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## KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

The COVIDSafe app is part of the Federal Governments work to slow the spread of [COVID-19](https://www.health.gov.au/conditions/2019-ncov). Having confidence that they can find and contain outbreaks quickly will mean governments can ease restrictions while still keeping Australians safe. The new COVIDSafe app is completely voluntary. Downloading the app is something you can do to protect you, your family and friends and save the lives of other Australians. The more Australians connect to the COVIDSafe app, the quicker health authorities can find the virus. CGRC mayor Cr Abb McAlister urged all residents to download the app if possible. "This app is voluntary, but I do appeal to residents to download it, as it is a measure to assist with tracking the virus spread, another tool in the arsenal so to speak," Cr McAlister said. Residents are encouraged to keep up to date by checking the CGRC website regularly. [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)



**CUSTOMER SERVICE:** For the health and safety of Council staff and our community Council's Customer Service areas have been closed. Council's phones will be staffed as normal, and any matters requiring attention in person will be by appointment only. Residents are requested to call Council on 1300 459 689 or email [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) to make appointments for face to face meetings.

**PAYMENTS:** Council offers a number of alternate payment methods for paying Rates, Water and Council Accounts. Please contact a Customer Service representative for further assistance.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

INTERNET BANKING - BPAY	INTERNET BANKING - BPOINT	TELEPHONE BANKING - BPOINT	DIRECT DEBIT	BY MAIL
<p>Billers Code: 747899 Customer Reference Number: see front of Notice</p> <p>Call your Bank, Credit Union or Building Society to make this payment from your cheque, savings or credit card account.</p>	<p>Billers Code: 747899 Customer Reference Number: see front of Notice</p> <p>Online credit card payment (MasterCard or VISA) may be made online at <a href="http://www.bpoint.com.au">www.bpoint.com.au</a></p>	<p>Billers Code: 747899 Customer Reference Number: see front of Notice</p> <p>Telephone credit card payment (MasterCard or VISA) may be made by calling 1300 276 468.</p>	<p>For ratepayers who have an annually or quarterly direct debit arrangement in place, please refer to the front of this notice for the details of the debit amount and date.</p> <p>For ratepayers who do not have this arrangement but would like more information or wish to obtain a Request for Automatic Direct Debit Form, please contact the council office.</p>	<p>Please detach the payment advice slip and attach cheque made payable to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and post to: PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590</p> <p>Council accepts no responsibility for delays in the mail.</p>

**LIBRARY SERVICES:** Residents are able to access library facilities, via the Home Delivery (town boundaries) services. Up to 30 items can be borrowed at each transaction. Books, magazines, DVD's and CD's are available. Residents can download free apps. For more information visit Riverina Regional Library website <https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/library-apps/>. Products including BorrowBox require your member number followed by a Password/PIN. These apps include ULibrary, BorrowBox which allow users to borrow, browse, read and listen to eAudiobooks and eBooks. Rb digital allows readers to access digital magazine collections and Kanopy is a streaming service for films and documentaries.

Click and Collect Services have been suspended at this stage.

**PLANNING:** If you're seeking council approval on a new build or renovation, you can submit development applications (DA) online – anywhere, anytime, with the online DA lodgement service.

These applications can be submitted through the NSW Government Planning Portal <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA>. The portal has a 'Your guide to the Development Application process' information pack to guide applicants through the process. Council staff are available to assist with any inquiries by phone, via email or by appointment.



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## BOOKFACE COMPETITION!

Match your face or body to a book cover and take a photo. Best photos win vouchers at E'Claire's (gownups) and Target (kids)!



Email photos to  
[cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)  
Competition drawn 15 May 2020



## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. 27 May to 3 June commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

## COMMUNITY DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP – APPLICATIONS CLOSE 29 MAY 2020

Council has previously made donations to support organisations to deliver community facilities, services and events. In the future donation-requests will be provided by Council on an annual basis. To assist Council's budgetary framework one round of donations will be determined in each financial year. In making your application you will be required to address the following: The persons or association have *bona fide* need of the donation; The justification for the donation – (why should the wider body of taxpayers support this activity or association?); The benefit to and participation of the wider community in the activities for which the donation is sought; The measurable outcomes against which the success of the donation will be assessed; Specific details of the association's plans to reduce its dependence on Council for donations in the future; The date for review of the donation (for multi-year donations); and an acknowledgement that future donation will be contingent on meeting or exceeding agreed outcomes. The Application form can be found on Council's website. Applications close 5pm Friday, 29 May 2020. Please note to ensure transparency of the process all grants approved shall be publicly listed on the Council website along with the relevant grant application form.

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**—For user convenience EFTPOS facilities are now available at Cootamundra and Gundagai Garbage Depots.

Residents are advised the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on **Tuesday 26 May 2020**. The meeting Agenda will be available from Council website prior the meeting. The Meeting will be closed to the public. Livestreaming of the meeting will commence at 6pm.



### POSITIONS VACANT

**WORK HEALTH SAFETY & RISK OFFICER – GUNDAGAI** Applications are invited for the full time vacancy of **Work Health Safety & Risk Officer** to be located in Gundagai. This is a professional role that includes administering Council's Workplace Health, Safety and Risk Management policies and procedures, insurances, audits and registers. **Key responsibilities include:** Ensure Council's policies and procedures in relation to Work Health and Safety and the management of public liability and risk comply with legislative requirements, reflect industry best practice and are consistent with AS/NZS ISO 13000:2209 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines; Manage and administer Council's suite of insurance policies; Develop and maintain Council's asset data bases and registers for risk management, insurance, WHS and asset management purposes; Ensure periodic risk management, asset and WHS audits are routinely undertaken.

Ensure employees and external contractors are inducted and trained in WHS policy and procedures and are informed of their responsibilities under the relevant legislation; Ensure public liability and WHS risks and hazards are controlled and minimized through continual monitoring and review of Council's Risk Management and WHS policies and procedures; Perform the role of WHS Committee Secretary and promote a culture of continuous improvement in WHS awareness and practice at all levels within Council. **Benefits:** Salary range of \$1297.90 to \$1518.55 gross per week; 9.5% superannuation; 9 day fortnight working arrangement.

**DESIGN ENGINEER – GUNDAGAI (Full time)** Applications are invited from interested persons for the above full time position of **Design Engineer** to be based at our Gundagai Office. **Key responsibilities include:** Investigate and design civil infrastructure projects in line with Council's forwards works and delivery Program e.g. roads, parking, water, drainage and sewer systems; Provide quality construction and design drawings liaising with others involved to meet client and Council needs, ensuring compliance with relevant standards; Complete onsite surveys and inspections as required. Please refer to the Position Description for additional responsibilities. **Benefits:** Salary range of \$1,485.98 to \$1,738.59 gross per week, plus Civil Liability Allowance. A Market Allowance may be negotiated for the right applicant; 9.5% superannuation; 9 day fortnight working arrangement.

Further information and Position Descriptions for the above positions are available by contacting Council on 1300 459 689 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 for both positions, addressed to the General Manager should be submitted by **5p.m. on Friday 22 May 2020 by post to Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, delivered to Council's offices or by email to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)**.

### ROAD CREWS KEPT BUSY

Council road teams are undertaking a number of projects across the region. Work commenced on the replacement of the old kerb and gutter along Cooper Street between Bourke Street and the Community Services Offices. The old kerb has deteriorated over time due to age and tree roots. Part of work involves installing a new culvert across Cooper Street to intercept and direct stormwater into the existing underground pipe network on the eastern side of the street. Guard rail repairs were undertaken on the Olympic Highway near Frampton Road. The repairs were made as a result of recent vehicle incident. The Olympic Highway GAP Rehab Project Stage One is now completed. Stage Two will commence in the new financial year. Good progress has been made on the Muttama Road project. This project has seen the crews work through some challenging subgrade conditions. 1.2km in length has recently been stabilised. Works have commenced this week on placement of road base material and sealing is expected to occur within the next two weeks. The Adjungbilly Road project has successfully been sealed, this was completed after crews resumed works to undertake stabilisation and shape correction on the final section of the project. This project is now at practical completion with guardrail installation to be completed as soon as possible.



**ON SITE SEWERAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM POLICY** – Council resolved at its meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2020 to place the draft On Site Sewerage Management System Policy on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.

**RURAL LAND STRATEGY** – Council resolved at its meeting held on Tuesday 28 April 2020 to place the amended Rural Lands Strategy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Submissions for both above documents will be received until 5pm 26 May 2020. To make your submission, please to do so in writing by the advertised submission date. Submissions may be posted to The General Manager, delivered to Council offices or emailed to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au).



**Please have your dog on a leash**



**Please pick up after your pet**

Council Regulatory Officers, have issued advice for pet owners during the COVID-19 pandemic. The human-animal bond people share with their companion animals is very important and can provide much needed support, comfort

and companionship to people in difficult times. Regular exercise is important for both the dog and owner. Council request pet owners to please keep their dogs on a leash whilst out walking and also pick up droppings and dispose of appropriately. Most parks in the CGRC LGA have Dog Waste Stations, with poo bag dispensers and waste bins provided to dispose of dog waste.