

**WEATHER**  
MILDURA: Showers. Risk of thunderstorms with hail. Moderate to locally fresh tending moderate west to southwesterly. Min: 6. Max: 13. MALLEE: Scattered showers. Isolated thunderstorms with hail. Details on 14.

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# Road to peace

## New job for top trainee

## Olive branch between Byrne and Savage

THE relationship between Mildura Mayor Peter Byrne and Member for Mildura Russell Savage continued to thaw yesterday.

Cr Byrne now believes there is no need for mediation given the level of discussions between the two men. Cr Byrne and Mr Savage will meet to discuss the Mildura Riverfront Masterplan next week.

“We believe that this meeting will be the start of a long process, and by working together we hope the community will benefit.”

— Mildura Rural City Council Mayor Peter Byrne.

The Mayor and Mr Savage had already engaged in discussions leading to next week's meeting before Dr Peter Talbot made comments about mediation.

“Based on that it's not necessary at this stage to accept Dr Talbot's offer,” Cr Byrne said.

Mediator Dr Talbot yesterday said he was “happy so far” with public utterances from local community leaders on working together.

Dr Talbot said he was adopting a wait and see attitude on his public plea for local leaders to form a united front.

Dr Talbot's plea, published in Sunraysia Daily on Saturday, was followed by pledges from Mayor Peter Byrne and Member for Mildura Russell Savage to work together on Monday.

Dr Talbot said he wanted to make it clear his call did not just involve Mr Byrne and Mr Savage.

“My letter was not just about them but a lot of other people who need to be working together.”

He said he was happy not to proceed with mediation if the situation was resolved.

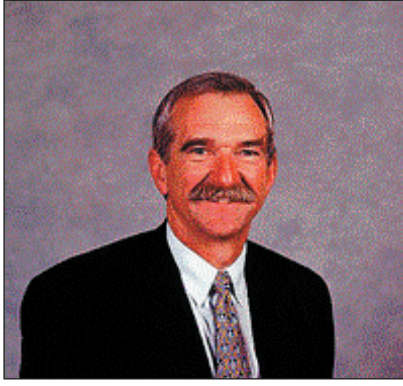
The threat of mediation in itself often has the right result, he said.

“If there is no need to hold mediation then so much the better.”

Dr Talbot said he planned “to keep a watching brief” for the next



• Mildura Rural City Council Mayor Peter Byrne.



• Member for Mildura Russell Savage.

few weeks.

“I think the public has said very clearly they want their leaders to be working together.”

Cr Byrne and Mr Savage will meet at Mr Savage's 8th Street office on Thursday morning, June 30 to talk through the masterplan concept.

“We believe that this meeting will be the start of a long process, and by working together we hope the community will benefit,” Cr Byrne said.

“Above all, there will be no sudden developments because it's a long-term proposal and the community will be consulted broadly as the idea progresses.”

Cr Byrne said council and Mr Savage would be seeking an appointment with the Premier's Department to progress the idea of an independent development authority for the riverfront development.

He said who would sit on the independent authority, and how it would work would need to be the subject of discussion between council, Mr Savage and Victorian Premier Steve Bracks, and his department.

## Muppets get a kick out of Mildura



• MUPPETS member Igor (Catherine Low) was on hand to help at Mildura South Primary School yesterday.



YEAR 5 and 6 students at Mildura South Primary School had the Muppets visit yesterday -- an all Australian troupe of Muppets from Melbourne University Physics Promotion, Education and Teaching Services.

Dr Roger Rassool from the School of Physics directs MUPPETS, a physics show presented with the co-operation of graduate students.

The stimulating exposure of physics to children has helped to illustrate that science can be fun.

All the students had the opportunity of making a spectroscope or periscope which they were able to

keep as a memento of the session.

Catherine Low, one of the 12 graduate students, is completing a Ph.D in Theoretical Physics and her way of lightening up is taking part in the show.

With her head shaved, a white coat and a few props, Catherine transforms into mad scientist Igor and assists Dr Roger.

Professor Max Thompson, Dr Rassool and the students are on the road for three weeks.

A free Physics and Laser show for people interested in those subjects will be presented at Mildura Senior College this evening and Thursday at 6pm.

• Student helper Briony helps out Dean Voss and Roger Rassool.

## More welcome rains fall across the Mallee

WELCOME rains continued to fall across the Mallee yesterday.

Light rain produced between 1-2mm at the Mildura airport yesterday.

Regional centres have received more rain in the past fortnight than they have for the entire year.

Monday's rain (until 9am Tuesday) totals: Mildura 6mm, Annuello 3, Murrayville 5, Ouyen 6, Redcliffs 5, Walpeup 3, Walpeup Mallee Research Station (MRS) 4, Werrimull 5, Berrillillock 3, Beulah 5, Patchewollock 2, Halls Gap 1.5, Ivanhoe 1, Lake Victoria 0.8 and Pooncarie 2.

Weekly totals: Mildura 12mm,

Annuello 8, Murrayville 13, Ouyen 12, Red Cliffs 11, Walpeup 11, Walpeup MRS 10, Werrimull 11, Berrillillock 12, Beulah 26.

The Grampians also received large amounts of rain with Bellfield Reservoir getting 74mm, Wartook Reservoir 59mm, Rocklands Reservoir 45mm.

Mildura has received 33.4mm in the past two weeks, nearing the 39.2mm rain received from January until June 8 this year.

Totals for other centres until June 8: Ouyen 60.8, Werrimull 83.9 and Wentworth 37.6. Rainfall totals from June 8 until June 21: Ouyen 37.2, Werrimull 40.4 and Wentworth 46.

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