This is a voluntary program. You can reach out to the MVAC SEWB team directly for more information or to begin your journey.

Contact: Rob Dini at MVAC

Phone: 03 5026 3353

Address: 87 Latje Road, Robinvale 3549



Why We Vote?

- To put my views forwards
- For my family
- For my community
- For my kids' futures
- For my Elders
- To honour those who came before me
- To help decide who represents my community in Parliament
- Because it affects all of us

Find more information
about enrolling and
voting at
aec.gov.au/indigenous



Are you enrolled to vote?

It is compulsory by law for all eligible Australian citizens to enrol and vote. If you are 16 or 17 you can enrol now so when you turn 18 you'll be able to vote.

Scan the QR code

