

CANCER COUNCIL BIGGEST MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018

Both the Cootamundra and Gundagai Council offices took part in The Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 23 May 2018 with delicious cakes, slices, sausage rolls and other mouth-watering treats on offer, all for a good cause. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is the Cancer Council Australia's most popular event and largest most successful event of its kind, according to the Cancer Council. Staff across both offices this morning came together, enjoyed the spread and donated generously. Some \$350 was raised.



VOLUNTEER WEEK 2018—COUNCIL THANKS LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

This week marks the celebration of National Volunteer Week, an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contributions of our nation's volunteers. As part of Council's project to recognise



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
Give a little. Change a lot.
21-27 May 2018

national events of significance, CGRC acknowledges the huge contribution local volunteers bring to our communities. This year's theme represents the millions of volunteers who make a profound impact in their communities and on society, through giving a little time and who work to ensure the community we live in is a better place.



COUNCIL MAKES IT EASIER TO DO BUSINESS IN OUR AREA

Opening and running a café, small bar or restaurant in Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area just got easier! Supporting and growing our local business economy is a priority for Council. We are delighted to partner with Service NSW and the Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner to launch Easy to do Business in Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council LGA. Through one online portal you will receive step-by-step guidance and support across local, state and federal government requirements, to open and grow your business. Easy to do Business is free of charge and gives you peace of mind by letting you know upfront the time, fees and effort involved. For more info see Council's Customer Service team, visit service.nsw.gov.au/business or call 13 77 88.

LIGHTS ON AT THE SALEYARDS

An electrical upgrade and new lighting will be installed at the Cootamundra Saleyards. Council has allocated \$300,000 from the Stronger Communities Fund major projects program to undertake the work. The existing lighting is currently inadequate compared to current livestock handling standards. Animals need to see a clear path in front of them. The new lighting will be a welcome addition for agents, truck drivers and those who need to use the yards at night. The new lights will be more energy efficient which is ultimately cost effective and environmentally friendly. The electrical upgrade will allow for increased power needs into the future, address safety hazards and improve the overall quality of the electrical system.



WATER MAINS FLUSHING PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that Council will be continuing a water mains flushing program within Cootamundra till **Friday 22 June 2018**. Council conducts water mains flushing to clean the water mains of any dirt, debris, iron and manganese build-ups and dirty water. By flushing the dirty water out of the mains, Council is taking proactive management steps to deliver clean water out of the taps in residents' homes. Areas across Cootamundra will be affected during this period. While this work is carried out, low water pressures and discoloration may be experienced in other areas of the township. Consumers are advised to check their tap water before commencing any washing or drinking. Run the taps for a few minutes to clear your water. Any inconvenience to consumers is regretted. For any concerns or more information contact the Council's Director Asset Management on 1300 459 689.

MURAL TO MARK RECONCILIATION WEEK

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council was approached by Ability Links Intereach Cootamundra requesting permission to paint a mural on the wall of Apex Park Toilet Block in Cootamundra as part of Reconciliation Week. The picture represents the community coming together, walking hand in hand, building friendships and social inclusion. The circle represents the sun (yellow) and the travel lines running off the sun represent the land (brown) and the crops (green). The unveiling of the artwork will be held on Tuesday 29th May at 2pm in Apex Park. All interested community members are invited to attend. Local Elders, local artists, local school children, and other organisations are encouraged to take part.



Have you liked Gundagai Local on Facebook? Now Cootamundra has Coota Local – a page where local businesses share their events and specials. If you are a local business owner and would like to post to the page please message the page at <https://www.facebook.com/cootamundralocal>



Are you aware of a day or week of national or international significance that you would like to see acknowledged or celebrated within our community? Let us know.

The reception area of Council in Cootamundra will be relocated to the Library from Thursday 24 May 2018. The inconvenience is regretted.



Small Business Month - Council has a grant to run training for small businesses during NSW Small Business Month in October. We are currently asking small business owners what kind of training or workshops they want us to hold. Please send your suggestions to council's Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Tourism Officer Callista Harris callista.harris@cgrc.nsw.gov.au or call her on 0436 337 484.



Contact the Visitor Information Centre for information on Sundy in Gundy dates. Open 7 days
9.00am – 4.30pm (closed 12:30-1pm for lunch) .
Phone 6944 0250 or email info@visitgundagai.com.au

STORM WATER MITIGATION PROJECT - A proposed Stormwater Mitigation Strategy was identified as a priority project requiring funding as part of the Stronger Communities Fund Major Projects Program. Council set aside \$1M from the fund to ensure the ongoing improvements and upgrades to stormwater systems in the Council area. The Draft Stormwater Priority Assessment Report is now on public display at Council offices and CGRC website. Community members wishing to comment on the Draft Stormwater Priority Assessment Report should do so in writing to The General Manager, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590 or email via mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au. Closing date for comments is 6th June 2018.

SCCF—VILLAGE PLAYGROUND PROJECTS

Council is in the final stages of planning for the Villages Playground/Fitness Infrastructure Projects that were funded through Round One of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. Meetings will be held to select final design options, as follows:
Stockinbinal Elwood's Hall - 4pm Thursday 14th of June
Nangus Hall – 6:30pm Tuesday 5th June
Wallendbeen Hall – TBA – please call Council to confirm

NATIONAL SORRY DAY RECOGNITION

Council recognised 20 years of National Sorry Day on Saturday 26 March 2018. National Sorry Day acknowledges and recognises members of the Stolen Generations. The day gave people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities. The first National Sorry Day was held on May 26, 1998, one year after the tabling of a report about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.



RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA

TENDERS INVITED - COOTAMUNDRA WATER SUPPLY – TOWN WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT – 007/2018 -

Council is seeking tenders from suitable companies to undertake the replacement of watermain, in the town of Cootamundra NSW. Interested parties are required to register via the E-tendering Portal www.tenderlink.com/cgcr to download documents at no charge. If you experience difficulties accessing the above website please call Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533. The closing date & time for tender submissions is 4pm on Wednesday 20 June 2018. A Pre-tender meeting will occur in Council's Cootamundra office at 11am on Thursday 31 May 2018. Attendance by Tenderers is mandatory.

The Gundagai Railway Viaduct Feasibility Report remains on public exhibition until 8 June 2018. The report is available on Councils website.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Work is progressing well on the Burley Griffin Way upgrade through Stockinbinal. Last week saw the western end of the project bitumen sealed and the eastern end stabilised with lime. Council will be carting in gravel for the final layer of road pavement and compacting and grading to levels over the next two weeks in preparation for bitumen sealing in June. The sealing will be followed by safety barrier and line marking works and the installation of signage. Kerb and gutter and pipe drainage work will also be completed over the next two weeks. Council wishes to thank residents for their patience and co-operation during the works and request that motorists continue to follow the directions of traffic controllers. The Shed Creek Bridge on Three Ways Road is once again open to traffic. Replacement of the guard rail is still pending availability of contractor. Speed restrictions will still apply until the guard rail is replaced. Stabilising work is now underway on Muttama Road with repairs taking place



along various section of this road. These areas will include patches on Brawlin Hill as well as other prioritised pavement failures. While these works are underway, traffic will be under traffic control with some short delays expected. Maintenance grading is now underway on gravel roads in the Mundarlo area. Work has commenced on the construction of Rathmells Lane. Initial work has seen the widening of culverts and protection of the gas main with buried concrete slabs. Several trees will be removed to accommodate the new road alignment. Parks staff installed a new slab and seat in Albert Park. Damaged slats were replaced on a seat along the bird walk in Muttama Creek. Annuals have been planted in the post office garden. The bare area of lawn out the front of the Cootamundra library has been seeded, top dressed and watered. 6 more seats were broken at the Fisher Park grandstand and have been replaced. The lighting at the Fisher Park grandstand has been fixed and will now come on as it gets dark for better security. There have been several events around Cootamundra over the past 2 weeks requiring over 75 event bins to be delivered around Cootamundra. After the event the bins are emptied, collected, washed out and stored away for the next event. Two new seats out the front of the town hall in Cooper Street have been installed. Some of the fence poles and part of the fence around the pool has been removed to make way for the new shade sail. Trees are being trimmed in laneways to allow better access for garbage truck. New soft fall is being installed in playgrounds and will continue over the coming weeks.



2018/19 Operational Plan and 2018/19 – 2020/21 Delivery Program on Public Exhibition—After an extensive period of consultation and the endorsement of the “Our Place, Our Future” Community Strategic Plan 2018-28 on 10 April 2018, Council wishes to notify all residents, community members and interested parties that the draft 2018/19 Operational Plan and draft 2018/19 – 2020/21 Delivery Program have been authored and are now presented to the community for comment. The Operational Plan details the actions to be undertaken during the next financial year and includes the annual budget, revenue policy and fees and charges for the year ahead. The Delivery Program details the activities the Council will deliver over its term, the strategies it will implement in consultation with the community and contained in the Community Strategic Plan and the measures used to determine success. All residents, community members and interested parties are invited to view the draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program and provide comment. The document is available online at www.cgcr.nsw.gov.au and at Council's administration offices and libraries. The draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program will remain on public exhibition until 5pm 19 June 2018 and submissions can be made via the following: Online: www.cgcr.nsw.gov.au; By mail: General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590; By email: mail@cgcr.nsw.gov.au; By fax: 02 6940 2127. Submissions received will be considered by Council before the plans or amendments are adopted by Council at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 June 2018.