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# EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 25 JULY 2016



# Implementation Advisory Group

## **Name**

The name of the group is the Gundagai Council Implementation Advisory Group (IAG).

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the IAG is to provide advice to the Administrator on implementing the new council. This includes

- providing input into the preparation of the Implementation Plan
- assisting to monitor the delivery of the Implementation Plan.

## **Chairperson and Minutes**

The Administrator will determine the chairperson of the IAG.

Secretariat support will be provided to prepare agendas and minutes of each meeting.

## **Membership**

The Administrator will appoint the IAG members, who may be the mayors, deputy mayors or councillors of the former councils, and others if considered appropriate.

Membership of the IAG is as follows:

Mr Paul Braybrooks OAM (Chair), Mr Rod Chalmers, Mr David Graham, Mr Abb McAlister and Mr Doug Phillips

Interim General Managers and other council staff may attend and participate in IAG meetings, on the invitation of the Chairperson.

## **Reporting**

The IAG will be appointed by, and report to, the council.

## **Meeting Schedule**

The IAG will meet at least monthly, with capacity for additional meetings as needed.

Meeting schedules will be determined by the Chairperson, in consultation with IAG members.

## **Principles**

The following principles provide guidance to communities, Administrators, interim General Managers and staff about the way the NSW Government expects the implementation of new councils to be conducted.

1. Honesty and integrity in all dealings, within and related to the IAG
2. Genuine commitment to the success of Gundagai Council

## **Code of Conduct**

The Model Code of Conduct applies to the members of the IAG.

## **Remuneration of Members**

Members of the IAG will be remunerated at a rate equal to their remuneration as a councillor or mayor. Members of the IAG that are not former councillors will be remunerated at a rate to be determined by the Administrator.

## **Media Liaison**

The Administrator is the designated media spokesperson for the new council.

## **Meeting Arrangements**

Arrangements for meetings will be as follows:

- the agenda and supporting material will be circulated at least three days prior to a meeting
- any supporting material or papers that are confidential will be clearly marked as such and remain confidential to members
- any general business items tabled during meetings will be short, requiring no more than five minutes'
- presentation or discussion
- meetings will be run in a fair and independent manner and support open and constructive dialogue
- minutes will be circulated within seven days of each meeting.

## **Standard Agenda Items**

Agendas will be determined by the Chairperson. As a minimum, agendas will include the following standard items:

- meeting open and apologies
- confirmation of previous minutes and matters arising
- reports on status of priority actions and the Implementation Plan
- specific items varying from meeting to meeting
- review of relevant meeting actions or follow up requirements
- formal close.

# Local Representation Committee

## Name

The name of the committee is the Gundagai Council Local Representation Committee (LRC).

## Purpose

The purpose of the LRC is to provide advice to the Administrator on local views and issues. This includes:

- providing input to the operational plans 2016-17 and 2017-18
- advising on the communication and engagement plan for the community
- providing input to the statement of vision and priorities
- assisting to engage communities and partners in planning for the new council.

## Chairperson and Minutes

The Administrator will determine the chairperson of the LRC.

Secretariat support will be provided to prepare agendas and minutes of each meeting.

## Membership

The LRC primarily comprises councillors of the former councils who have demonstrated a commitment to the success of the new council. The Administrator will appoint members of the LRC and may appoint other community representatives where appropriate.

Membership of the LRC is as follows:

Mr Peter Batey OAM, Mr Steven Doidge, Mrs Mary Donnelly, Mr Mike Kingwill, Mr Michael Kingwill, Mr Ron Magnone, Mrs Penny Nicholson, Mr Dennis Palmer (Chair), Mr Jim Slattery, Mr Craig Stewart and Mrs Rosalind Wight

Interim General Managers and other council staff may attend LRC meetings, on the invitation of the Chairperson.

## Reporting

The LRC will be appointed by, and report to, the governing body.

## Meeting Schedule

The LRC will meet at least monthly, with capacity for additional meetings as needed.

Meeting schedules will be determined by the Chairperson, in consultation with LRC members.

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2. Genuine commitment to the success of Gundagai Council

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- meeting open and apologies
- confirmation of previous minutes and matters arising
- reports on priority actions
- reports and advice on local views and emerging issues
- specific items varying from meeting to meeting
- review of relevant meeting actions or follow up requirements
- formal close.

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Cootamundra NSW 2590

7 July 2016

Mr G Ewings  
Manager Facilities and Services  
81 Wallendoon Street  
Cootamundra NSW 2590

Dear Greg,

TOWN POOL - SEASON PASS

I have been informed that the Council is considering abolishing all season passes to the indoor and outdoor pools.

I feel this would be a bad decision and I encourage you to persuade Council not to proceed with this idea. It would be very inconvenient, silly and a great nuisance for both swimmers and lifeguards.

What a waste of time for a lifeguard to be handling money all day long and making sure he has enough change to last the day, keeping the money safe, counting and banking that money!!

Season passes are so convenient (and slightly cheaper). I do not know of any pool where there is cash only entry.

I look forward to your favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,



Judy Hines

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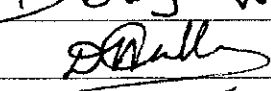
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DEAR Sir I am writing Re New Rules  
AND NO REASON TICKET FOR PENSIONERS AND  
\$3.00 A TIME <sup>AT POOL</sup> I PERSONALLY DONT LIKE PAYING EVERY  
MYSELF PERSONALLY IS 70 YEAR OLD MALE  
WHO USES THE POOL UP TO 5 DAYS A WEEK SO  
AT 15.00 A WEEK COULD NOT AFFORD  
I ONLY ~~USE~~ FOR REHAB WALKING IN LAST  
4 YEARS. I HAVE HAD A BACK FUSION 2  
REPLACEMENT KNEES 1 HIP REPLACEMENT  
AND THE HIP TO BE DONE 21ST JULY  
WE HAVE A LOVELY GROUP ALL PENSIONERS  
APPROX 12 WE GO AT TAMMOST MORNINGS  
THIS DECISION HAS COMPLETELY SPLIT OUR  
GROUP - MOST HAVE NOT BEEN BACK SINCE  
BEING TOLD OF THIS DECISION LAST THURSDAY  
I WENT TODAY 3 PEOPLE - AT 12PM IN POOL  
THIS WAS A POPULAR DECISION TO BUILD  
AND AS AN ~~AN~~ OLDER PERSON HAS BEEN  
BRILLIANT IF THIS DECISION IS NOT CHANGED  
YOU - WILL <sup>LOSE</sup> A LOT OF THE OLDER COMMUNITY  
AS THEY WOULD LIKE A REASON TICKET  
RATHER THAN PAYING \$3.00 A VISIT

I DO HOPE THIS LETTER RECEIVES  
THE RESPECT IT DESERVES  
AND IF NOT ADDRESSED I LIKE MANY OF <sup>MY</sup> FRIENDS WILL  
NOT BE BASIC

YOURS SINCERELY  
DOUG WALLACE  




**Kate Monaghan**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 July 2016 6:49 AM  
**To:** Records Account 'mail@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Heated Pool

Manager  
Heated Pool,

To Whom it may Concern...

I was very disappointed to learn that I could not purchase a season ticket.  
As a regular swimmer I decided to do this as it would save me money in the long run being a pensioner.  
I will not be able to go as much as I would like to which is a shame.  
I think your prices are reasonable compared to Evans Head where I visit my family, it just seems silly to me to cancel the season tickets.  
Once again I thank the staff, they are always helpful to little old ladies like me.  
Thank you  
Denise Holland



## Kate Monaghan

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**From:** lucille.arley  
**Sent:** Friday, 1 July 2016 3:24 AM  
**To:** Records Account  
**Subject:** Season tickets!

Dear Sir,

Once again you have decided to penalise the pensioners.. no season ticket. We can not afford 2.50 a day to go swimming, to help us keep fit and healthy! I myself go every day in the summer and try to go at least 3 times a week in the winter, with a season ticket i can do this, without one i can i will not go in the winter and not as much in the summer. 2.50 is not a lot of money ,to someone who is working but to a pensioner it is. I am enailing you on behalf a myself and several of my friends... please if you want the pools utilised, the way they should bring back the season tickets!

Yours sincerely  
Lucille Arley

Sent from Samsung tablet.

## Kate Monaghan

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 July 2016 1:54 AM  
**To:** Records Account 'mail@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Pool prices!

Dear sir,

I went for a swim today, to be told it had risen to \$3.00, this means i can now only swim once aweek...

I don't know what your aim is, you will not get more money ,just lest frequent useage of the pool. I studidly thought having an indoor pool was to help people keep active. The council appears to want to keep people away. Pensioners have a hard time making ends meet.

I am 73, non smoker,non drinker and i don't go to clubs... i used to enjoy my swimming..

Bring back the season ticket.

Your sincerely

Lucille Arley

Sent from Samsung tablet.

## Kate Monaghan

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**From:** Cootamundra Shire Council 'mail@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au'  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 June 2016 8:20 AM  
**To:** Records Account 'mail@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au'  
**Subject:** New Contact Enquiry submitted on Cootamundra Shire Council

The following details were supplied:

Your Name: Mr Ian Wilson

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Comments: Today I tried to buy a season ticket for the pool. I was told they might not be sold this coming financial year because of there lack of use or because of the joining of councils. I had a season ticket this year and used it more than 70/80 times. I suffer from arthritis and other physical disabilities,so having a season,is a valuable aid to my well-being also my work place pay for a large part of the cost of the season ticket. If I can't buy a season ticket they may not help out with my costs. Please consider allowing me to buy a yearly pass. Yours faithfully. Ian Wilson.

**Kate Monaghan**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 June 2016 12:36 AM  
**To:** Records Account 'mail@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Pool Passes

Dear Mr Trethewey,

I write to advise you of my objection to the Council decision to not provide annual pool passes for the town pool this financial year. I believe this decision caters for the occasional pool user, but works to the detriment of regular users. The simplicity, convenience and practicality of an annual (or even a seasonal) pass for regular users, particularly those who use the pool on a daily basis, cannot be overstated. I have spoken with numerous members of the community about this issue, and every one of them has agreed with my view. Unfortunately, not all will take it upon themselves to correspond with you about the matter.

I have been unable to ascertain the rationale behind this decision, however, if financial considerations are the main driver, might I suggest you simply up the cost of the pass. In any event, I request the decision be reviewed.

Yours sincerely,  
Pat Cameron

**Kate Monaghan**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 June 2016 4:24 AM  
**To:** Records Account 'mail@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Pool Passes

Dear Mr Trethewey,

Re my previous correspondence concerning annual pool passes. I've been asked to request that, in any review, you give consideration to the costs inherent to those elderly and/or disabled people for whom the pool is the only real form of exercise available. A brief examination of costing indicates that, for any such person who uses the pool say, five days a week (and there are a considerable number of those) , the cost of using the pool for 52 weeks annually on a "pay as you enter" basis, rather than the purchasing of an annual pass, will now be raised from the current \$150 to as much as \$1000 per annum. Whilst the former is probably lower than it should be, the later seems a little over the top, don't you think?

Yours sincerely,  
Pat Cameron

## Kate Monaghan

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 June 2016 6:22 AM  
**To:** Records Account 'mail@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au';  
**Subject:** Cootamundra Swimming Pool 2016/17 season ticket

Mrs Christine Ferguson  
Administrator  
Gundagai Council  
By email

30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Mrs Ferguson

Today I went to the Cootamundra office of the Gundagai Council to renew my annual swimming pool season ticket, to be told that this option was no longer available.

As a daily user of the pool I found this arbitrary decision incomprehensible. This is a vital piece of community sporting infrastructure and the first decision of this Council in relation to the health of our community is to seek to limit its accessibility – unconscionable!

On what grounds was this decision made?

In what way will this promote the use of the pool – something the previous council supported?

This will not generate any additional income – in fact it is likely to do the opposite as disgruntled current users seek other alternatives. Usage will plummet and you will have been responsible for creating a white elephant.

I would like you to reverse this decision immediately.

Please contact me if you wish to receive further information from a pool user,

Sandy Biddulph



1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Dear General Manager

Today I went to the Cootamundra Pool, and was advised my season ticket had expired and that this option was no longer available.

I am a daily user of the Cootamundra Pool and use it for my exercise.

I wish to ask you to please reinstate the season ticket option.

Thank you

P. Wall

Patricia Wall

Cootamundra 2590

## Kate Monaghan

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**From:** Tammy Thompson  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 June 2016 10:39 PM  
**To:** Records Account  
**Subject:** Cootamundra Pool Season Pass

Dear Administrator and Acting General Manager

I am writing to say how disappointed I am that the season pass at the Cootamundra Pool is no longer an option. As I swim a minimum of 4 times a week but can be 7 days the 10 visit pass at \$45 will make me no longer want to make use of a great facility. In the last financial season through an error of information from management to customer service I missed out on a season pass(re doc 217601/rec-151201-gae-153639.doc). In the correspondence from the 1st December 2015 I was then invited to wait for the new financial year to purchase a season pass at around \$300 approx. Now council is saying \$45 for 10 visits(minimum 4 times a week) - minimum \$90 a month times 12 months for the year, so whose wage will I be paying for??? I ask this as this is amount at least \$540 is well above what I would have paid for a season pass or even the winter and summer pass together. When I was informed yesterday afternoon, one day before the new financial year is to start it didn't leave a lot of options. I would hate to have to stop using the facility that we have and are so proud of but if this 10 visit pass is to continue it will make things financially harder for me. I use the local pool for health reasons as well as catching up with mates and meeting new people. It would be a shame to see a facility that is usually bursting with noise to be quiet due to the lack of sight that only 31 ( I would have been 32 except for the above error) people not being enough for a pass. Now having finished me complaint about the silliness of the season pass, I would like to compliment Jean and the front desk staff. They are always trying to have the correct info and always very resourceful and very easy to talk with.

Thank you for your time  
Tammy Thompson



Mr Greg Ewings  
Gundagai Council

1 July 2016

Dear Mr Ewings

**RE: Pool Season Pass No Longer Available?**

I am writing on behalf of the families that are members of the Cootamundra Swimming and Lifesaving Club.

We are disappointed with the decision to cease pool season passes. A number of members swim up to four days a week. On top of that some kids go to the pool in summer more than once a day. With no option for a season pass, this is very expensive.

We are concerned that the decision to discontinue season passes will discourage children from participating in swimming, both a great **healthy** sport but an **essential life-skill!**

Our club has a number of members that were new last season and we are always working to grow our numbers. By making swimming an expensive choice, families may be discouraged from allowing their children to participate.

Please re-consider your decision regarding season passes.

Yours Sincerely  
Helen Shepherd  
Secretary  
Cootamundra Swimming & Lifesaving Club

Cootamundra Swimming & Lifesaving Club  
PO Box 187, Cootamundra, NSW, 2590

**Kate Monaghan**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 July 2016 4:51 AM  
**To:** Gundagai Council 'mail@gundagai.nsw.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Attention Greg Ewing : Cootamundra Pool Membership

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Danny Fitzgerald. I am writing to express my disappointment to the Cootamundra council. I have been informed by staff at the pool, that you will no longer be offering yearly memberships to anyone who wishes to use the Cootamundra Pool facility. I have been attending the heated pool on a regular basis since it opened. The yearly membership allows me attend the pool frequently without costing an arm and leg to do so. If I was forced to pay the \$5.50 every time then I would find it far too expensive to keep attending, along with many of the other regulars who use the pool frequently. I would just like to know why the Cootamundra council has decided to cease yearly memberships when other towns have not.

I would also like to attend the pool with my children, however I have been told by Pool staff that my children are not welcome to use the facility unless it is raining outside. My wife and I have arranged for our children to have private lessons in the summer holidays with a qualified instructor, yet they have been refused entry to the heated pool, even though the water in the Olympic swimming pool was absolutely freezing, stating that it was "policy" that they weren't allowed to use the heated pool and that the heated pool was for lap swimmers and exercising only!!!! I don't see how Private one on one lessons would be inappropriate use considering on every occasion the heated pool was empty!!!

It seems that the council has provided the town with a fabulous resource that you don't want anybody to be able to use. I would like to know why?????

Danny