

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The business of the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 28 November will include the presentation of the audited financial statements and the auditors reports for the year ended 30 June 2017. Council's auditor, Mr Chris Clayton of the NSW Audit Office, and their 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. 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 20th November 2017. Contact Ms Kate Monaghan, Director Corporate Services for any enquiries.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

An Ordinary Council meeting will be held commencing 6pm, Tuesday, 28 November 2017 in the Gundagai Chambers, 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai. 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 or offices prior to the meeting.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Interested persons and organisations are invited to submit nominations for persons to receive the following Australia Day Awards, to be presented on Australia Day 2018: *Citizen of the Year Award*; *Young Citizen of the Year Award*; *Sports Achievement Award*. Nominees must be residents of the Council area. Young Citizens of the Year nominees must be under 25 years of age at 31 December 2017. Nominations are to be in writing (by letter, or on the form available from Council Offices and website) and received by **Monday, 4 December 2017**. Consideration and selection of



Australia Day

Awardees will be made by Council at the December Ordinary Council Meeting. Submissions should outline the achievements of the nominee to best inform the selection process for award recipients. Please mark the envelopes Australia Day Awards – Confidential".

NEW STORAGE FACILITY FOR COOTA BEACH VOLLEYBALL

A grant of \$6000 from the Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) has been awarded to the Cootamundra Beach Volleyball Committee to erect a shed and purchase equipment. The SCF is an initiative of the NSW State Government and administered by CGRC. The shed will be erected near the permanent volleyball court in Murray Street and will provide an area to store essential items needed for the annual beach volleyball carnival. The Beach Volleyball Committee is made up of volunteers who run the annual Cootamundra beach volleyball festival in February each year. The event has become extremely popular and now hosts 112 teams. This is a not for profit event and money taken in nominations goes back into cost of running the event, prize money and local charities.



SNAKE GULLY CUP BUS TIMETABLE

Bus operators & times of operation are:

Jason Flanagan: PH 0438 442 017

Friday 17 November 2017 11am-7pm

Mick Lott: PH: 0412 910 871

Friday 17 November 2017 11am-2pm and 5pm-2am

Saturday 18 November 2017 9am—8.30pm

Mick Eccleston PH: 0411 168 217

Friday 17 November 2017 11am-2pm and 5pm-7pm

BUS FEE \$4—Group Bookings, pick up from motels, residences, town to racecourse available



GUNDAGAI WATER FILTRATION PLANT MAINTENANCE

Gundagai's water filtration plant underwent major maintenance work recently requiring the Council to impose level 5 water restrictions on 30 and 31 October. The urgent need to reduce water consumption during the maintenance period was imperative to enable the successful completion of the work. Gundagai residents responded and water consumption over the two days was drastically reduced and no major issues were encountered during the works. Mayor Abb McAlister said the community should be congratulated on responding to the call. "The maintenance was necessary to replace ageing shafts and impellers in the plants Clarifier, and I'd like to pass on my appreciation to residents for their co-operation during the maintenance period," Cr McAlister said. The Clarifier is the first part of the cleaning of the raw river water, and plays a vital role in the functioning of the plant and delivery of clean potable water.



DRUMMUSTER 14/11/17

Farmers and agricultural contractors are advised the **drumMUSTER** collection day is Tuesday 14th November 2017. Only triple rinsed agricultural and veterinary containers can be returned. The **drumMUSTER** depot is located at the Cootamundra Waste Depot, with entry now via the main access gate and weighbridge off Turners Lane. Bookings essential.



NANGUS PUBLIC HALL PROJECT COMPLETE

Nangus was abuzz on Friday 3 November when visitors, dignitaries, residents and local school children attended a function at the Nangus Public Hall to celebrate the recently completed improvements. The hall has seen roller doors installed on the eastern side skillion and a disabled toilet facility with level concrete pathways leading from the hall to public amenities areas completed. Federal member Hon. Michael McCormack MP was in attendance to officially open the roller door project that was made possible with a grant from the Federal Government. Attending in the Mayors absence, Councillor Penny Nicholson presented a plaque to commemorate the CGRC and NSW State Government's Stronger Communities Fund grant that enabled the disabled toilet project to go ahead. *Cr Nicholson said "It is country halls like this one that are the life blood of our small villages, this is a wonderful project and I'm pleased to have been able to attend this function. This project is a fantastic addition to the hall and ensures equal access for everyone visiting the hall in the future," Cr Nicholson said.* The Stronger Communities Fund grant of \$36,527.00 funded the project.



Committee President Mr Phil Makeham, Committee member Mr James Warren and Cr Penny Nicholson.

ESSENTIAL ENERGY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORKS—GUNDAGAI

Essential Energy vegetation management works are continuing across the CGRC area. Works in the Cootamundra town are now winding up, with crews beginning the management works in the Gundagai town from Monday 6 November, weather permitting. 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. Whilst this can affect visual amenity, these techniques are considered best practice throughout the arboriculture industry and are used by most power companies in Australia. For further information contact Essential Energy 13 20 80.

AUSTRALIA DAY ORGANISING COMMITTEE – Community members interested in joining a small organising committee to plan and implement activities for Australia Day Celebrations are asked to please contact Linda Wiles from Council on 69402100 or email mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au to register your interest by Friday 24 November 2017.

COOTAMUNDRA OUTDOOR POOL officially opens for the Summer Season on Saturday 18 November 2017 with opening hours Weekdays 6.30am-8.30am; 9.30am-7.00pm. Weekends/Public Holidays 10.30am-6.30pm.

VILLAGES STRATEGY AND PHOTO COMPETITION

The Draft Coolac and Wallendbeen Strategies are now on exhibition for the community to make comment. Until the 5th of January 2018, Council encourages the community to take a look at the strategies which can be viewed on Council's website, in either office or library. It is hoped that through exhibition, Council receives confirmation that the strategies accurately reflect the communities aspirations, that projects are realistic and that any deficiencies or opportunities not covered in the draft strategies have the chance to be raised. In conjunction with the exhibition of these strategies a photo competition is being run. ***Budding photographers are encouraged to capture and enter images which capture the essence of the villages of Coolac and Wallendbeen. A winning photo from each village will take home \$100 and that photo will be the cover image for the final strategy. A grand prize of a family photo package or mentor session with Forever Rose Photography will be awarded to an overall winning photo from all six villages.*** A number of other noted photos will receive judge's prizes such as pool vouchers. Photos can be entered online by emailing planning@cgrc.nsw.gov.au and must be accompanied by a signed Villages Photography Competition entry form available on the CGRC website.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

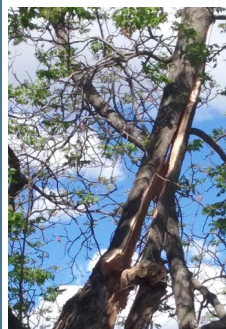
The NSW Government's Container Deposit Scheme, known as Return and Earn, is scheduled to commence 1 December 2017 with collection points being installed across the state. Under Return and Earn, most empty 150-millilitre to 3-litre drink containers will be eligible for a 10-cent refund when presented to an approved NSW collection point. There are many ways to participate in Return and Earn, and help the environment and your community. You can continue to use your kerb side recycling service, donating the containers to the local disability support organisation to help fund a wide range of local services. You can take your empty containers to a collection point. Collection points are rolling out from 1 December. You can donate your containers to local charities, schools and community groups to help them fundraise for the works and projects. Councils Director of Operations Ray Graham stated "The operational details of how the local Councils can work in with the NSW Network Operator are not fully understood at this time, but the Councils in the REROC group are working with the Network Operator to try to ensure that a good result is achieved for the communities of the Eastern Riverina." For further information on contact Council on 69402100 or visit <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/return-and-earn>.



Council has purchased 4 Defibrillators for the Council Chambers, Library, Pool and Sports stadium in Cootamundra and 3 for Gundagai for Council Chambers, Library and Council Depot. Council selected HeartSafe - Adopt-A-Defib as they are a Not for Profit organisation and if one of these units is used the surviving patient is then able to choose another organisation to donate a unit to. Council encourages other businesses to install similar units. Contact Council for further information.

OPERATIONS REPORT

CIVIL WORKS—Work on the Gundagai main street project continues to progress. Work on Cowcumbra Street now involves the backfilling and placement of road pavement to bring the levels up to the new causeway height. Earthworks on the widening of Gundagai Road pavement to facilitate turning lanes for traffic into Cowcumbra Street is expected to commence in the next week. This work is being partially funded by the NSW Government under the Restart NSW funding and Council from the Roads to Recovery Program. Works crews will continue with patches on Gobarralong/Adjungbilly Road to repair failed sections of pavement. Maintenance grading will continue on Finlay's Road and shoulder grading on Berthong and North Berthong Roads. Interflow is progressing on various sections of the Cootamundra Sewer mains with the lining crew, relining prioritised mains and excavating and repairing damaged sections of main which can't easily be relined. All these works will continue for the next few weeks. Stage two of the Temora Street rehabilitation works between Murray Street and Parker Street is scheduled to be recommenced in January. Initial works to replace the water main have already been completed. A contractor has now been engaged to undertake replacement of the kerb and gutter along this section, which will be during January with the pavement reconstruction expected to be undertaken in February. This project is being funded from the Federal Government under the Roads to Recovery program.



TECHNICAL SERVICES—A Tender is currently being advertised for survey design of Adjungbilly Road upgrade. The environmental assessment is underway. Designs have been completed and are currently out to tender for the reconstruction of the bridge.

FACILITIES SECTION—Cootamundra outdoor pool is due to open on 18th November 2017. Staff have been busy with pool surround painting, concrete repairs and some tiling being completed. Gundagai pool opened on 22nd October 2017. Monday, Wednesday and Friday the pool is open for early morning swimming from 6:30-8:00am. Playground is now open. There is no public use of the 50 metre pool on Thursday from 6:00-7:00 pm to cater for Swim Club events. New park signs were installed in Cootamundra and Wallendbeen. Work has commenced at the old hospital grounds in Cootamundra including the mowing and whipper snipping of the grounds. A water leak was fixed at Stockinbingal tip and at the Cootamundra Pool grounds. Damaged tree limbs were removed from a tree on Gundagai road.



Cootamundra Saleyards and Associated Agents advise that the next Sheep Sale will be held on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 commencing 8.30am at the Cootamundra Saleyards. Contact your preferred agent early.

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