

NEW SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR GUNDAGAI

Council is extremely pleased with the recent announcement by Member for Cootamundra Katrina Hodgkinson that funding of up to \$10 million from the NSW Government will be available to go towards replacing the nearly 100 year old Sewerage Treatment Plant in Gundagai. Council has extensively lobbied the Government for the necessary funding required for the urgent replacement of the plant. The total cost of replacing the facility is likely to be in the order of \$13.5 million. This is wonderful news for our Council and particularly the residents of Gundagai. Council is working closely with the NSW Government to complete the engineering design and planning required for the new facility.

COUNCIL WORKS REPORT

Weather permitting, stabilisation of sections of pavement will continue on Bethungra Road followed by Nangus Road and Crows Road in the coming weeks.

Maintenance grading will also continue on Hopewood Road, as well as around both Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen areas.

The Gundagai main street project continues to progress well.

Once creek levels subside construction of the apron slabs will continue on the Cowcumbra Street Muttama Creek causeway. This work is being partially funded by Restart Infrastructure NSW and the Roads to Recovery Program.

Winter public space and street tree plantings in town areas has commenced. The removal of the large peppercorn tree in Carberry Park and trimming of the picnic area trees has been completed.



6 posts and solar lights were installed along Muttama creek footpath between Olney and Wallendbeen Streets.

A new concrete slab and seat has been installed next to the footpath along the bird walk in Thompson Street gardens.

A new concrete ring has been installed in the Adams/Parker Street roundabout. A new garden will be installed in the coming weeks.

COOTAMUNDRA SWIMMING POOL ACCESS

Due to popular demand Council is currently working on a proposal to provide unsupervised access to the indoor facility.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - MAJOR PROJECTS

Administrator Stephen Sykes has endorsed the decision of the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel on projects to be funded under the Major Projects Program. Local communities have been positive in providing feedback on which projects they believe should be funded. To meet the major projects program criteria council is able to deliver projects that are new or improve infrastructure or services to the community. The program will see \$9 million invested into large scale priority infrastructure and services projects that deliver long term economic and social benefits to our communities. Projects approved include Cootamundra's Water Main Replacement and Gundagai Netball court upgrade. A full list of projects was reported to the July meeting of Council and can be viewed at www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au.



ROAD CLOSURES

* Reminder that Cowcumbra Street Cootamundra will be closed to all traffic at Gundagai Road and Fuller Drive for the next 8 to 10 weeks for the Muttama Creek causeway upgrade. Limited local access will be available at the Gundagai Road end, while all access to the industrial subdivision including Fuller and King Drive will be from the Hovell Street end.



* Residents are advised that Tumut Street to Ferry Street Gundagai will be closed to traffic while contractors undertake work on the old Railway Bridge.

GUNDAGAI ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Substantial funding has been approved for the construction of an exciting adventure playground for Gundagai under the Stronger Communities Fund. The normal process of preparing a development application for the project will commence as soon as a site is determined. Council would welcome feedback as to whether the subject playground should be constructed in Carberry Park or on land located south of Morley's Creek on the western side of Yarri Park.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN ENGAGEMENT

Over recent months Council has been listening to the community to learn their views for the future of the Council area. Council is very appreciative of the commitment of people who took time out of their busy lives to attend a Community Listening Session. The visions of the community will help Council author the ten-year Community Strategic Plan for the Cootamundra-Gundagai region and will inform Council's long-term strategic planning.

A draft plan will be prepared for Council to consider in September after which it will be put on public exhibition for comment and feedback before formal adoption.

NEW VISION STATEMENT

After extensive community consultation Council will be considering a recommendation to adopt a new vision statement at its meeting on 7 August 2017. The prepared vision statement is -

'a vibrant region attracting people, investment and business through innovation, diversity and community spirit'.

DIGITAL COMMUNITY PANEL

Council's new initiative, the Digital Community Panel, has been proving to be an excellent tool for community consultation. 110 people are now registered on the panel and they have already given valuable feedback on prioritisation of the Stronger Communities Fund, Major Projects funding allocation. The panel was sent a survey which gave them the chance to rank projects, and provide written feedback.

The Panel has been established to ensure that Council hears from a broad cross-section of representatives within the community and that all groups have the opportunity to be involved in discussing community ideas and solutions. The role of being a panel member is not onerous. Council will contact members from time to time to seek input or advice on various issues. Generally, this will involve a short online survey of up to approximately ten questions. Panel members may also be periodically invited to attend Council events or workshops. We encourage anyone with an interest in their region and community to come onboard. To become a part of this panel, please register your email address at: digitalpanel@cgrc.nsw.gov.au.

CGRC VILLAGES STRATEGY

After extensive engagement with the Community, Council has developed a detailed report for the Villages Strategy. The Report is a summary of feedback received during the community consultation period. Consultation occurred over a two month period and highlighted concerns, challenges and opportunities for villages throughout the Council area. The Villages Strategy will be a



generational strategic planning document used to inform future planning and investment in Council's

villages. The Report shares feedback and suggestions received during the consultation. View the full report at www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au

SCF-COMMUNITY GRANTS UPDATE

46 community groups from across our region are reaping the rewards of successfully securing over \$1 million in funding through the SCF grants program.

CGRC were able to fund 46 out applications received, \$506,219 for Gundagai and surrounding communities and \$602,972 for Cootamundra and surrounding communities.

To date 19 projects from local groups have been completed totalling in excess of \$300,000



UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

10 August 2017 - Gundagai Library 10am A morning for the entire family with Story Time and Music Fun (Held every Thursday)

18 August 2017 - Cootamundra Library 2pm Celebrating 10 years of Riverina Regional Library Book Club with 'A walk in the Woods' screening with mocktails and finger food. Please RSVP 69402200

18 August 2017 - Cootamundra Library 10.30am Baby Bounce - Children under 2 years.

24 & 31 August 2017 - Cootamundra Library 10am - 11am Italian for Beginners Cost \$40 Bookings Essential

31 August 2017 - Gundagai Library 4pm-5pm Celebrating 10 years of Riverina Regional Library Book Club with the Launch of Sophie Green's Book 'The Inaugural Meeting of the Fairvale Ladies Book Club'. Please RSVP 69440270

SALEYARDS FEES

Council resolved at its meeting held on 31 July 2017 to amend the Saleyards Agents Fees at the Cootamundra Saleyards and to advertise the proposed amendment for a period of 28 days. It is proposed that the current annual fee of \$10,300 be removed, and that an additional fee of \$0.10 per head of sheep be charged on sale. Council is seeking feedback on this proposal, with submissions to be received by Tuesday 5th September 2017.



GUNDAGAI LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS

Now open Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning:

Monday	9:00am - 12:30pm	1.30pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday	1:30pm - 5:00pm	
Wednesday	9:00am - 12:30pm	1.30pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	9:00am - 12:30pm	1.30pm - 5.00pm
Friday	9:00am - 12:30pm	1.30pm - 5.00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 12:30pm	

POSITIONS VACANT

Council currently has a number of positions vacant available. Position descriptions are available from Council offices and website.

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