

## NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

An Ordinary Council meeting will be held commencing **6pm, Tuesday 31 October 2017** in the **Stephen Ward Rooms, Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra**. Members of the public are invited to address Council on any local government issue at the commencement of the meeting. The Agenda can be obtained from Councils website [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or offices prior to the meeting.



OPEN GARDENS ~ SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2017  
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 — OPEN GARDENS — 10am – 4pm —** 2330 Gocup Road and 213 Punch Street, Gundagai. Gold coin entry. Morning & afternoon tea available to benefit Gundagai's Can Assist & Gundagai Primary School. Main Street Markets 9am – 12 noon bookings 6944 0250.

## STAN CROWE OVAL AMENITIES UNDERWAY

Community spirit and dedication to a project has seen work commence last week on the Council Project to construct a new amenities facility at Gundagai's Stan Crowe Oval, with foundations, plumbing and drainage being installed. It's been a long time coming, Glen Moore a Gundagai local started the process of raising money to build the block many years ago. Persistence prevailed with funds coming from Council, volunteer labour, a grant from NSW Rugby League, a grant from McDonald's NSW Cricket Grants and funds saved over many years from community groups including Gundagai Panthers Soccer Club, Gundagai Touch Football, Gundagai Ex-Tigers, Gundagai Adelong Junior Rugby League and Gundagai District Cricket making up the total cost of \$164,500 for building. A donation of over \$10,000 from Gundagai Community Bendigo Bank will be used to fit out the canteen area. Local contractors Noonameena Constructions and Geoff Moore have been engaged for the majority of the work, along with Council staff and volunteer labour from user groups. Hawthorne Transport & Bradley Field volunteered to carry out earthworks at no charge for time and machines. Other local contractors are reducing rates to assist with build which should be in operation by early December. The new facilities located between Stan Crowe and Owen Vincent Ovals will include male and female toilets, showers and change rooms. A canteen will also be included along with a store room and spectator shade. Mayor Abb McAlister said he was grateful to all who have donated time, money and expertise getting this project underway. "Finally after so many years of trying, we are going to get a first class amenities block on Stan Crowe Oval, I'm pleased that council has been able to support this project and I congratulate all the sporting groups who have contributed funds, our community is also extremely grateful to those who have donated in so many ways to see this project finally start. It will be a huge resource for all who use Stan Crowe and Owen Vincent Ovals," Mayor McAlister said. The oval hosts cricket, football, soccer, school carnivals, touch football and is a popular space for recreational walkers.



## POSITIONS VACANT

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(Casual) - Council is seeking a highly skilled administrative assistant to assist in a data entry project / administrative support activities within the Operations Dept based in Cootamundra. This position is a casual position for 2 days per week (flexible) for an anticipated period of up to three (3) months.

### TRAINEE ENGINEER - (Limited duration appointment)

Council is seeking the services of an individual wishing to pursue a career in Civil Engineering to join the Operations Dept in Cootamundra. This position is a limited appointment of up to eight (8) years. Position Descriptions available at [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au).



## MONTHLY MUFTI DAY FOR CHARITY

Thursday 5 October saw the commencement of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Monthly Mufti Day for Charity. Staff across the entire Council area have agreed to wear casual clothes to work one day a month, pay a gold coin (or more) fee and all monies raised will go to a different charity each month. The first Mufti Day raised just under \$200 for the family of Luke Dowell who was a treasured friend for many within the Community.

## ASBESTOS AWARENESS

Mayor Abb McAlister and Deputy Mayor Dennis Palmer dropped by 'Betty the ADRI House' and Asbestos Awareness team visit to the region on Saturday to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for Council being part of the program. For further information about the dangers of Asbestos visit [www.asbestosawareness.com.au](http://www.asbestosawareness.com.au)



## COOTAMUNDRA SEWER MAINS REHABILITATION

Back in 2015, Council awarded a contract to Interflow to undertake conditional assessment of the underground sewer mains. Many of Council's sewer mains were constructed in the 1930's with clay pipes. Over the years, these pipes have moved and or cracked due to ground movements and tree roots. There is approximately 70km of underground sewer pipe in the Cootamundra township with about 65km being these old style clay pipes. When a pipe is cracked it then allows tree root ingress and subsequent blockages to which Council have had to attend and clean or repair in order to ensure the network functions effectively. Since Interflow commenced, they have completed approximately 30km of sewer main assessment and given it a condition rating which is used to prioritise for main relining. By relining the old mains it will save council many dollars in reduced maintenance with the relining expected to maintain the sewer network in fully operation condition for many years to come.



## THIS THE SEASON...SHERIDAN STREET TO SHINE THIS CHRISTMAS

The essence of Christmas will be glowing and glimmering in Gundagai this year. Sheridan Street will be decorated with giant Christmas trees, twinkling solar powered Christmas lights and a nativity scene in Carberry Park. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has partnered with the Gundagai Regional Enhancement Group (GREG) Christmas Decorations committee and committed \$1500 to assist with the purchase of lights and the Christmas trees. The Christmas trees will be made of plywood and have been constructed by Gundagai Men's shed, six 2.4 metre trees will be placed in Carberry Park, with others of varying sizes positioned in the garden beds along Sheridan Street. The trees will be decorated with solar lights and the committee hope that local businesses will jump on board, so awnings along the street can also be decorated with solar powered Christmas lights. Spokesperson for GREG, Marjorie Campbell said Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has supported the project with funds and other services. "We have asked council to erect the lights and also store the decorations after Christmas, the funds are very welcome and will allow us to purchase the Men's Shed Christmas trees and more lights," Mrs Campbell said. The new acquisitions will add to the Committee's decorations and lights from previous years and will be recycled year on year where possible.



**Council extends congratulations to the Cootamundra APH&I Society for once again coordinating a highly successful annual Cootamundra Show. Well done to all who were involved in staging this wonderful family event for the community.**

## WORKS REPORT

Work on the Gundagai main street project continues to progress. Work on the Cowcumbula Street causeway now involves the placement of the erosion protection on the creek banks and backfilling the road pavement up to the new causeway height. Earthworks are also underway on the widening of the Gundagai Road pavement to facilitate turning lanes for traffic into Cowcumbula Street. This work is being partially funded by the NSW Government under the Restart NSW funding and Council from the Roads to Recovery Program. The heavy patching works along Crowes Road have now been sealed. This crew will continue with patches on Gobarralong/Adjungbilly Road. Maintenance grading this week will include Calderwood and Illawong Roads with another crew continuing with shoulder grading along Lismore Road. Interflow will continue working on various sections of the Cootamundra Sewer mains. A lining crew is currently relining prioritised mains which were identified in previous CCTV inspections. A second crew is excavating/repairing sections of main which cannot easily be relined.

## FACILITIES REPORT—COOTAMUNDRA

Staff have been busy preparing sporting parks and facilities. The cricket wicket at Clarke Oval has been uncovered. Painting around the top of the Olympic size swimming pool in Cootamundra has commenced. Irrigation works were carried out at Clarke Oval, Bradman Oval and Fisher Park. The rugby league goal posts have been removed from Fisher and Nicholson Parks for the touch football and cricket season. The mini and mid sized soccer goal posts at Mitchell Park were taken down



in preparation for the upcoming summer soccer season. Nicholson Park was aerated and cored as part of the spring renovations. The roses in Albert Park and Stockinbingal War Memorial have been fertilised and sprayed for aphids. Albert Park was fertilised and sprayed with a turf growth regulator to reduce the amount of mowing and line marking required over spring. The athletics track was line marked for the commencement of little athletics. Parks and Garden staff have removed the old annuals from the roundabout in Parker and Adams Street and new petunia's planted. Fallen trees near the old Ampol site have been cleared along

with the fallen trees near the Cootamundra Treatment Plant. Dead wattles along the southern entrance to Cootamundra have been removed. A Cedar tree in Sutton Street that had bracket fungi and major decay was removed. Staff assisted with mowing and equipment delivery for the Cootamundra show held at the Showground.



**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—[www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/about-council/councillors](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/about-council/councillors)

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND DELIVERS PROJECTS ACROSS THE REGION

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's Stronger Communities Fund has delivered in excess of \$388,000 worth of projects to the area since grant funds were distributed to local community organisations. Cootamundra's town clock now chimes on time.



Gundagai's Yarri Park has a new shelter to enjoy a picnic beneath. The elderly residents at Uralba Hostel are now feeling safe and secure thanks to the installation of CCTV cameras. The students at Bongongo Primary School and

Puggles Pre-School have benefitted from improvements and reverse cycle air conditioning at the Adjungbilly Hall, and Cootamundra Strikers Soccer club spectators have been given shade and shelter during the season. These are just a snap shot of some of the projects that have been completed to date. The Stronger Communities Fund an initiative of the NSW State Government and administered by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council injected over \$1,000,000 into local community organisations allowing them to undertake projects that enhance and improve their facilities and user experiences. Mayor Abb McAlister said he was pleased so many organisations had been able to get much needed funds. '21 community organisations have now completed their nominated projects, ranging from as little as \$1450 to over \$33,000. The projects have made outstanding differences to all who are involved with the organisations and use their facilities. It's wonderful to see so many completed thus far, and still more to come. Our community can only benefit in the long term'.



## COOTAMUNDRA SHEEP SALE

Cootamundra Saleyards and Associated Agents advise that the next Sheep Sale will be held on **Wednesday, 1 November 2017 commencing 8.30am** at the Cootamundra Saleyards. Contact your preferred agent early.



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