

COUNCIL FACILITIES RE-OPEN

Council customer service areas have reopened to the general public. Council have been receiving updates from authorities and are acting on advice that with precautionary measures in place. Residents are requested to please restrict visits to those that are absolutely necessary. Residents are requested to call Council offices on [1300 459 689](tel:1300459689) or email mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au as an alternative to making visits. Council's website has instructions on the payment of rates and fees either by phone or online. Development applications can be submitted online through the NSW Government Planning portal. **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.

LIBRARY NEWS - Cootamundra Library will reopen to the public with limited opening hours. The Library will be opened Monday –Friday 10:00am to 4.00pm. Gundagai Library will operate Monday to Friday 10am-4pm, closed 12.30-1pm for lunch. A maximum of ten customers will be permitted within the Library's at any one time to collect reservations or select and borrow items. Numbers will be strictly monitored and customers will be required to act on the advice of library staff, observe social distancing and practice good hygiene. This will include using the provided hand sanitiser on entering the library. Cootamundra Library members requiring home delivery are requested to phone 1300 459 689 to make arrangements. The Stephen Ward meeting rooms contained within the Cootamundra Library will remain closed to the general public at this stage.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN COOTAMUNDRA - Under Section 644 of the Local Government Act, Council is proposing to re-establish alcohol free zones in Parker Street between Mackay and O'Donnell Streets, Adams Street between Cooper Lane and Parker Lane, Parker Lane between Wallendoon and Adams Streets, Cooper Lane between Wallendoon and Adams Streets, Wallendoon Street between Parker Lane and Hovell Street, Hovell Street between Wallendoon and Mackay Streets, and in Hovell Lane between Wallendoon and Mackay Streets. A copy of the map can be viewed on Council's website at www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au. Therefore, notice is hereby given under Section 644 of the Local Government Act that Council proposes to re-establish the above alcohol free zones. If accepted after due process, it is intended to re-establish the alcohol free zones for a further four year period. A public consultation period applies to the establishment of alcohol free zones, therefore interested parties are invited to make representations or objections about this proposal. These representations or objections must be received in writing by Council within 30 days of the date of this notice by contacting mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au by post to PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590 or in person to Council's Cootamundra office at 81 Wallendoon Street.

PLANNING: If you're seeking council approval on a new build or renovation, you can submit development applications (DA) online with the online DA lodgement service. These applications can be submitted through the NSW Government Planning Portal <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA>. Council staff are available to assist with any queries.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS. Please note Brungle Road, Gundagai will be closed from 8.45am on Tuesday 16 June 2020 for a minimum of 4 hours to allow for essential electricity pole replacement at the Gundagai Water Treatment Plant. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused during this time.



Council is happy to acknowledge and accept funding from the NSW Government Infrastructure Grants to deliver a fully-funded 'Business Development Sessions Program' for businesses across the whole local government area. If you or your business have been impacted from the summer bush fires and/or the COVID-19 pandemic, this program is for you. CGRC are thrilled to be able to offer our local businesses the opportunity to

engage local experts Seed Regional Marketing, Free Range Web Design, the Tilma Group – Regional Tourism Consultants, Claire Markwick – Reignite Performance Coaching and the Cootamundra Development Corporation to help these businesses move forward during these challenging times. If any of this sounds like what you need, then this Program will give you all the information on how to get involved. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact the Tourism and Economic Development Officer at the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council on 1300 459 689.

Visiting the LIBRARY under Covid-19

RETURN BOOKS
IN AFTER
HOURS CHUTE



SANITISE
HANDS BEFORE
ENTERING



KEEP 1.5m DISTANCE
BETWEEN YOURSELF &
OTHERS



FOLLOW FLOOR
MARKERS



DO NOT ATTEND IF
YOU ARE SICK



10 PERSON
LIMIT IN THE
LIBRARY



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Residents are advised the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on **Tuesday 30 June 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.

NOXIOUS WEEDS - Council wishes to advise residents across the region that weed spraying will be undertaken. Notification is done in accordance with the Pesticide Regulation 1995. Herbicide application will occur during the months of December 2019 to July 2020 in the town and **village streets and lanes**, for the eradication of weeds in the road and culverts, as well as weed control in public spaces.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASES TO YOUR INBOX? REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AT MAIL@CGRC.NSW.GOV.AU

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

POSITIONS VACANT

SEWER & WATER OPERATOR - GUNDAGAI (Full time) - Applications are invited for the full time vacancy of a Sewer & Water Operator, located in Gundagai. In this role you will be undertaking day to day operations of Council's Sewerage & Water Treatment Plants, repairs and maintenance of the plants, pump stations, reticulation systems, and reuse facilities. **Key responsibilities include:** Ensure the efficient operation of the Water and Sewer Treatment Plants, pump stations, reticulation systems and reuse systems, through ongoing monitoring, maintenance & repairs, and construction; Ensure water sampling, testing and recording is undertaken to meet required standards of treated and recycled effluent; Safeguard the grounds of the Water & Sewerage Treatment Plants facility and related work areas are maintained and presented to required Council standard; Ensure that all activity undertaken at Plant worksites is conducted safely.; Attend to sewer and water supply emergency calls, and ensure customer requests are attended to promptly and efficiently; Be available to respond to on-call activities on a rotating on-call roster; deliver quality customer service to both internal/external customers. **Benefits:** Salary range of \$1,045.64 to \$1,223.39 gross per week; 9.5% superannuation; 9 day fortnight working arrangement. Further information is available by contacting Human Resources on 1300 459 689. **NOTE:** Applicants must adequately address the essential criteria contained in the Position Description. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered. Applications, addressed to the General Manager should be submitted by 5pm on Friday 12 June 2020 by post to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, delivered to Council's offices at Cootamundra or Gundagai or by email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au.

OPERATIONAL PLAN ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION—Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) Operational Plan is on public display. Residents are invited to submit comments on the plan until 30 June 2020. The Operational Plan includes information relating to Council's Long-Term Financial Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges for 2020/2021. The budget for 2020/21 includes reduction of \$3.8 million to operational expenditure, which is a huge step towards financial viability. With significant grant funding secured, the ongoing upgrades of major infrastructure items can continue. The Cootamundra Water Supply and Gundagai Sewerage Treatment plant being the big ticket items, along with major upgrades to roads. Council is bound by legislation to harmonise rates, aligning the rating structures of the two former Councils. The harmonised rates structure was formulated with the guidance of Professor Joseph Drew, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Local Government in the Institute for Public Policy and Governance at the University of Technology Sydney and adjunct Professor at the Department of Business Administration, Tokyo Metropolitan University. The harmonisation process has been a project Council has undertaken since the amalgamation and Council has investigated a number of options to identify the most equitable system. The two former shires had vastly different rating structures and the new structure is far simpler reducing 17 categories and sub-categories to four; Farmland, Residential, Business and Mining. Whilst the new structure does not change the total value of Council's rates revenue beyond that which is permissible, it does change the method of allocation, and inevitably will result in major changes from previous years for some ratepayers, especially in the case of rate assessments formerly within rating sub-categories where the rates have historically been substantially lower than those in other categories and sub-categories. Council has also undertaken a full review of other fees and charges, and has amalgamated the charging structures of each of the former Shire Council areas, and harmonised these charges so that they are uniform throughout the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area. This includes other charges that are levied annually with Rates (Waste, Stormwater Management, On-Site Sewerage Management), and those that are billed quarterly on the Water & Sewer Notice (Water, Sewer and Liquid Trade Waste). For more information please visit www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au. For more information regarding rates harmonisation visit: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/rates-harmonisation/>.

Council welcomes feedback during the public exhibition period, submissions are inviting and may be made: By mail; By email: mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au; By fax: 02 6940 2127. Submissions received will be considered by Council before the documents are adopted at the next Meeting of Council on 30 June 2020.

REACHING OUT TO YOU

CGRC is calling for residents to assist with the best way Council can reach the community. This short survey will help Council to understand and direct information to residents in a cost effective, collaborative and sustainable approach.

How do you find information on what is happening in your local community?

- **Community News Newsletter** distributed by Council
- Facebook
- The Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council website
- Other (please advise below)

Demographic (age)

- 18-25
- 26-35
- 36-40
- 40-50
- 50+

Do you have access to computer/tablet/phone with internet?

- Yes
- No

How else could we get the newsletter to you?

- Free subscription
- Continue to mail newsletters out
- Pick up from a store (post office, Newsagency)
- Do you have any suggestions?

This survey can be accessed online at [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/communication survey](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/communication%20survey) or submitted to CGRC offices in person or by post to PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, or via email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au. Please mark Communication Survey in subject line.

The Cootamundra and Gundagai Visitor Information Centres, Bradman Birthplace and Cootamundra Heritage Centre have reopened. The centres will be open for normal operating hours. Strict measures will be enforced to ensure social distancing and the safety of visitors. The Gundagai Gaol tours will be operating on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sundays only. Bookings will be required to visit the gaol between 10am and 3pm on those days. Council's Caravan Parks in Gundagai and Cootamundra will also reopen with strict social distancing and hygiene measures practiced. Visitors are welcome to the region's RV camping sites, and are reminded to exercise public health orders in relation to hygiene, physical and social distancing methods. All facilities will be operating according to COVID-19 safe operating procedure guidelines.

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 Visit <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/about-council/councillors/> for further information and contact details.