

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS ESSENTIAL ENERGY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORKS

Essential Energy has notified Council that they will begin vegetation management work in the Cootamundra town area this month to maintain minimum powerline clearances and ensure the ongoing safety and reliability of the local electricity network. Essential Energy's cyclical vegetation management program ensures minimum safety clearances are maintained between trees and overhead powerlines and helps to minimise the trimming required in the future, while also maintaining a reliable power supply. Works will be undertaken by Essential Energy approved contractors who are qualified in all aspects of vegetation management. Contractors use directional pruning techniques that remove branches growing towards a powerline and encourage regrowth away from the power network. This can affect visual amenity, these techniques are considered best practice throughout the arboriculture industry and are used by most power companies in Australia.

EXPERT ON ADVENTURE PARKS VISITS GUNDAGAI

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has been fortunate to gain expert advice from Tamworth Regional Council's Projects and Assets officer Grant Reeckmann. Reeckmann toured Cootamundra and Gundagai on Wednesday and Thursday this week to advise on councils major projects that involve the construction of two adventure parks in the towns. Responsible for the award winning Tamworth Regional Playground Mr Reeckmann was able to pass on his extensive knowledge and expertise to council staff. Discussions were held on planning and design principles surrounding the installation of adventure parks and what they will bring to both towns. The Tamworth Regional Playground won the prestigious "Best Major Play space in NSW" award by Parks and Leisure Australia last year. The adventure parks create a special experience for locals and visitors, with a range of activities to suit all ages, and are recognised as tourist attractions. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council mayor Cr Abb McAlister said Grant's advice was invaluable. "We are very fortunate to have Grant visit and pass on his extensive knowledge about these types of constructions. The Tamworth playground has been extremely successful, we are grateful for his input," Cr McAlister said. Mr Reeckmann visited possible sites, parks and greenspaces in both towns before returning to Tamworth on Thursday. CGRC has earmarked \$1.2 million from the Stronger Country Communities Fund to finance the construction of these adventure parks in Cootamundra and Gundagai. The Stronger Communities Fund is a NSW Government initiative and is administered by council. The Community was fairly evenly divided in its opinion as to the location of the Playground in Gundagai, however, in view of the discussions with the Consultants it has been decided to construct the facility in Carberry Park. Jubilee Park is the chosen site in Cootamundra.



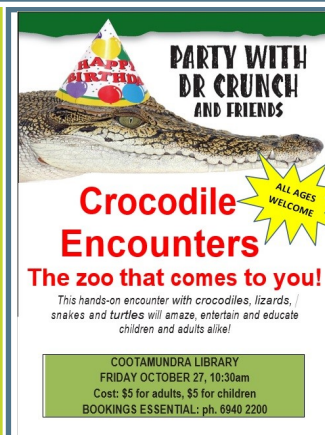
Tamworth Regional Council Officer Grant Reeckmann and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Mayor Abb McAlister.



Interim Director Asset Management Phil McMurray, Project Officer Andrew Brock, Grant Reeckmann and Interim Manager of Facilities Greg Ewings

COOTAMUNDRA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2013 PLANNING PROPOSAL DRAFT AMENDMENT No.6

Council has prepared a Planning Proposal to amend the Cootamundra Local Environmental Plan 2013 (Draft Amendment No 6). The aim of the Planning Proposal is to amend Schedule 1 of the Cootamundra Local Environmental Plan 2013 to allow two additional permitted uses being a 'service station' and a 'liquid fuel depot' on land zoned SP2 on Hovell Street, Cootamundra. The Planning Proposal will be on public exhibition at Council's Offices, 81 Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra and 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai and on Council's website at www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au from Friday 6 October until Friday 3 November 2017. The Minister for Planning has issued an authorisation to exercise the functions of the Minister under Section 59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*, to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, dated 19 May 2017, in the making of this plan. Submissions on the Planning Proposal and draft amendment to the Cootamundra Local Environmental Plan 2013 are required to be made in writing and received at Council by 5:00pm on Friday 3 November 2017. Submissions may be delivered to both Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council offices, posted to The General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590 or emailed to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au. Further information can be obtained by contacting Development and Building Services Department on (02) 6940 2100.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WAGGA BUS TRIP



Thursday, 28 September some young people from Gundagai recently enjoyed a trip to Wagga Wagga in the school holidays. They attended Forum 6 to see the new horror movie based on the best selling Stephen King novel 'It' and then proceeded to have a game of ten pin bowling. Council provided its newly purchased bus to transport the students on their outing. Thank you to Cindy Smith for making the necessary arrangements in relation to this and other school holiday activities.

LIMITED ACCESS TO COOPER STREET FOOTPATH IN COOTAMUNDRA

Residents are advised from Thursday 28 September 2017 until further notice there will be limited access to the footpath on Cooper Street between the Civil Hall and school grounds due to Council Office renovations. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

HEAVY PATCHING ON OLYMPIC HIGHWAY

RMS bridge works will continue for the next two weeks at Fred Legge Creek on the Olympic Hwy north of Cootamundra. Council will be commencing heavy patching works on the Olympic Hwy and the Burley Griffin Way starting on Tuesday 10 October and continuing for two weeks. During these works traffic delays can be expected and motorists should follow the directions of traffic controllers.

DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION—CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

In accordance with Section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council has prepared and gives notice of its public exhibition. Submissions on the Draft Code are invited to be received by Friday 10 November 2017. To make your submission, you are required to do so in writing to Council by the advertised submission date. Submissions may be delivered to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Office in Cootamundra or Gundagai, posted to The General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590 or emailed to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au. All documents are available for review on Council's website and from with the Cootamundra or Gundagai office.

STOCKINBINGAL BOWLING CLUB FRESHEN UP

The Stronger Communities Fund, an initiative of the NSW Government and administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has provided a much needed grant to the Stockinbingal Bowling Club. The club has been able to replace the stairs at the rear of the club with a ramp and handrails, making accessibility to the club easier and safer for patrons, particularly the elderly and disabled. Kitchen staff have found the access easier when carrying in supplies. Painting and repairing water damage on the walls and ceilings of the bar and lounge areas have given the space a much needed facelift and freshen up. The club is operated predominately by volunteers and has the support of many local trades' people, and handymen who regularly offer in kind support and have assisted with the work. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council mayor Cr Abb McAlister said the grant of \$8000 from the Stronger Communities Fund will help Stockinbingal Bowling Club with facilities that will provide benefits for the future. Maintaining and retaining important resources like the Stockinbingal Bowling Club is vitally important for our villages and small communities, it's a credit to the community and the volunteers who keep this club operating," Cr McAlister said.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

There will be an Ordinary Council meeting commencing 6pm Tuesday 31 October 2017 to be held in the Stephen Ward Rooms, Cootamundra Library, Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra.

Members of the public are invited to address Council on any local government issue at the commencement of the meeting. The meeting Agenda and Tabled documents can be obtained from Council website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au or hard copies are available at the Council offices prior to the meeting.

GUNDAGAI NETBALL COURTS UPGRADE AND RODEO GROUND

Gundagai's town netball courts will receive an upgrade thanks to funds from the NSW State Government's Stronger Communities Fund. The fund which is administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has \$200,000 set aside from the \$9 million major projects program to fund the upgrade. CGRC intends to develop the site as a fully functional recreational area to cater for the various sporting groups who use the facility including netball, basketball, tennis, badminton and handball. CGRC plans to upgrade the lighting, install shelters and storage facilities. At present only two of the four courts have lighting towers, there



is little seating and inadequate shelter and storage provisions. Situated within Councils existing recreational and swimming pool area, the Netball complex is ideally located to share facilities such as toilet blocks, canteens, playgrounds, and BBQ's that are all in close proximity. The site is also accessible by all forms of transport including pedestrian and cycling routes.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council mayor Abb McAlister has welcomed the project. "These upgrades will improve this site as recreational and functional sporting area, encouraging the community to participate in a variety of sports," he said. Mr McAlister also added the upgrades could see netball carnivals conducted at the site which will bring visitors to Gundagai.

The Gundagai rodeo grounds have seen a hive of activity with club members working on the camp draft arena. Working bees have been held to erect new steel fencing around the arenas perimeter. A \$25000 SCF grant has enabled the purchase of 405 metres of steel fencing which includes five bull rails and five gates.



FACILITIES WORKS REPORT

The Cootamundra outdoor pool is undergoing maintenance in preparation for opening on 18 November. Diving blocks were removed with new blocks to be installed before the pool opens for the summer. Opening times have yet to be confirmed.



Nicholson Park was top dressed and watered in preparation for the upcoming touch football season.

Irrigation dripper lines at Stockinbingal War Memorial in King George V Park were installed by Council and gardens were finished off with a layer of mulch.

Council is still exploring options in replacing it's Noxious Weeds Officer, Graham Worboys who retired this year.



BIG SPLASH ON COOTA POOL

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will be splashing out on the Cootamundra Municipal Swimming Pool with two major projects planned. Funds from the Stronger Communities Fund will enable council to install a water park attraction and extend shade areas around the pool precinct. Council is currently obtaining information from various manufacturers and suppliers of water park apparatus and has obtained data backing its plan for the project. The new addition of a water amusement park to the Cootamundra pool will be the first, and only in the region and without any doubt will help attract additional tourists and visitors to town. Council also identified the need for extensions to the shade areas around the local pool. Currently the swimming pool has three shades serving the main pool, baby pool and the wading pool. Well positioned shade structures over a larger area offer more protection. Council's plan is to extend the existing shades to cover most of the exposure area. This will minimize exposure to harmful UVR for swimmers and spectators. The two developments are part of CGRC's Stronger Communities Fund major projects program a NSW State Government initiative. Council expects to spend \$400,000 on the water park project and \$100,000 on the shade extensions.



A Guide to Participating in the National Asbestos Awareness Month Campaign



Visit <http://asbestosawareness.com.au/> for further information and to learn more about Betty the adri-house. Betty will be visiting Cootamundra and Gundagai on **Saturday 21 October 2017** Visit Council's Facebook page for details <https://www.facebook.com/CootamundraGundagaiRC/>

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