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PARTY SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 20th December 5pm-9pm

Parker & Bourke Street Cootamundra A fun family night out in the lead up to Christmas! Late night shopping, Market Stalls, Entertainment Kids Rides And

make Sure The Cootamundra Community Christmas Party is in your 2018 Calendar!

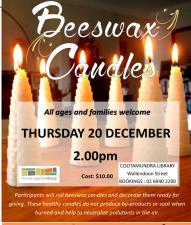
CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITIONS

Gundagai Regional Enhancement Group is once again running the Christmas Lights Completion in Gundagai. Nomination forms are available from Mirrabooka. Categories include best decorated business and residential property. Council, in conjunction with the Cootamundra Development Corporation is conducting a Christmas Lights competition in Cootamundra. Entries are invited and close Monday 17 December at 5 pm. Categories include Best Decorated Home; Best Decorated Business and Best Themed Display Great prizes! Forms are available from Council, CDC or from either website.



DECEMBER

Wednesday 19 @10:30am & 7pm and Sunday 23 @ 5pm



You're invited Gundagai's Big Book Club Bash

> Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm Place: Gundagai Library

Come and celebrate another great year of books, reading and beautiful friendships.

Residents are advised Council Offices will close 5pm Monday 24 December 2018 and reopen Wednesday, 2 January 2019. Councils Depots will close Friday 21 December 2018

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and reopen Monday 7 January 2019 Cootamundra Library will close 5pm

and reopen Wednesday 2 January 2019 Gundagai Library will close 5pm Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen Monday January 7, 2019 **Bradman Birthplace Museum will** be closed Christmas day and re-open 12 pm Boxing Day.

Visitors Information Centres will be Closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Open all other days.

POSITIONS VACANT—WASTE COLLECTION DRIVER—COOTAMUNDRA

Applications are invited from interested persons for the above full time position of Waste Collection Driver to be based in Cootamundra. Key responsibilities include: Ensuring waste collection plant is operated effectively and efficiently to achieve Council's goals and objectives; Ensuring plant and equipment is maintained and operated in a safe manner following safe work method statements and manufacturer's instructions; Ensuring plant is correctly and securely loaded to weight and safety limits and operated according to road regulations; Understand and comply with Council's Waste collection plans and waste management policies and procedures. Benefits -Salary range of \$962.60 - \$1126.30 gross per week plus allowances; 9.5% super guarantee levy payable by Council; 9 day fortnight working arrangement. Further information and a Position Description is available by contacting Council on 1300 459689 or Council's website. NOTE: Applicants must adequately address the selection criteria contained in the Position Description. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered. Applicants must also include a Resume. Applications, addressed to the General Manager should be submitted by 5p.m. on Friday 4 January 2019 by post to CGRC, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, delivered to either of Council's offices or by email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES—Close 5pm FRIDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 2018—Council is seeking experienced and outcomes driven professionals

to join its team of managers from early 2019 in the following roles: Manager Assets (based in Gundagai) - Manager Business (based in Cootamundra) - Manager Development, Building & Compliance (based in Cootamundra) - Manager Technical Services (based in Gundagai) -Manager Waste, Parks & Recreation Services (based in Cootamundra) TO APPLY—Candidates must submit their CV and address the Selection

Criteria in the Position Description which can be downloaded from Council's website. For additional information please contact Council's Payroll and HR Officer, Katrina Smith on 0448 336745. Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered.



Community members are requested to provide comment in regard to the RLS. Feedback will be accepted in writing, sent to the General Manager, emailed to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au or delivered

into the Council Office in Cootamundra or Gundagai.

WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD

Council would like to advise residents due to public holidays over the Christmas period, changes to normal kerbside waste collection services are as follows:- Cootamundra — No collection Christmas Day, Tuesday 25 December 2018. Please put your bins out on Tuesday night for collection on Boxing Day, Wednesday 26 December 2018. Collection will start earlier than usual. Collection for Boxing Day will be as normal. New Year's Day, Tuesday 1st January 2019, will be as normal. Gundagai—If your



normal collection day is Monday 24 December 2018, your collection will be on Sunday 23 December 2018. If your normal collection day is Tuesday 25 December 2018, your collection will be on Monday 24 December 2018. Business houses are advised they will have a collection on Monday 24 December 2018. New Year's Day, Tuesday 1 January 2019, will be as normal. Residents are asked to ensure bins are placed out for collection the night before your scheduled pick up day. Due to the need for double runs to be made on certain days your collection may also be later in the day than usual.

PUBLIC NOTICE—PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The business of the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 11 December will include the presentation of the audited financial statements and the auditor's reports for the year ended 30 June 2018. Council's auditor, the NSW Audit Office, contract agent, Mr John O'Malley of Intentus Chartered Accountants, will be in attendance. Copies of the financial reports are available for inspection at the Council Offices at Wallendoon St, Cootamundra and Sheridan Street, Gundagai. The report can also be viewed on Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au.

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A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below:	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	31,777	48,635
Total expenses from continuing operations	38,856	43,578
Operating result from continuing operations	(7,079)	5,057
Net operating result for the period	(7,079)	5,057
Net result for the period (after net assets transferred from former councils) Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(7,079) (9,376)	405,345 (4,882)
Statement of Financial Position	(-//	(-,,
Total current assets	36,553	45,693
Total current liabilities	(6,614)	(5,810)
Total non-current assets	374,764	370,449
Total non-current liabilities	(3,436)	(3,320)
Total equity	401,267	407,012
Other financial information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	5.4x	8.46x
Operating performance ratio (%)	-29.61%	4.71%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	(0.66x)	19.62x
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	7.68%	4.04%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	93.87%	60.03%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	65.28%	44.77%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	13.16 mths	16.35 mths
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In accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act 1993, any person may make a written submission to Council with respect to the financial reports and auditor's reports. Submissions close at 5pm Monday 10th December 2018. Enquiries may be directed to Mr Tim Swan, Finance Manager.

WALLENDBEEN HISTORY—Council is seeking correspondence from community members who have local knowledge and historical information in relation to the village of Wallendbeen. Special emphasis is placed on military history of the Township and community. Contact Council with any information.

GUNDAGAI MAIN STREET ART PROJECT - Council invites

Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced artists for a large scale public art commission located at the corner of Sheridan Street and Homer Street Gundagai town centre. The successful artist will be required to enter into a contract with Council for the project. EOI closes at 5pm Friday 14 December 2018. Information available from Council's website.

Council is calling for residents to nominate deserving people for the 2018 Australia Day Awards. Nominations are open and will be received by Council until 1pm, 17 December 2018. Nomination forms are available from Council Offices or by downloading the nomination form from Council's website.

VILLAGE PLAYGROUNDS TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED — Community members are advised King George V Park, Stockinbingal will be officially opened by Mayor Abb McAlister on 19 December 2018 commencing 12 noon. A BBQ will be supplied. Palmer Park. Wallendbeen and the Barry Grace Oval fitness equipment will be officially opened on the same day commencing at 2pm. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

The NSW Government is committed to ending Domestic and Family Violence. The Hotline is open 24 hours a day. Contact 1800 65 64 63

OPERATIONS REPORT



Maintenance grading has continued around the Muttama area including Finlays', Reef Creek and Sheep Station Creek Roads. The Gundagai stabilising crew are currently working on Adelong Road in the Tumblong township. Several sections of failed

pavement are being rehabilitated along with improvements to the roadside drainage. This work is expected to be sealed prior to Christmas. Heavy patching works have been completed on the Olympic Highway and Burley Griffin Way

prioritised by the RMS from the current highway defect register. RMS has also completed an asphalt overlay of the recent rehabilitation works on the Burley Griffin Way through the Stockinbingal Township. Earthworks are now well underway on the Adjungbilly Road realignment project. Reshaping and pavement construction of the top section leading to Parson Creek Road is progressing and will be the first



section to be sealed. This project is being funded from the RESTART NSW funding. Footpath replacement works on Cooper Street footpath adjacent to the Public School are nearing completion with minor top dressing to be finalised. Work on the Virgil Street footpath has also been completed. Work on drainage and kerb repairs is continuing in Byron Street Gundagai. Bitumen road maintenance including roadside weed spraying and slashing has been undertaken as required around the LGA. The Cootamundra water main replacement project continues with work on the balancing main along Gundagai Road from the railway line to Florence Street. Work is underway on replacing the main along Thompson

Street between Hurley Street and Campbell Street. The next scheduled street is Hovell Street between Hurley and Campbell Streets. Interflow has been relining sewer mains in the Williams Avenue area. While undertaking this work several issues were identified where buried manholes and multiple junction points were located. These were addressed as works progressed. Council's resealing contractor



Boral is resealing in the Gundagai area and will move onto some identified reseals in the Cootamundra area prior to Christmas. The gardens around the Gundagai Administration Centre carpark have been planted with a camellia hedge and new irrigation has been installed. The pansies from the office garden beds have been replaced with Vincas for summer. Cootamundra CBD gardens have been hedged and weeded. Sporting fields have been line marked for touch football, mown and received maintenance as required. Staff have carried out slashing of village recreation areas and road sides. Gundagai's RV areas and Old Gaol grounds have been cleared with mowing, whipper snipping and removal of fallen branches as required. The steel bench seats have been moved from Mitchell Park and relocated to Nicholson Park for the touch football season. The areas surrounding bridges in Cootamundra township have been whipper snipped and sprayed. Staff have sprayed weeds around streets gutters, culverts and median strips. Fisher Park was prepared for the annual Lions Club Christmas Fair held on 24 November 2018. Staff ensured the area was ready for the event with additional mowing, pressure washing of the grandstand and additional cleaning of public toilets. Event bins were delivered prior to the weekend, collected, washed and stored away afterwards. Jubilee Park also received extra attention from Parks staff for the hosting of White Ribbon Day. Administration Centres in both Gundagai and Cootamundra have received some festive cheer, with both buildings decorated for the Christmas season. These decorations include libraries and the Gundagai



Visitors Information Centre. Christmas trees being placed on display. The new playgrounds have now been installed Stockinbingal in Wallendbeen. The Stockinbingal playground was tested by some lucky students from Stockinbingal Primary School who gave it the thumbs up.