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MILDURA'S Indi Clarke is determined to help break the cycle of social, emotional and wellbeing issues to help curb rates of suicide.



Nation 36
JARED Tallent is finally an Olympic gold medalist.



World 40
VIGILS have been held to remember British Labour MP Jo Cox, who died after being shot and stabbed in the street out-side her constituency advice office.

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City turns purple for elders

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ICONIC Mildura buildings, the Carnegie Library, Rio Vista Historical House and the Grand Hotel turned a shade of purple on Wednesday and Thursday evening as a sign of support for elderly residents.

The colour purple is used to symbolise World Elder Abuse Awareness Day that is commemorated internationally on June 15.

Organisers say it is a day to remind the community that human rights do not diminish as people get older, and that everyone has the right to live with dignity and respect.

Mildura Rural City Council's Community Wellbeing and Services portfolio councillor Sharon Peart said Seniors Rights Victoria statistics show elder abuse affecting between 4 to 6 per cent of older people, making the issue one which needs more public attention.

"As our population ages, the number of people affected will increase, so it's more important than ever that we raise awareness of elder abuse and challenge negative attitudes towards ageing," she said. An Elder Abuse Awareness Expo was also held in the Langtree Mall yesterday midday, with support service providers available to discuss this often hidden tragedy.

More information about Elder Abuse is available from www.seniorsrights.org.



Iconic Mildura buildings have been lit with the colour, purple to show support for elderly residents.
Picture: Carmel Zaccaro

Surge in assaults

Police link driving offences with violence