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NINE REPRESENTATIVES FOR COUNCIL

The NSW Electoral Commission has released the final results of the Local Government Election held on Saturday 9 September 2017. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council community has elected 9 Councillors from 28 Candidates. CGRC elected Council is as follows:-Doug Phillips, Abb McAlister, Dennis Palmer, Craig Stewart, Charlie Sheahan, Gil Kelly, David Graham, Penny Nicholson, and Leigh Bowden. At the time of printing each of the 28 Candidates have 24 hours to request a re-count. The first meeting of the newly elected Council will now be planned and advertised.

COOTAMUNDRA LEARN TO SWIM

This week saw the commencement of Intensive Swimming Programs for two local Cootamundra schools at the Cootamundra Swimming Pool. The Programs were Instructed by Accredited Staff of the Cootamundra Pool. EA Southee Public School had 39 kids attend each day with 2 x 30 minute sessions held. Sacred Heart Central School had 60 kids attend each day with 3 x 30 minute sessions. The Programs continue until Friday 22nd September 2017.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ALL Holidays - Activity Tables available at the Gundagai Library 28 September 2017— Gundagai Youth Council (GYC) Bus Trip to Wagga—Pick up from Mirrabooka, Gundagai

29 September 2017—Movie in the Park—MOANA (PG)—Carberry Park, Gundagai

4 October 2017—LAN Tournament at Mirrabooka, Gundagai

5 October 2017 — Archery Tag—1:30pm—Carberry Park, Gundagai **5 October 2017**—9:30am—Archery Tag—Cootamundra Stadium 6 October 2017—Pom Pom Puppies—10:00am at Gundagai Library Contact the Gundagai Library for further information 69440270

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 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.

HELBRARIES

Thursday 14 September 2017
Tuesday 19 September 2017
Wednesday 20 September 2017
Thursday 21 September 2017
Tuesday 26 September 2017

10am Music Fun 10am Free Chess lessons & social games Final Storytime for the term—Pirate Theme Cootamundra 11am Story Time—Ducks 10am Celebrate Dork Day 11am

PUBLIC TOILETS FOR GUNDAGAI MAIN STREET

The experience of shopping and spending time in Gundagai's main street (Sheridan Street) is expected to be enhanced when the \$5.4M main street redevelopment

project is complete and a public toilet amenities block installed. Cootamundra–Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC), has set aside \$150,000 to include a public toilet facility with funds from the Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) major project program. The SCF is administered by CGRC and is an initiative of the NSW State Government. The amenities will further bolster the main objective of Gundagai's main street redevelopment project which is the beautification of the town, and revitalising the business community. Flow on objectives include enhancing the green space, incorporation of public art and interpretation for the community and visitor to enjoy together with improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety.



NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

Council in conjunction with RFS, NSW Fire & Rescue and SES will be conducting a vegetation burn along Muttama Creek on Saturday, 23rd September 2017 in sections between: Lloyd Conkey Ave to Hovell Street-Hovell Street to Sutton Street -Sutton Street to Thompson Street-Thompson Street to Mackay Street-Mackay Street to Parker Street-Parker Street to Wallendoon Street-Wallendoon Street to Olney Street. Residents are advised to close windows and doors, remove any pets or outside items, including items from clotheslines, if concerned they will be affected by smoke. SES will be handling associated traffic control. Burn is scheduled from 11:00am pending weather conditions. Sunday 24th September 2017 has been set as a contingency date.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE (CRC)

Gundagai

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Community Recycling Centres CRC's are drop-off centres for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council waste and recycling collection services. CRC's are located at the Cootamundra and Gundagai Waste Depots and open normal operating hours.



NANGUS SCHOOL WINNERS

The Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's planning team has been undertaking work to produce a Villages Strategy. As a part of the community consultation conducted in May-June 2017 school students of the villages did a planning session with the Town Planner before being set the task of designing their own town. Last Friday winners from Nangus Public School were presented with their

prizes. most creative town from Nangus was planned by Isabella Arrogon, most futuristic



planned by Elysia Arrogon and the Town Planner's Choice was planned by Daniel Ray.

ROAD CLOSURE - 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.

WORKS REPORT

Nangus Road is due to be sealed by Friday 15 September. Work crews are now undertaking shoulder grading along sections of Gobarralong Road and expected to commence heavy patching along Crows Road this weekend. Maintenance grading has now finished on Hopewood Road with the crew next moving to Illawong Road. Other crews are working around the Yannawah and Jindalee areas. Patching crews continue to work around the bitumen shire road network undertaking repairs as necessary. Work continues to progress on the Gundagai main street project with all kerb now constructed. Work on the Cowcumbla Street causeway upgrade is now centred around finishing the upstream headwalls and aprons. Over the next week, several trees will be removed from in front of Agland in order to accommodate the wider road pavement for the left turn lane into Cowcumbla Street. This work is being partially funded by Restart Infrastructure NSW and the Roads to Recovery Program. Interflow are once again undertaking sewer mains cleaning in certain areas of the Cootamundra Township. This work will be preliminary works to prepare these mains for relining later in the year. Residents will be advised of works in their particular area via a letterbox drop.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ADJUNGBILLY ROAD B-DOUBLE ACCESS

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will allocate \$200,000 from council's Stronger Communities' Fund major projects program. The money will go towards



seed funding for a \$2 million, 'Fixing Country Roads" grant. The upgrade to Adjungbilly hill will allow better access for B-Doubles and long vehicles. The section earmarked for the improvements has been considered by Council and residents to be dangerous and difficult for long vehicles including school buses to negotiate safely. There is approximately 14km of missing B-Double access link

through Adjungbilly Road. This project will further support the continuation of upgrading the remaining section in the route which will benefit the continuing operation and development of the 36 agricultural properties on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee River. The upgrade will address the winding, narrow and steep curves of the Adjungbilly Hill section and will provide continuity of access for HPVs (High Productivity Vehicles) creating the opportunity to carry the same amount of freight in fewer freight movement numbers. This is expected to reduce the costs associated with moving freight along the route.

GUNDAGAI 'WHATS ON' SIGN

Residents may have noticed the new changeable sign at the front of the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre which will display information about upcoming events. The sign was an initiative of the Gundagai Tourism Action Committee with input from local school students and Wiradjuri elders. Expertly prepared and installed by Joe Morton at local business Goanna Graphics, the sign references local elements including: indigenous symbols to depict Gundagai as a meeting place by the river, the Dog on the Tuckerbox, and the shape of the rolling hills / bull nosed verandahs. Local event organisers are reminded to submit event details for promotion

info@visitgundagai.com.au or in person at the VIC.



PRESENTATIONS TO URALBA AND GUNDAGAI PRE-SCHOOL

Stephen Sykes took some time out in August to visit Uralba Aged Care Hostel and



Gundagai Preschool. Mr Sykes presented plaques to both organisations acknowledging the Stronger Communities Fund grant and the projects undertaken by the organisations. Uralba Hostel was able to install nine closed circuit television cameras to address resident's security and well-being with an \$8000 grant from the Stronger Communities Fund. Soft fall rubber matting was installed at the Gundagai Preschool. The project titled "soft landing with soft fall" has replaced and repaired the old soft fall matting used as an underlay beneath the play equipment at the pre-school. The matting protects the children from injury whilst they enjoy the outdoor spaces of the facility.

FACILITIES WORKS REPORT



Contractors used a crane to remove the dead wood from the large Elm tree on the Hovell Street side of Albert Park. Remedial works were carried out last year on the lower half of the tree and now the top half has been trimmed. New Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council logo stickers have been placed on signs in our parks, reserves and toilets. Sections of Water line at the Cootamundra showground required replacement prior to the Father's Day Swap Meet. The garden beds for the Stockinbingal

War Memorial were marked out and work has commenced . The clay soil has been replaced with more appropriate garden soil. Staff carried out the weed spraving of breaks at fire

Cootamundra, Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen



Garbage Depots. Irrigation maintenance and repairs were carried out at Fisher Park. Bus shelters around Cootamundra were swept out and de-cobwebbed and a number of faded street signs along Thompson Street and Parker Street in Cootamundra were replaced. The final solar

flood light was installed

at Muttama Creek next to Olney Street. Line marking of Nicholson Park was completed for the women's gala day. The Streetwise outdoor advertising

seat inspections were completed. Tree trimming and removal commenced at the Cootamundra Caravan Park.

SCF PAVES THE WAY ON FOOTPATHS

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will allocate half a million dollars on bringing footpaths across the council area up to acceptable standards, thanks to funds

allocated from the Stronger Communities Fund, major projects program. Council has identified about 4km of footpaths in Cootamundra, Gundagai and Nangus that are in urgent need of either replacement or extensive repair. We want the community to enjoy walking along their streets, and we want them to be able to do so safely and with confidence, this project will expedite council's footpath replacement and repair program.



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