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OPERATIONS REPORT

Work on the reconstruction of the Gundagai main street has now seen new pavement material placed and compacted. Sealing is expected to be completed in the coming week. Works crews have undertaken shoulder repairs along Stockinbingal Road as well as patches on the Nangus Road. Council has engaged a specialist contractor to clean sections of underground stormwater drainage in both Gundagai and Cootamundra. Council's sealing contractor has completed resealing sections along the Olympic Highway and Burley Griffin Way. Over the next week resealing will commence on local roads and town streets in Cootamundra. While this work is underway, motorists may experience minor delays. Work is complete on the replacement of kerb and gutter along Temora Street between Parker Street and Murray Street. Over the next week, some minor works are required to tie the ends back into the existing kerb and driveway replacement on the corner of Parker Street. While these works are underway, minor traffic control will be in place, with expectations no side street detours will be required. Work on the road pavement rehabilitation is expected to commence the week of 26 February 2018. Work has commenced on replacing the old kerb and footpath in Cooper Street adjacent to the council chambers. This section of kerb and footpath had deteriorated over time and was causing drainage problems and uneven footpath surface for pedestrians. This work is being funded from the Stronger Communities funds and is part of the allocation for footpath repairs to Cootamundra and Gundagai. Parks and Gardens Staff continue with Tree inspections, removing damaged trees as necessary. Facilities attendant continues to re-stain timber seat slats around town and the Cootamundra cemetery. Cootamundra Depots 1 and 2, Bridges and gutters around parks have been sprayed for weeds. Albert Park was line marked for the little athletics running track. Preparation works for the beach volleyball carnival were carried out with posts being adjusted along with taps being altered on the courts behind the town pool. Irrigation repairs were carried out along the Cootamundra town pool verge, the milestones gardens and Albert Park.



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GUNDAGAI MAIN STREET UPGRADE—SHERIDAN STREET ROAD PAVEMENT EXCAVATION PRIOR TO NEW MATERIAL BEING INSTALLED



drumMUSTER

DrumMUSTER collection is scheduled for **Wednesday 28 February 2018**. Only triple rinsed agricultural and veterinary containers can be returned. drumMUSTER depot is located at the Cootamundra Waste Depot, with entry via the main access gate and weighbridge off Turners Lane. **Bookings are essential.** To make a booking please contact Shelley Liehr on 02 6940 2100. **Anyone wishing to make a drumMuster drop off in Gundagai can book through the Council Office 69440200.**



DRAFT NANGUS VILLAGE STRATEGY

Draft Nangus and Rural Communities Strategies are on Public Exhibition. Council encourages the community to read the strategies, available on Council's website, offices and libraries and lodge comments and feedback.

The Strategies are on exhibition until 7 March 2018.



AGRICULTURAL TOURISM

Historic, 7,000 acre Kimo Estate is located between Gundagai and Nangus on the picturesque banks of the Murrumbidgee River. Returning home five years ago David and Emelia Ferguson wanted to make their own mark on the property by utilising Emelia's skills to diversify the farm through events and agritourism. The added benefit of this is it provides another source of income when weather and market conditions put pressure on the traditional farm enterprise. Currently, Kimo Estate hosts wedding ceremonies in the historic gardens and utilises a repurposed grain shed as a reception venue. Accommodation is offered with a purpose built ecohut and two repurposed cottages. Since inception, their wedding business has gone from strength to strength and their accommodation offerings have capacity to grow further with future plans for more ecohuts to take in the Murrumbidgee River and surrounding hillscape. The possibilities are endless for David and Emelia as they aim to create a brand and experience for guests. The increase in Australians seeking unique experiences in their own backyard and the growing agricultural tourism drive from Asia means that farmstays and agricultural tourism is a growing industry. If you are interested in diversifying your farm or rural holding feel free to drop us a line at planning@cgrc.nsw.gov.au, call us on 6940 2100.



The Proposed Gundagai Play space planned for Carberry Park is on public exhibition and interested residents are invited to submit feedback on the proposal. Concept plans and designs will be located in the Council office and Library. Written submissions and feedback will be accepted until Friday 9 March 2018 and should be addressed to the General Manager, or emailed to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au.

GUNDAGAI SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

A meeting of Council officials, Public Works, EPA, Department of Health, Office of Water and Consultants was recently held to resolve final arrangements for the replacement of the plant. Items included location, design, size and operation. It is preferred to maintain the existing site with much discussion on requirements for operation of the plant during flood events.



Gundagai Men's Shed AGM will be held Thursday 8 March 2018 commencing at 6.30pm at the Gundagai Services Club. All welcome.



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUSKING CHAMPIONSHIPS (ANBC)

The ANBC is now in its 6th year. For the first four years the ANBC has been held exclusively in Cooma NSW, the picturesque and historic capital of Australia's Snowy Mountains. The next stage now is to make this event a truly National Championship by holding ANBC Regional Busking Competitions in various regional towns around Australia. The winners from these regional events will be then invited to complete in the National Grand Final back in Cooma in November of each year. On Saturday 27 October 2018 Gundagai Regional Enhancement Group will host a Regional Busking Competition at Gundagai. Those interested in joining the organising committee can contact Gundagai Visitor Centre on 6944 0250.



THE FIRST OF MANY STEPS—GUNDAGAI RAIL BRIDGE

Council is currently partly funding a project to determine the viability of the Gundagai Rail Bridge. The NSW Government and Council has granted \$50,000 from the Stronger Country Communities Fund to commission a development study to plan and fully cost the conservation and repurposing of the heritage listed structure, as a pedestrian and cycle way. Built in 1903 the iconic bridge has a span of 819.4M making it one of the longest wooden bridge spans in the world. The study will include consultation and design for the section of the walking and cycleway along the rail corridor within the Gundagai town limits and also an engineering study detailing the cost and proposed design to utilise the railway viaduct for this purpose.



3RD INSTALMENT RATES NOTICES

Residents are reminded Rates Notices are due 28 February, 2018. If you have difficulty paying contact the Council Office. Water meter reading will be taking place in February. Please ensure adequate access to your water meter.

THE ART CENTRE COOTAMUNDRA

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SUCCESSFUL RURAL LANDS STRATEGY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Some exciting and innovative ideas for future challenges and opportunities were shared during Rural Lands Strategy information sessions in Cootamundra and Gundagai. If you have some ideas, opinions and/or comments about rural lands, agribusiness, agritourism, forestry, freight routes and so on, then take our quick survey to make sure your voice is heard. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H9LTFLT> or visit www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au.



In conjunction with Village Strategies on exhibition, budding photographers are encouraged to capture and enter images which capture the essence of the villages and rural communities. A winning photo from each village will take home \$100 and that photo will be the cover image for the final strategy. A grand prize of a family photo package or mentor session with Forever Rose Photography will be awarded to an overall winning photo. A number of photos will receive judge's prizes. Photos can be entered by emailing planning@cgrc.nsw.gov.au and must be accompanied by a Villages Photography Competition entry form available on the CGRC website. Entries close 9 March 2018.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS TECH SAVVY SENIORS - 19, 21, 23, 26 FEBRUARY 2018 - 10AM - LIMITED SPACES - COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY 02699402200

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