

\$6 MILLION IN FUNDING DELIVERED TO HELP COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI THRIVE



Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke announced \$1.9 million in funding to enhance Council. Over \$1.9 million has been committed to finance administrative costs such as the development of unified Strategic Plans for tourism, the environment and economic development as well as harmonising accounting systems. The \$3.88 million funding package includes: \$1.35 million for the Cootamundra Country Club to complete upgrades to the precinct including dam, machinery shed, course and building façade; Over \$500,000 for capital works projects to expand Gundagai Preschool; \$60,000 for general repairs and installation of heating and cooling at Ellwood Hall (Stockinbingal); \$200,000 for relining and installing a new kitchen at the Coolac Hall, and the installation of cricket nets, picket fence, irrigation and seating at the Oval; \$130,000 to upgrade the tennis courts and install a community BBQ at

Adjungbilly Hall; Over \$50,000 for Cootamundra Harness Racing to undertake track maintenance and upgrades; \$100,000 for the Cootamundra Mens Shed to relocate to Depot 2 on Hovell Street; \$450,000 for four new netball courts at Cootamundra; \$200,000 for the Mill Centre Interactive Tourist Attraction; \$40,000 for a river water pump to Gundagai Sportsfields; \$150,000 for new lighting at the Gundagai Sportsground; \$30,000 toward community facilities, multipurpose courts and BBQ area at Tumblong; Over \$20,000 for the installation of permanent storage sheds to support Battle of the Bidgee event; Over \$50,000 to install solar panels and help reduce costs at the Cootamundra Nursing Home; \$60,000 for a sensory garden at Gundagai South Public School; \$75,100 to install soft fall at the playground at Gundagai Public School; \$10,000 for a new PA system for Gundagai Junior Rugby League; \$30,000 for a disabled toilet at Town & Country Inc; \$50,000 to develop the Gundagai Main Street History walk; \$25,000 for the Gundagai RSL towards landscaping Anzac Grove Gundagai RSL; \$130,000 for basketball courts, new amenities at the Yarri Park Youth precinct/Lions Park; \$150,000 for Cootamundra Rugby Union Club for new dressing room facilities and club room and; Over \$3,000 to install a disabled access ramp at the Cootamundra Arts Centre.



Council is taking a stand against waste with our new **Keep Cup campaign**. Contact council to purchase your \$5 branded reusable mug.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Council opened the doors to the community during Local Government Week (30 July - 5 August 2018). Councillors and CGRC staff were on hand to answer questions from school children and members of the public on the workings of local government. Students were taken on a tour of the offices and introduced to staff members who in turn explained their roles within council. Residents and interested members of the public were able to meet with CGRC Councillors for an informal chat over morning tea.



ROAD CLOSURE

Due to bridgeworks from 20 August until 31 August, Edwardstown Road will be closed from Big Ben Creek. Access will be via a detour on Fullers Lane. Apologies for any inconvenience.

TACC OPEN:
Beer, Band & Bacon
@ The Arts Centre

Kapooka
Army Band Jazz Ensemble
Friday 31 August from 5 to 7 pm

COST: FREE - No bookings required

BAR OPEN: For one night only, the bar will feature 8 different beers from the Tumut River Brewing Co.



EVERYONE WELCOME

children, adults, aunts, uncles, grandparents ...

Relax and enjoy some good music with friends, check out our spaces and tell us what you'd like to see on offer at TACC in the future.

MORE INFORMATION:



Online: www.theartscentrecootamundra.org.au
Email: info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au
Phone: 02 6942 4773. Tues to Fri 9am to 1.30pm



26 August, 2018 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Meander through the market stalls in Sheridan Street. For stall bookings and enquiries, contact VIC 1300 459 689

GUNDAGAI FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - BYRON STREET (First Ave to Sheridan Street) - NOTICE OF FOOTPATH DISRUPTION (Monday 6th August - Friday 18th August 2018)

- As part of the ongoing footpath replacement program in Gundagai it will be necessary for the footpath on the western side of Byron Street to be temporarily closed to allow for reconstruction. In an attempt to minimize disruption, work will be undertaken as quickly as possible. Driveways will have access up until concrete pouring. Vehicles will be unable to access driveways during the concreting period. Please assist Council by parking your vehicle in the street from the dates shown above. Please note that dates may vary due to unforeseen circumstances. We will doorknock to let you know if they do. We apologise for any inconvenience. If you have any concerns please contact Steve Woodland, Project Manager, by calling the Council Office.



Cook a Winter dish containing as many local ingredients from a 100 mile radius as possible.

Bring it to our Shared Table Dinner with your own plate, cutlery and drinks.

When: Saturday 11 August 2018

Time: 6 to 10 pm

Cost: Gold coin donation at the door

Where: The Arts Centre Cootamundra, 18-20 Wallendoon Street



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COOTAMUNDRA SPORTS STADIUM

Junior Basketball—Mondays, 4pm starts 3 September 2018
Registrations Close 27 August 2018

Preschool Sports—Fridays, 10am-10.30am Commence 31 August 2018—\$3 per child



OPERATIONS REPORT

Parks & Gardens staff have installed a water filling station near the Cootamundra library. The public can now fill up their water bottles, drink from the bubbler and give their pets a drink from the dog dish. A baby swing seat has been replaced at Cameron Square. Staff have been weeding and mulching garden beds. Event bins were delivered to the airport for the vintage car club event. Annuals in the CBD were liquid fertilised. A broken spring rocker at Harold Conkey Park has been replaced. Winter street tree planting has commenced. Parks staff assisted with moving office furniture as part of the opening of the office upgrade in Cootamundra. Building maintenance jobs have been completed including repairing the door at the heritage centre, replacing seals and rubbers at the Fisher Park toilets, boarding up holes and broken windows at the old hospital to keep the pigeons out, and fixing the net at the sports stadium. Suckers growing in the fence at the Cootamundra showground have been cut and removed. Palmer Park trees have received a canopy lift and a fresh bed of mulch. Weed spraying has been undertaken. Vegetation trimming over footpaths and trimming of low branches over the laneways has continued allowing for safer access for pedestrians and better access for the garbage truck and other high vehicles. The area between the creek and the footpath along Yarri Park and Haydon Park has been pruned, mown and mulched. Garden beds next to Carberry Park have been pruned, weeded and re-mulched. Pruning of roses has been undertaken. Essential Energy will begin vegetation management work in the



Cootamundra town area this month to maintain minimum powerline clearances and ensure the ongoing safety and reliability of the local electricity network. Essential Energy's cyclical vegetation management program ensures minimum safety clearances are maintained between trees and overhead powerlines and helps to minimise the trimming required in the future, while also maintaining a reliable power supply. Works will be undertaken by Asplundah, Essential Energy approved contractors, who are qualified in all aspects of vegetation management. Contractors use directional pruning techniques that remove branches growing towards a powerline and encourage regrowth away from the power network. Whilst this can affect visual amenity, these techniques are considered best practice throughout the arboriculture industry and are used by most power companies in Australia. Weather permitting, the vegetation work will be carried out in during August. For further information please contact Essential Energy on 13 20 80. Works staff are nearing completion on shoulder widening along Yeo Yeo Hampstead Road. Crews have been trimming in preparation for sealing in early August. This work is being funded from the Roads to Recovery Program. Sealing of Rathmells lane and associated turning lanes from Stockinbingal Road was completed last week. Minor tidy up works including guide posts and signs will be carried out on both these projects as soon as practical. Maintenance grading is underway on Nanagroe Road and will progress towards Parsons Creek Road over the next week. Other grading crews will be completing the RSL carpark in Gundagai and then moving to Rosedale Road. Bitumen shire road maintenance continues around the shire area as required. Footpath works on Boundary Road near Hurley Street are progressing. Footpath works in Punch Street Gundagai are expected to be completed this week. Work will then commence in Byron Street. These footpath projects are being funded from the Stronger Communities Funds. Earthworks are continuing at the Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Plant. Work has now commenced on the second causeway in Nashs Lane with the middle portion of the concrete road deck now constructed. The remainder of this causeway repair is expected to be undertaken between Friday 10 August 2018 to Monday 13 August 2018. This work will require closure of Nashs Lane during these dates. Traffic will detour via Cowcumbra/Hovell Streets and Back Brawlin Road. Any inconvenience is regretted.



WE ARE HIRING

TRAINEE REVENUE OFFICER – COOTAMUNDRA (TEMPORARY FULL TIME – 2 YEARS) This traineeship position offers a career entry point for a highly motivated and enthusiastic person with great potential for development in public administration. The 24 month training contract will enable the candidate to learn the functions of rates and water administration, land and property transfers, reception, receipting, customer service and financial record keeping. On the job training will be co-ordinated with formal studies in Local Government, delivered by correspondence. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5pm on Sunday, 19 August 2018**


GRADER OPERATOR - Council is seeking the services of an experienced grader operator to join the Operations Department in Cootamundra. This position is a permanent full time appointment. Duties include operating a Grader to undertake civil construction and maintenance works. Where necessary, supervising maintenance, construction or other works as required to ensure site initiatives and timeframes are achieved. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5pm on Sunday, 19 August 2018**

Documents on Public Exhibition - Council resolved at its meeting held on 31 July 2018 to place the draft 2018-2028 Asset Management Plan and the draft 2018 – 2021 Workforce Management Plan on public exhibition for community comment and feedback. **The Asset Management Plan and Workforce Management Plan** are two components of Council's Resourcing Strategy. The other component of the Resourcing Strategy, being the Long Term Financial Plan, was previously adopted by Council, in conjunction with the 2018/19 – 2020/21 Delivery Program and 2018/19 Operational Plan, at its meeting on 26 June 2018. **The Workforce Management Plan** seeks to ensure that Council's workforce has the capability to meet demands and to maintain and enhance the skills and competencies of staff. **The Asset Management Plan** provides the framework for Council to monitor the conditions of all its assets and make financially sustainable decisions for the management of these assets into the future. The draft 2018 – 2028 Asset Management Plan and the draft 2018 – 2021 Workforce Management Plan are available for viewing online www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au, and at Council's administration offices and libraries. Comment is invited until **5pm Tuesday 28 August 2018** and submissions can be made online, by post, email or fax. Submissions received will be considered by Council before the plans or amendments are adopted by Council at the next Meeting of Council scheduled for 28 August 2018.

BPAY FOR GUNDAGAI RATEPAYERS

Ratepayers in the former Gundagai Shire Council area are now able to pay their rates and / or water accounts via BPay. To facilitate this, it was necessary for Council to change the format of Assessment numbers to a uniform length. Ratepayers will notice the new numbers on their 2018/19 rate notice, to be issued in July 2018. **How it works Step 1:** Locate the BPay logo on your notice. **Step 2:** Log on to your online banking—Choose the BPay payment option. **Step 3:** Enter the payment details—Enter the BPay Biller code, Customer Reference Number and amount you are paying. **Step 4:** Click Pay—Your bill payment is now complete. It is important to ensure that you use the correct reference number so your payment can be allocated to the relevant account (either rates or water). Your rates customer reference number will start with the number **1** and your water customer reference number will start with the number **2**. **Questions?** Council 1300 459 689 with any enquiries.

RATES	WATER
 Biller Code: 747899 Customer Ref:	 Biller Code: 788026 Customer Ref:

 **Book Week 17-24 August 2018**
Contact Libraries for events

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 - <http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/about-council/councillors/>