

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

Christmas is a wonderful time of year, a time when we extend peace and goodwill to each other and spend special time with our family, friends and neighbours. It is a time of year where we reflect on the year gone by, raise a toast to achievements and show appreciation for all that surrounds us. The year has seen Council commence of a number of major projects which will bring great benefit to our communities. We have seen community organisations deliver a number of projects that will enhance and improve the experience for their members and the community as a whole. I take this opportunity to thank Council staff for their dedication and cooperation. I further express my appreciation to my fellow Councillors. I believe we have formed a cohesive, decisive and united team. Our focus and commitment is to ensure we deliver to our community a region that is prosperous and sustainable. Most importantly I acknowledge you, the community, for the important role you play in making our region the special place it is. There are so many community groups, volunteers, sporting groups and individuals who work tirelessly throughout the year to make our community so wonderful. I speak on behalf of the entire Council when I say thank you to you all, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Stay safe over the festive season and we look forward to working with you again in 2019.

*Best wishes, Abb*



## CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR CLOSURES AND SERVICE CHANGES

**Council Offices** will close 5pm Monday 24 December 2018 and reopen Wednesday 2 January 2019. **Councils Depots** will close Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen Monday 7 January 2019.

**Cootamundra Library** will close 5pm Friday 21 Dec 2018 and reopen 9am Wednesday 2 January 2019. **Gundagai Library** will close 5pm Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen 9am Monday 7 January 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. **Cootamundra Swimming Pool** will be closed Christmas Day.

**Gundagai Swimming Pool** will be closed on Christmas Day, and open 2:00pm to 6:00pm on both Boxing Day and New Years Day. **Cootamundra Garbage Depot** will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

**WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES**—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. New Year's Day, Tuesday 1 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 the night before and advised your collection may also be collected later than usual.

## OPERATIONS REPORT



Current works underway for completion prior to the Christmas break include construction works on Adjungbilly Road and pavement rehabilitation works on Berthong Road. Berthong Road has been prepared in readiness for sealing, weather permitting. This work will be completed prior to year's end. Other works have seen the concrete lining of the drainage line at the Adams Street/ Boundary Road intersection. The new footpath in Cooper Street adjacent to the public School has been completed. Maintenance grading is being undertaken in Rawilla and Wave Hill Roads and others in the Muttama area. Council's resealing contractor, Boral, is working around the LGA sealing several streets in Cootamundra and other bitumen shire roads around the area. Primer sealing has been completed at the

Cootamundra Truck Wash. General parks maintenance has taken place around Cootamundra and Gundagai. Additional time has been spent watering gardens, parks and sporting ovals due to the warmer weather. The villages of Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen have seen upgrades to public play areas, with the installation of a new playground at King George V Park in Stockinbingal and a "Rage Cage" at Palmer Park, Wallendbeen. Herbicide application has occurred during December in town streets and lanes, village streets and lanes for the eradication of weeds in the road and culverts, as well as weed control in various other public spaces across the Council area. Noxious Weeds Spraying is completed in accordance with the Pesticide Regulation 1995.



## POOL HOURS

### OUTDOOR POOLS

**COOTAMUNDRA**—Monday to Friday 6:30am to 8:00am / 9:30am to 7:00pm; Weekends & Public Holidays – 10:30am to 6:30pm.

**GUNDAGAI**—Weekdays (Monday, Wednesday, Friday Only) 6:30am to 8:00am and 11:30am to 6:00am Weekends & Public Holidays – 11:30am to 6:00am

## COOTAMUNDRA SALEYARDS

The Cootamundra Saleyards and associated agents wish all residents and saleyard users a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2019.

The first sheep sale for 2019 will be held on Wednesday 9 January 2019. Contact your preferred agent early. Support your local saleyards 69402220.



## NEW PLAY AREA OPENING

The opening of the new playground at King George V Park in Stockinbingal will be held on Wednesday, 19 December 2018 at 12:00pm. The opening of the newly completed "Rage Cage" will follow on the same day in Palmer Park, Wallendbeen at 2:00 pm.

Get to 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  
Visit <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/about-council/councillors/> for further information and contact details.

Shop local this Festive Season. Visit Gundagai Local and Cootamundra Local websites and Facebook for some great local specials for Christmas.

Ewan McGregor

Disney  
**Christopher Robin**

Sooner or later,  
your past  
catches up to you.

TACC



Wednesday 2 January 2019 -10:30am & 7pm  
Sunday 6 January @ 5pm. All tickets \$10

**Nail Art**

Pamper your hands and turn every nail into a work of art!

**Cootamundra Library**

Stephen Ward Rooms  
WEDNESDAY 16 JAN 10-11am

8yrs+—\$5 each  
Bookings essential

[Cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) OR 02 6940 2200  
[facebook.com/cootalibrary](https://facebook.com/cootalibrary)

Coastal Regional Library

**Ladies IN BLACK**

TACC



Wednesday 16 January 2019 — 10:30am & 7pm—  
Sunday 20 January 2019 — 5pm—Tickets \$12.



**COUNCIL SALUTE VOLUNTEERS**

Council recently hosted a Christmas lunch for Council volunteers. The lunch was prepared by another popular volunteer group, the CWA Ladies. Councillors Penny Nicholson and Charlie Sheahan were in attendance and thanked volunteers for the work they do. Council volunteers are the cornerstone of Council's attractions, and volunteer their time and efforts at various Council facilities. A delicious lunch and Christmas carols were enjoyed by all.



**~ 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 Councils 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 [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au).

**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 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, delivered to Council's offices at Cootamundra or Gundagai or by email to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)



**RANGER/REGULATORY OFFICER – COOTAMUNDRA**—Applications are invited from interested persons for the above full time position of **Ranger/Regulatory Officer** to be based in Cootamundra. **Key responsibilities include:** Detection, investigation and enforcement with respect to parking and other areas, including litter control; illegal dumping; stray and companion animals; derelict or abandoned vehicles/articles; overgrown premises under intervention monitoring and illegal use of Councils property/assets. Provision of assistance through detection investigation and enforcement under relevant legislation including but not limited to Local Government Act and Regulations, Companion Animals Act and Protection of Environmental Operations Act and Regulations, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Regulations. Operational Management of the pound facility including cleaning and securing of pens and monitoring pound supplies.

**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

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**WASTE AMNESTY DAYS FOR COOTAMUNDRA AND GUNDAGAI WASTE STATIONS**—Residents and rate payers are advised, separated rubbish, to the max. weight of 1 tonne, will be free of charge at your local Waste Station on Sunday 20 January 2019. Excluding builders rubble.

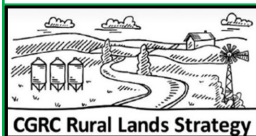
**NEXT RATES INSTALMENT**—Ratepayers are reminded that the second Rate Instalment for 2018/2019 was due for payment by 30/11/2018. Should you be experiencing difficulty in paying your rates by the due date, please contact Council to discuss suitable arrangements for payment. Council has recently issued Water & Sewer accounts for the quarter ended 30/11/2018 and these should be received by ratepayers in the next few days. Payment of these accounts is due by Friday 11/1/2019.

Bring in the New Year with the Gundagai-Adelong Racing Club's New Year's Day race meeting! Come along to the Gundagai Racecourse on Tuesday, 1 January 2019 11:00am – 5:00pm and celebrate a great day out with our friendly locals. Bring the family and have a very sociable day out. Contact Len for more information: 0408 218 464



**RURAL LANDS STRATEGY (RLS)**

Community members are requested to provide comment in regard to the Rural Lands Strategy. Feedback will be accepted in writing, sent to the General Manager, emailed to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or delivered to either Council Office.



**WALLENDREEN HISTORY**—Council is seeking correspondence from community members who have local knowledge and historical information in relation to the village of Walendreen. Special emphasis is placed on military history of the Township and community. Contact Council with any information. Contact Council's Development and Community Department on 1300 459 689.