



COOTAMUNDRA-
GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL

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YARRI AND JACKY RECOGNISED



James (Yarri) McDonnell and John (Jacky) Morley have been posthumously recognised for their efforts in rescuing 68 people in Gundagai from floodwaters in June 1852. A statue of the men proudly stands in the main street of Gundagai.

COOLAC CEMETERY GATES

The entrance to the Coolac Cemetery has undergone a massive transformation with the installation of a set of decorative gates. The original gates and entrance were damaged a number of years ago, with the brick pillars on either side of the entrance crumbling and broken. Council employees undertook the task of removing the old structure and replacing all with a structure made from steel and wrought iron. Coolac residents have expressed their appreciation and are thrilled with the new entrance.



Villages & Rural Communities



RURAL LANDS STRATEGY

Community consultation sessions for the development of the Rural Lands Strategy will be held as follows:-

Cootamundra – 10 September 2018 - Alby Schultz Centre

Gundagai – 11 September 2018 - Council Chambers

Wallendbeen – 17 September 2018 - Wallendbeen Memorial Hall

Stockinbingal – 18 September 2018 Ellwood Hall

Nangus – 19 September 2018 Nangus Memorial Hall

Coolac – 20 September 2018 Coolac Memorial Hall



BATTLE ON THE BIDGEE



12—14 OCTOBER 2018—GUNDAGAI SHOWGROUND - 7th Annual Battle on the Bidgee Stockman's Challenge. Further information available at <https://www.battleonthebidgee.net/>

DRAFT Gundagai Hilltops Bush Fire Risk Management Plan is on exhibition for a period of 42 days from 29 August 2018 - 10 October 2018. A BFRMP is a strategic document that identifies community assets at risk and sets out a five-year program of coordinated multi-agency treatments to reduce the risk of bush fire to the assets. The Plan is on display at Council Offices in CGRC and Hilltops, Websites and FB and Harden RFS. Copies of the draft BFRMP may be obtained by contacting (02) 6386 3170 during office hours.



Come down and support your local event and stalls!



Mayor, Councillors and Staff of Council extend our sincere well wishes to staff member Adam Barnes as he heads to Russia for MS Treatment. We wish Adam all the very best for a speedy recovery.



The Australian National Busking Championships™ (ANBC) - ~ GUNDAGAI ~

Saturday 27th October 2018 hosted by the Gundagai Regional Enhancement Group.

<http://www.visitgundagai.com.au/> for further information.



The Spring edition of Central West Lifestyle magazine has hit the shelves! Featuring pages and pages of local businesses, people, agriculture, innovation, gardens, homes, attractions, and events. Available from Gundagai and Cootamundra Newsagency and Cootamundra IGA



Sign up to the What's On in Gundagai newsletter www.facebook.com/visitgundagai



Wednesday 12 September 2018 - 10:30am & 7pm / Sunday 16 September 2018 - 5pm—Tickets \$12 - Please be seated 5 minutes prior to start time



30 September, 2018 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. For bookings and enquiries, please contact the VIC 6944 0250

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

PLANS IN THE PIPELINE

Representatives of Council and Killard Infrastructure Pty Ltd met in Cootamundra last week to discuss and inspect the Cootamundra water main replacement project. Killard Infrastructure has been awarded the \$2 million contract to renew Cootamundra's ageing cast and ductile water mains. General Manager Lee Edwards said the team is looking forward to starting the project and is keen to become a part of the Cootamundra community during their time in the town. The project funding has been sourced from the Stronger Communities Fund, an initiative of the NSW Government and administered by Council.



Don't miss the GUNDAGAI RACES—9 September 2018 11am – 5pm—Gundagai Showgrounds and Racecourse—Gates open 11am! Come and enjoy a great day out for the whole family. Contact Len Tozer for information: 0408 218 464.

COOTAMUNDRA SWIMMING POOL PATRONS ARE ADVISED PUBLIC HOURS WILL BE LIMITED FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD TO ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOLS TO CARRY OUT INTENSIVE SWIM SCHOOL PROGRAMS. FROM MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 UP TO AND INCLUDING FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2018 THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHTIME PUBLIC HOURS. PUBLIC HOURS WILL BE BETWEEN 6.30AM AND 8.00AM; AND 3.30PM AND 7.00PM. APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

OPERATIONS REPORT—Work is continuing on the Truck wash upgrade at the Cootamundra Saleyards. Initial works have seen old pond areas excavated in preparation for construction of the new concrete holding basins. Funding for this project is from the 'Fixing Country Truck Washes Program'. While these works are underway the truck wash facilities will be closed. Maintenance grading has been completed on Stockdale, Shultz, Hopewood, Cooininee, Racecourse, and Forsyth's Roads. Other grading crews are working in the Yannawah, Brawlin, and Rosedale Road areas as conditions permit. Bitumen shire road maintenance continues throughout the Council area as required. Replacement of the timber bridge on Edwards Town Road is now complete with the road reopened. The bridge contractor is currently installing piles for the Fishing Jetty on Morley's Creek. Footpath works are underway on both the Boundary Road and Byron Street projects. These footpath projects are being funded from the Stronger Communities Fund. Earthworks also progressing on the preparation works at the Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Plant. The Interflow crews are currently in Cootamundra undertaking the next stage of CCTV analysis of the underground sewer network. Currently crews are working north



of Temora Street and Council will advise residents via a letterbox drop when they are in their area. Work is progressing on the second causeway in Nashs Lane. The last section of the concrete deck has now been poured. Some delays were experienced with this project however the road should be reopened early next week. Parks staff have continued with maintenance of gardens with weeding, pruning and mulching taking place. Roses at the Stockinbingal War Memorial were fertilised, the rose garden at Albert Park has been weeded and freshly mulched and repairs have been made to some broken irrigation lines. This year marks 100 years of Lions Club with the milestone being marked by a tree planting in Albert Park which is marked with a commemorative plaque. Staff have continued to plant new street trees around the Cootamundra, Wallendbeen and Stockinbingal areas. Event bins were delivered to Wallendbeen Recreation Ground for the Junior Rugby Union presentations. Staff ensured Fisher Park was ready for the Wattle Time Fair and Book Week Parade. A further three seats were replaced following vandalism to the Fisher Park Grandstand. Building maintenance work was carried out to Council buildings in Stockinbingal and the Cootamundra Saleyards.



Love them or not, people are fascinated by reptiles. Kids are invited to see, touch and learn about some of Australia's varied and unique reptiles and amphibians, to learn the value of biodiversity and conservation of all flora and fauna and talk about the effects of human impact on our ecosystems.

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2018

Gundagai Library 69440270
9.30am—10.15am

Cootamundra Library 69402200
12.30pm—1.15pm

KIDS 5-13yrs
\$5 each

BOOK NOW!

ART AND LITERATURE PRIZES FOR LOCAL WOMEN AND GIRLS

International Women's Day 2019 will see the launch of the Julie Smith Women's Art Prize and Patricia Caskie Women's Literature prize. Entries will be required to meet a size or word limit and focus on one of two themes: 'My town, my place', or 'My corner of the world'. The competition is open to girls and women residing in the Council area. The competition has three sections: Primary School, High School and Open. Entry forms available from local schools, Council, cootawattlebirds@gmail.com or from the Cootamundra IWD 2019 facebook page and must be submitted by 31 January 2019.

KERBSITE GREEN WASTE COLLECTION—COOTAMUNDRA

Green waste, placed neatly stacked, without obstruction to pedestrians, in front of your residence (not laneways) the week starting **Sunday 9 September 2018** and **will be collected on the same day as your normal garbage service** for this week only. (If your green waste has not been collected on your garbage day, leave it kerbside as it will be collected by the end of the week)

All loose waste must be secured with string or placed in cardboard boxes. Plastic bags are not to be utilised and will not be collected.

The following items are not eligible and **WILL NOT** be collected:

- Waste items longer than 2 metres
- Waste that requires more than two people to collect (e.g. over 50 kg)
- Normal household waste items eg bottles, cardboard, paper, aluminium and steel cans, cardboard
- Trade, commercial, industrial or shop waste of any kind including building waste
- Rocks, soil, asbestos, barb wire, plate glass or builders waste
- Home renovation timber waste
- Motor vehicle chassis or parts
- Any large vehicle or machinery parts including tyres
- Poisons, oils, pesticides or other chemical, liquid waste, inflammable materials, paints and gas cylinders

RATES DUE FOR PAYMENT BY 31 AUGUST 2018 — Ratepayers are reminded that the first instalment of 2018/2019 Rates is due for payment on or before Friday 31 August, 2018. For Gundagai area ratepayers, your assessment numbers and the options for payment have been changed, please refer to your Rate Notice for details. If you are experiencing difficulty making payment, please contact Council prior to the due date to discuss alternative arrangements.

WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018 — Council is currently completing the schedule of water meter reading for Water & Sewer Billing for the quarter ended 31 August, 2018, and the relative accounts will be issued to ratepayers within the next 2 weeks.

COOTAMUNDRA SWIMMING POOL—Bookings are now open for Learn to Swim held from Monday 8 October 2018 up to and including Friday 12 October 2018—Term 4
Learn to swim are also open. Contact pool to register 69402210.

NEW TRUCK WASH AT COOTAMUNDRA SALEYARDS

The new facility will use recycled water, reduce water usage and have the capacity to wash two trucks at a time.

The truck washing facility remains closed for approximately 12 weeks to allow works to proceed on the new state of the art facility. Funding for the \$330,000 project has come from the Australian Federal Government, NSW State Government and Council.