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# **CLEAN WATER DOWN THE PIPELINE**

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will now be able to accelerate Cootamundra's water main replacement program by at least 2 years, with funds from the Stronger Community Fund. Council expect to replace at least 11 kilometres of the towns 18.8 kilometres of old ductile and cast pipes. The remaining sections will be replaced within 4 years. The solution to Cootamundra's water quality is well within sight.



# THOMPSON STREET FOOTBRIDGE

The Thompson Street footbridge has been in full operation for a number of months now since the handrails were rebuilt after last



year's flood damage. The unique design was fabricated by Council's town maintenance attendant which allows the panels to be disassembled if a flood was to occur, preventing the type of damage that occurred to the handrails on the bridge last year. The design also

allows the two end panels to act as gates and can be locked, closing the footbridge down if flood waters rise dangerously high.

**ROAD CLOSURES** - Reminder that Cowcumbla Street is still closed to all traffic at Gundagai Road and Fuller Drive due to the causeway upgrade. Limited local access will be available at the Gundagai Road end, while all access to the industrial subdivision including Fuller Drive and King Drive will be from the Hovell Street end.

# **WATER MAINS FLUSHING**

Notice is hereby given that Council will be continuing a water mains flushing program within the Cootamundra area from Wednesday 6th September 2017 to Friday 22 November 2017. 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. The areas to be affected during this period will be all areas to the east of the railway line including Warren Sub, Florence Gardens and Industrial area. 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.

# **GUNDAGAI SWIMMING CLUB SET FOR THE FUTURE**

Projects undertaken by the Gundagai Amateur Swimming Lifesaving Club will ensure members of the Club and community members using Gundagai's town pool will enjoy their swimming seasons for years to come.

Two applications were submitted to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council for funding under the Stronger Communities Fund. The Stronger Communities Fund has been an initiative of the NSW State Government and administered by the CGRC. The clubs two successful applications saw funds to the value of \$34,583 being approved.

The club has been able to purchase equipment that will see club days, and training sessions conducted in an official competitive environment. New swimming pool



lane ropes that include six competition lane ropes and an additional four training lane ropes will replace the old lane ropes that were perished from years of use and disintegration. An electric competition starter was also purchased to replace the old system which was faulty.

The second and biggest project has seen soft fall matting and pool fencing erected around the new playground area within the pool grounds. These improvements will provide a safe and secure area for children using the playground equipment, and keep little ones protected from the pool surrounds during swimming training and competition days. The improvements have created a more attractive and convenient environment adding to the overall appeal of the area. The projects undertaken by the club, will now help them attract regional swimming club championship meets which will bring

visitors to Gundagai and provide local swimmers with competition conditions.

# COUNCIL LISTENS AT WATTLE TIME FAIR

We would like to thank our community members for dropping in and visiting the Council stall at the Cootamundra Wattle Time Fair on Saturday 26 August 2017. A large number of people, with a wide variety of interests, stopped by to let us know what they love about where

they live, what are the issues facing our community in the future, and what we as a community can do better. Your comments, ideas and visions for the future will be incorporated into the draft Community Strategic Plan, which will be delivered to the newly elected Council after the election. The new Council will place the draft Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition for



community comment and feedback prior to endorsing the plan by 1 July 2018.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO STOCKINBINGAL COMMUNITY

Council extends congratulations to the Stockinbingal Community on the 12 month anniversary of their community newsletter. Villages are the life blood of diversity and innovation and need to be supported. We commend you on 12 months of proactive and creative communication efforts. Council looks forward to partnering with you into the future as we all work toward creating the best region we can.



### **WORKS REPORT**

Patches on Bethungra Road have now been completed with the crew currently undertaking some shoulder grading along Junee Road. This crew will then move back to Nangus Road to undertake additional patching. Maintenance grading crews continue working along Hopewood Road, Yannawah and Jindalee areas. Patching crews are working around bitumen shire roads undertaking repairs as necessary. The Gundagai main street project continues to progress. Work will continue on Cowcumbla Street causeway upgrade next week. Presently crews are working on the construction of the apron slabs. This work is being partially funded by Restart Infrastructure NSW and the Roads to Recovery Program.

### NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Due to public interest in the Development Application for a Highway Service Centre located at Coolac the submission period has been extended an additional 14 days and will close at 5pm Thursday 14th September 2017. Applications and associated plans are available for download from http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/documentspublic-exhibition/

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has received the following application to carry out 'development' under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. DA267/2017, Highway Service Centre and Two Lot Subdivision, 518 Coolac Road, COOLAC NSW 2727, Lots 100, 101 & 102 DP1065752. Applicant: Allspec & Partners. Name of Consent Authority: Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. The subject application and accompanying documentation, may be inspected at the following addresses by appointment until the closure of exhibition. Submission Period: Submissions will be received until 5pm, Thursday 14 September 2017. Where: CGRC Gundagai Office, 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai or CGRC Cootamundra Office 81 Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra. When: By appointment between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays) Any person seeking to make a submission in relation to the abovementioned development should address all correspondence to the Consent Authority to be received prior to 5pm on the final day of the exhibition period. If any submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of objection must be specified in the submission. Persons lodging submissions are required to declare political donations (including donations of more than \$1,000) made in the previous two years. Persons making written submissions regarding the above development are advised that any submission received within the submission period will be subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act (PIPPA) and may be attached to the final report, in its entirety or in part, to Council unless explicitly requested by the person making the submission that they do not wish this to occur. Enquiries: Further details relating to the matter can be obtained by contacting the Council's Development Team.

# **BRADMAN BIRTHPLACE VISITORS**

Council welcomed Andrew Leeming, owner and restorer of Sir Donald Bradman's childhood home, and avid Bradman collectors James Merchant and Peter Schofield last Friday 25 August. Peter Scofield made a presentation to Administrator Stephen Sykes of a book displaying his collection. The book will be put on public display at Bradman Birthplace.

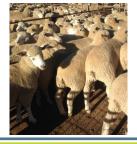


#### LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Monday 4 September - Cootamundra library will extend the opening hours to 5.30pm each weekday. Wednesday 6 September at 11am—Storytime Wednesday 6 September at 11am—Scott Whitaker of Railway Hotels of Australia. This talk will be of great interest to local historians.

# **COOTAMUNDRA SALEYARDS**

Cootamundra Saleyards & Associated Agents would like to advise that the next Sheep sale will conducted on Wednesday 6 September commencing at 8.30am. Please book early with your preferred agent. Previous sale figures can be found on Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au



DON'T MISS GUNDAGAI RACES—SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017—GUNDAGAI RACECOURSE—GATES OPEN 11AM

#### FACILITIES WORKS REPORT

Staff completed a number of customer requests including tree



trimming and removals. Staff completed the removal of several dead trees and the trimming of other trees inside depot 2 fence lines - Council assisted with traffic control for the book parade and Wattle Time Fair parade. This included assisting with

installing the traffic control plan signage. Irrigation maintenance and repairs were

out at



Fisher Park - The barbeques and

surrounds throughout Cootamundra parks were pressure washed with a high powered and high heat machine - Fisher Park was mowed, whipper snipped and prepared for the Wattle Time Fair. This included delivering extra bins, traffic cones, cleaning toilets and marking out sprinkler lines - Our usual activities such as the garbage run, CBD Footpath, Street sweeping and mowing were carried out.

2 trolleys were picked up from various parks in Cootamundra, they were removed and stored at the old Goldenfields depot.



### **GUNDAGAI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

Visitors and locals alike will be advantaged with the redevelopment of Gundagai's Visitors Information Centre. The improvements will see disabled toilet amenities installed, trip



hazards removed and the old shade sails replaced. The project's estimated cost is \$300,000 and will be undertaken with funds Stronger from Communities Fund major projects program.

# AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK MARKETS **ASSOCIATION (ALMA) UPDATE**

The Australian Livestock Markets Association (ALMA) is the peak national body for the saleyard industry in Australia with a mission to promote and guide growth of a sustainable and responsible Australian Livestock market. ALMA recently held its Annual General Meeting electing the new board. Cootamundra Saleyards Manager Jeff White was re-elected as a member of the board. Jeff is the President of the Australian Saleyards Managers Association (ASMA) and is their representative on the ALMA board. Jeff is dedicated to lifting the profile of the Cootamundra Saleyards and ensure that it is operated as one of the premier Saleyards in the state. For further information contact Jeff at the Cootamundra Saleyards.

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