

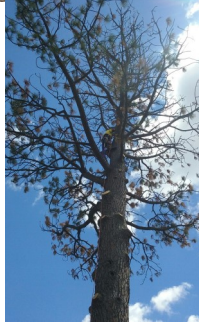
**HAPPY NEW YEAR! BEST WISHES TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS FOR A HAPPY, SAFE AND PROSPEROUS 2018.**

## PARKS AND GARDENS UPDATE

Staff have completed daily tasks involving CBD Street sweeping, litter removal, mowing, whipper snipping, edging, hand weeding, cleaning barbecues, tree maintenance and actioning on customer requests. Additional works completed included replacement of broken and worn slats from timbers seats in Cootamundra Park areas. Yass Road lane has been trimmed and cleared from the airport end to Mowall Engineering. 6 tree stumps were removed and a



fence was moved to allow better access for caravans parking at the Cootamundra Caravan Park. A large pine tree in Albert Park required complete removal. Staff commenced the removal process and the tree will be cleared in the near future. The front gate at the Bradman Cottage was in need of repair. A new post and pickets were installed. The garden beds around Hovell and Hurley Street roundabouts have been mulched. Staff have commenced work on trimming trees for the upcoming re-seal on some of Cootamundra town streets. A large Elm branch fell from a tree in Albert Park and destroyed some park furniture. The branch was cleaned up and the table and chairs were removed.



## AMENITIES BLOCK TAKES SHAPE AT STAN CROWE OVAL

The long awaited amenities facility in Gundagai's Stan Crowe Oval is now becoming a reality. Work has progressed quickly on the building, the blockwork has been completed, roof trusses installed and a building that resembles an amenities block now stands on the site.



Construction workers this week were assembling the steel work that forms part of the spectator shelter and undercover areas. The project is still on schedule for the building to be at lockup stage by end of December with completion being late January.

## NEW STREET SWEEPER



Council recently took delivery of a new Rosmech Mistral road sweeper replacing the 2008 Rosmech sweeper based in Cootamundra. The unit will be utilised in both Cootamundra and Gundagai to ensure the town's streets are cleaned and presented to a high standard.

## COOTAMUNDRA RETURN AND EARN COLLECTION

A reverse vending machine collection point has been installed in Cootamundra ready to exchange eligible drink containers for a 10 cent refund as part of the NSW Government's container deposit scheme Return and Earn. Eligible drink containers include most between 150mls and three litres that are predominately consumed away from home and found in the litter stream. Containers should be empty, uncrushed, unbroken and with the original label attached. The collection point is located in the carpark of the Cootamundra Woolworths. Council supports the introduction of this new litter reduction initiative, however, it is not involved in any way in the operation of the scheme. For more information about Return and Earn visit: [www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au), phone 1800 813 887, or contact the EPA by visiting [www.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au), phone 131 555.

## COUNCIL EMERGENCY CONTACT

For all after hours and emergency enquiries please phone **1300 459 689**

## COUNCIL MEETING

An Ordinary Council meeting will be held **6pm, Tuesday 30 January 2018** in the Gundagai Chambers, 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai. Members of the public are invited to address Council on any local government issue at the commencement of the meeting. The Agenda can be obtained from Councils offices or website prior to the meeting.

## \$1.7 MILLION IN FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke today announced over \$1.7 million in funding for Council as part of the NSW Government's \$200 million *Stronger Country Communities Fund*. Projects included in the \$1,778,938 announcement:

- ♦ **Gundagai Playground and Fitness Centre \$300,000.**
- ♦ **Establishment of a large scale teen playground at Jubilee Park, Cootamundra - \$499,900.**
- ♦ **Establishment of village playgrounds and fitness infrastructure in Nangus, Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen - \$375,593.**
- ♦ **Community fitness infrastructure for community groups - \$603,445.**

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~ AUSTRALIA DAY IN GUNDAGAI ~  
26 January 2018— 8.00am Breakfast  
Carberry Park  
Official presentations - 9am  
Australia Day Ambassador: Valerie Parv  
Family Pool Party  
Gundagai Pool from  
12.00pm  
**FREE BBQ—LOLLIES FOR THE  
KIDS—GAMES AND MORE  
ALL WELCOME!**





## ON YOUR BLOCKS!

A grant from the Stronger Communities Fund has assisted The Cootamundra Swimming & Lifesaving Club to upgrade facilities at the Cootamundra War Memorial Swimming Pool. The Swimming Club was successful in gaining a



\$50,000 grant to update training equipment which is used in the local outdoor pool. The starting blocks have been replaced, along with the acquisition of new lane ropes, protection covers and other essential equipment used in the operation of the Club. These improvements will give those in our community that wish to excel at swimming the opportunity to be able to compete with their city competitors on a more even playing field. Stage two of the project involves the updating of the club rooms, which is expected to be completed soon.

## COUNCIL WORKS TO IMPROVE WATER SERVICES



The mammoth task of addressing the reticulated water supply in Cootamundra is well underway. Council has so far replaced 1km of old cast iron water pipe in the town. Nearly 19km of the water pipes are old cast/ductile iron showing signs of age and deterioration. For this reason, the rate of failure can be as high as 6 to 7 times per week in summer. This also creates "dirty water" around the entire township. There is significant water loss issues due to extensive flushing required to minimize the dirty water. Council will spend \$2 million of Stronger Community Fund monies which will accelerate the existing water main replacement program, by many years. Council is using traditional pipe replacement and new technology techniques to deliver the water main replacement program. Council may look at further escalating the full replacement through a borrowing program.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?



### MAGIC WORKSHOP:

Monday 15 January 2018 - 11am (1hr) 5-12 years.

Gundagai Library

Tuesday 16 January 2018 - 11am-(1hr), 5-12 years.

Cootamundra Library

\$10.00 per child

### MAGIC SHOW:

Monday 15th January 2018 3pm (40 mins) children and adults welcome

Tuesday 16 January 2018 3pm (40 mins) children and adults welcome

\$5.00 per person

Bookings Essential – Cootamundra Library 69402 200—Gundagai Library 69440270



## ~ AUSTRALIA DAY IN COOTAMUNDRA ~

26 January 2018— 8.00am Breakfast  
Jubilee Park

Official presentations - 9am

Australia Day Ambassador:

Sandra Bates

Family Pool Party

Cootamundra Pool

from 11.am

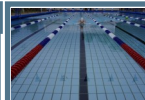
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## ASSET MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

A key component of Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council's long term financial sustainability is the effective management of council assets. With assets valued at over 600 million dollars, CGRC is constantly striving to make improvements to work processes as well as systems used to collect and manage the data that informs decision making. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, a workshop was held for staff across Council to provide an update regarding progress on the development of an Asset Register and Strategy but also to plan for the future and ensure a clear understanding how each role across the organisation contributes to effective asset management. Maintaining an effective asset management system isn't simply the domain of engineers and accountants but relies on a 'whole of organisation' contribution including staff from road crews, parks and gardens, building maintenance and development assessment just to name a few. Facilitated by Mike Brearley of Brearley and Hanson and Mark Looney of OranaSoft, the workshop was well attended by council staff and resulted in clear direction for asset planning in 2018.



Opening hours for the outdoor  
**COOTAMUNDRA POOL** have  
been extended for January.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday and Saturday opening hours have been extended until 8:00pm, with the pool closing at 6:00pm on Thursdays only. This arrangement will be in place until the end of January 2018. For Indoor Pool hours please contact Staff on 69402210. **GUNDAGAI POOL** opening hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6.30am - 8.00am. Weekdays, Weekends and Public Holidays 11.30am—6.00pm.

Know your Councillors: Mayor Abb McAlister, Deputy Mayor Dennis Palmer, Cr Leigh Bowden, Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Doug Phillips, Cr Charlie Sheahan, Cr Craig (Stewie) Stewart

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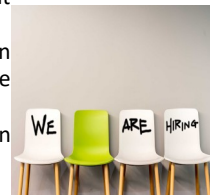
## COUNCIL POSITIONS VACANT

Council currently have several exciting employment opportunities as listed below.

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions please visit council's website [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or contact our offices at Cootamundra or Gundagai to obtain Position Descriptions, Information Packages and further details about how to submit your application.

We offer a 9 day working fortnight and this is an opportunity to become a part of a leading edge team.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is an equal employment opportunity employer.



Position	Closing Date	Salary
Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic	Sunday 21st January 2018 at 5pm	Up to \$34808pa depending on age
Apprentice Horticulturist	Sunday 21st January 2018 at 5pm	Up to \$34808pa depending on age
Senior Building Surveyor	Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 5pm	\$1629.50-\$1906.50pw commensurate with experience
Environmental Health & Compliance Officer	Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 5pm	\$1414.40-\$1654.80pw commensurate with experience

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