

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

Powercor provides a safe and reliable electricity supply to the Mildura Region. Victoria's Essential Services Commission has found a 50% improvement in reliability of supply in the Mildura and wider Mallee region over the past three years (September 2004). Powercor is the major power supplier in Victoria, delivering across 65% of the state.

CONTACT

24 hour general enquiries

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Website www.powercor.com.au

NATURAL GAS

Natural Gas was introduced to the Mildura Region in 1999, in the City of Mildura and the townships of Irymple and Red Cliffs. The system was initially designed to service major industrial and commercial users, and is continually expanding – helping to achieve increased competitiveness and new opportunities. A steel transmission pipeline supplies the region with natural gas sourced from the Cooper Basin in northern South Australia.

CONTACT

Information/Connections

Tel 1300 001 001

Website www.natural-gas.com.au

LP GAS

A secure supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas is readily available from depots and distributors in the Mildura Region. As a portable energy source, LPG provides considerable flexibility.

ELGAS

Perry St

Mildura VIC 3500

Tel 13 11 61

Website www.elgas.com.au

KLEENHEAT GAS

Tel 13 21 80

Bulk Gas Tel 1300 135 111

Website www.kleenheat.com.au

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Mildura Region is well-served by an array of telecommunications providers. CDMA and digital mobile telephone coverage is continually expanding, and the region lays claim to having Australia's first independent hybrid fibre and coaxial (HFC) infrastructure full service telecommunications network (Neighbourhood Cable). The Telstra Country Wide office for North West Victoria is located in Mildura.

CONTACTS

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Tel 1800 687 829

Email northwestvic@countrywide.telstra.com

Website www.telstra.com/countrywide

Neighbourhood Cable

65 The Crescent Mildura VIC 3500

Tel 1300 366 248

Website www.neighbourhoodcable.com.au

EDUCATION

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY – MILDURA CAMPUS

The Mildura Campus of La Trobe University is located in a new \$4.5m facility completed in November 2003 and also utilises specialist facilities of Sunraysia Institute of TAFE. 300 students were enrolled at the Campus in 2004.

La Trobe University is the premier sponsor of the Mildura-Wentworth Arts Festival and also conducts an annual series of Public Lectures. La Trobe University is also a partner in the Barkindji Biosphere.

Courses available at the Mildura Campus in 2005 are:

Agricultural Science (Year 1)

Arts (Years 1-3)

Business (Years 1-3)

Education (Years 1 & 4)

Nursing (Years 1-3)

Science (Year 1)

Social Work (Grad. Entry Years 3 & 4)
(Students are able to articulate after successful completion of Years 1 & 2 of the B. Arts)

Visual Arts (Years 1-3)

Visual Arts (Graphic Design) (Years 1-3)

Viticultural Science & Wine Production (Year 1)

Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)