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## **Gundagai Council is moving forward**

It has been 50 days and the new Gundagai Council is continuing to deliver an excellent level of service for all its residents.

Gundagai Administrator Christine Ferguson said ‘Shared resourcing between staff and streamlining council systems is beginning to result in improved services, and is highlighting potential savings that can be reinvested into local infrastructure’.

“When Gundagai Council commenced it made the commitment to provide more value to ratepayers and better customer service,” said Mrs Ferguson.

“Making council more efficient gives us more money to put into parks, roads and pools and improve local services for residents.’

“A poll was set up to change the council’s name, giving the community a chance to have their say and making sure the new council acknowledges its roots in Gundagai and Cootamundra”.

“The council has also established an Asset Management Team, something which did not previously exist in either council.”

“Council is the custodian of approximately \$590 million of community assets, that include roads, drains, footpaths, community facilities, recreational facilities, parks and gardens water and sewerage networks. ‘

“It is imperative that Council invest substantial resources to the maintenance of these assets in order to service the needs and enhance the quality of life of the community.’

Mrs Ferguson said the larger workforce is allowing certain types of work to be undertaken where it previously was not possible due to a lack of resources.

“The council has commenced sharing expertise in areas such as horticultural and arboricultural work, planning and development, and building inspections,” said Mrs Ferguson.

Mrs Ferguson said that she was very thankful to and proud of all the staff for getting on with the job. “I want to thank the staff for their team work and effort to ensure the new council is stronger for the future.

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