

## STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND ROUND TWO

Round 2 funding of \$200 Million has been announced with applications open now and closing 4 May 2018. Only Council is eligible to apply for this funding and 50% of the allocation of \$2.83M needs to be expended on sporting infrastructure. Individual projects need to be a minimum of \$50,000 and must have demonstrated support from the community. Council is calling on Community groups looking for funding to contact Council for further information on eligibility or visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/regional-growth-fund/stronger-country-communities/>. Council will accept applications until Friday 13 April 2018 to allow for reporting to the April Council meeting. Council will be responsible for ranking projects in order of priority.



## GUNDAGAI FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN—COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PERIOD—5 MARCH 2018—4 APRIL 2018

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is currently undertaking the Gundagai Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMS&P). This study identifies and assesses potential flood risk mitigation options for Gundagai to improve how flooding can be managed. Council has engaged flooding and hydrology experts, WMAwater, to assist in the assessment of suggested mitigation options. As part of the FRMS&P, Council is seeking input from the community to assist in identifying flooding hot spots, and suggest potential mitigation works that could reduce the flood risk in these areas. To have your say, please complete the online survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gundagai> or drop into the Council building to pick up an information newsletter and a copy of the questionnaire. The newsletter and questionnaire are available for download at [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au).



## CHANGING RURAL LAND TENURE

Rural holdings across former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shires vary greatly, with the larger cropping holdings more often found in the former Cootamundra Shire and smaller market garden and grazing lots filling the former Gundagai Shire. Land is tightly held in our local government area, with reliable rainfall and good soil making this a desirable place to start an agricultural enterprise or to relocate. Judy Boyd has been with Landmark in Cootamundra for 25 years and has noticed some interesting trends evolve over that time. There has been a definite increase in larger holdings being targeted by corporations when they come onto the market, however a lot of land transactions occur between neighbours and so there is a clear trend of contraction and expansion of holdings over the years. Recent trends in tree changers have seen a greater demand for 5 to 50 acre lots on the outskirts of the towns. From a planning perspective, this needs to be carefully managed – too small and services such as water and sealed roads are required and too large for services, but smaller than what is required to derive an income and you often find weeds become an issue. Analysis of whether residential lots are the best use of the land is also a consideration, with quality farm land becoming scarcer. If you are interested in subdividing or consolidating your rural holding or would just like to know what your options are, we are here to help, so feel free to call us on 6940 2100, drop us a line [planning@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:planning@cgrc.nsw.gov.au), or pop into either office for a chat.

## STRONGER COUNTRIES COMMUNITY FUND ROUND 2

As part of the second round of SCCF Council is holding community consultation meetings at the village halls listed below:

Adjungbilly Hall - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3:30pm  
Coolac Hall - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 6:30pm  
Muttama Hall - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 4.00pm  
Tumblong Hall - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7:00pm

## DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The following policy is on Public Exhibition, and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is inviting feedback from ratepayers and residents. The document is available for review on Council's website and at Council's offices.

### Draft Policy for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors

The purpose of the Policy is to ensure that the Mayor and Councillors receive adequate and reasonable expenses and access to Council facilities to enable them to carry out their civic duties as representatives of their communities.

Council invites submissions to be received by **4pm Tuesday 3rd April 2018**. Submission may be delivered to Council at the office in Cootamundra or Gundagai, posted to The General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590 or emailed to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)



**NAIDOC WEEK**  
Local grants applications open!  
**CLOSES APRIL 3, 2018**  
Contact Council for further details

Community members are advised toilet facilities at Country Club Oval, Cootamundra will not be available during the construction of the new amenities block.

## NSW YOUTH WEEK 2018

13 - 22 APRIL



The Gundagai Tourism Action Committee and the Cootamundra Tourism Action Group will meet together on **Wednesday 11 April 2018** to discuss combined tourism projects. All interested community members invited to attend. Contact Council for further details.

**Community Strategic Plan 2018-28 on Public Exhibition**  
Council invites all residents, community members and interested parties to view the draft Community Strategic Plan 2018-28 and provide comment. The document is available on Council's website and administration offices and libraries. The draft plan will remain on public exhibition until 4pm 27 March 2018 and submissions can be made online, mail, email or fax.



## STOCKINBINGAL MEETING TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS

The village of Stockinbingal will host a high level meeting on 29 March 2018 with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Councillors, senior council officers and Stockinbingal community leaders to discuss matters arising from the consultation and formulation of the Villages Strategy. Items on the agenda will include, a progress report on the resealing of Burley Griffin Way and rest area. The Stronger Country Communities Grant which will see an expansion of the playground and installation of a BMX pump track. Discussion will be encouraged on improvements and upgrades to Stockinbingal's historic Ellwood's Hall. The agenda will also touch on some exciting plans for the village such as plans for the use of the council site in Hibernia Street. If time allows discussions will also be open on the Inland Rail development and proposed rezoning of the village. Council has introduced a dedicated employee who will be responsible for maintenance around villages dealing with issues—such as weed control, regular mowing and other maintenance. All interested community members are invited to attend the meeting to be held in Ellwood's Hall at 5pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.



## OPERATIONS REPORT

The Temora Street rehabilitation project between Parker and Murray Streets is complete with only line marking left to be finished. A final seal will be placed on the previous works between Murray and Crown Streets next week. This project was funded under the Roads to Recovery Program. Road maintenance works around the shire over the next week will involve shoulder grading on various roads as well as heavy patching on Nangus Road. Work is currently underway on the rehabilitation of Sheridan Street between Otway Street and the Visitor Information centre. This work is a continuation of the main street project and in preparation for the final resurfacing of the Sheridan Street. Work on the rehabilitation of the Burley Griffin Way through Stockinbingal has commenced. Initial works have included clearing of trees and installation of drainage pipes. Over the coming weeks the drainage works will be complete and earthworks will commence on the rehabilitation of the road pavement. This work is being funded by the Roads and Maritime Services. Works on installing a new culvert across Berthong Road has seen the culvert installed with some minor works yet to be completed on the headwalls. A new culvert has also been installed across West Jindalee Road near the railway crossing to assist with drainage in that area. These works are part of the flood restoration works as approved following the 2016 flooding event. Council's sealing contractor Boral still has more rural roads and town streets in the Cootamundra area to finish off in the current program. These are expected to be completed prior to the end of March. Patching crews are undertaking patching to the bitumen shire network as required. The next section of footpath replacement in Cooper Street adjacent to the Council offices is due to commence next week. This work is being funded from the Stronger Communities funds and is part of the allocation for footpath repairs allocated to both Cootamundra and Gundagai. Parks & Gardens staff are currently preparing for the removal of old annuals and roses. Once this is complete new annuals will be planted and gardens finalised. This project will be completed by the end March.

### Cootamundra Outdoor Swimming Pool

Opening hours : **6.30am—8.00am and 11.30am—2.00pm weekdays**  
**9.00am—12 noon Weekends.**

### Cootamundra Indoor Swimming Pool

Opening hours : **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6.30am—8.00am, 11.30am—2.00pm, 5.00pm—7.00pm.**  
**Thursday 6.30am—8.00am, 11.30am—2.00pm, 5.00pm—6.00pm.**  
**Saturday and Sunday 9.00am—12.00pm.**



**A Taste of Council's Art Collection**— Council has a vast collection of artwork featuring local landscapes which have been placed in storage while renovations are carried out to the Council Office. Utilising a vacant shop front at 269 Parker Street, Cootamundra, Council has the collection on display for the community to enjoy. This display includes: 1986 Wattle Art Show Prize – “Old Frampton Siding” by Robert Newman; 1987 Wattle Art Show Prize – “Post Office Cootamundra” by Elsie Hardie; 1988 Wattle Art Show Prize – “The Old Woolshed Berthong” by Sylvia McCormack; 1992 Wattle Art Show Prize – “The Town from John Rees Bridge” by Alan McClure; 1994 Wattle Art Show Prize – “Hayshed – Gilgal” by Alan McClure; “Peaceful Pupils – Old Yeo Yeo School” by Robert Newman

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# Playing @ the Pond

**Lunchtime concert series**

Bring your lunch and enjoy music from our finest local talent, on the grass by the pond outside the Library.

**Every second Friday, commencing Friday March 23. 12.30-1.30pm.**

Enquiries: ph 6940 2200

**LOCAL UNLIMITED**—Spend an evening at the Arts Centre Cootamundra with Sophie Hansen, New South Wales Rural Woman of the Year and Annie Herron, an established artist. Sophie is a food writer, blogger, podcaster and advocate of the power of social media to promote rural industry. Her ‘Local is Lovely’ website has a collection of resources, recipes and stories celebrating eating locally produced food. Annie Herron is an artist from Orange who shares Sophie's passion for rural life and offers residential painting and drawing courses in Orange. Scheduled for Friday, 25 May, the evening will showcase local products and provide participants the opportunity to sample tasting platters from local producers followed by a presentation on the *Use of Social Media to Market Yourself and Your Products for the Benefit of the Community*. If you are a local producer and would like to be involved and/or have photos of your products or farm that the Arts Centre can use for publicity please phone 69424773.



Ordinary Council meeting will be held Tuesday 27 March 2018 6pm in the Gundagai Council Chambers. 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 website prior to the meeting.

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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