



COOTAMUNDRA  
GUNDAGAI  
REGIONAL  
COUNCIL

# community NEWS

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Annual permits for non-desexed cats from 1 July 2020.

Desex your cat now and never pay the annual permit!  
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PH: 1300 459 689

## A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

I take this opportunity to inform and remind residents that information from Council is available to residents in several formats. The first port of call is always the CGRC website. This facility houses the latest media releases, business papers, tenders, position vacant, and documents on public display plus a host of other information for residents to access. Council does host a Facebook page, and I urge all social media users in the region to follow our page, which will keep you up to date with news as it happens. Council issues a number of media releases to local media outlets each week, and we rely on them to report on these. Media outlets have the choice to give us time and space, however we have a very good relationship with the local newspapers and in most cases our media releases are published. Council meetings are live streamed, and this facility can be accessed through the Council website. Residents can watch the meeting live or at a time that is convenient to them. Council publishes a free newsletter that is delivered to every household and mailing address in the region. Council advertises regularly in the Cootamundra Times and Gundagai Independent, with a half page Snippets notifying residents of items on public display, invitation to submit comments, position vacant and other council business. Council welcomes community comment for presentation to our monthly Council meetings. To adhere to COVID-19 restrictions Council has made provisions for residents to submit feedback via email or letter which are read during the public forum item of the agenda. Council has an exceptional customer service team, who go out of their way to assist people who are requesting information in person or over the phone. Residents have my assurance that Council operates in an open and transparent manner and takes extra steps to ensure the public are informed of all issues that relate to the effective operation of the organisation. Whilst the organisation takes these steps to ensure residents are kept informed, and information is readily available, we can not force people to read or seek this information. We strive to live up to Council's mission statement of being *A vibrant region attracting people, investment and business through innovation, diversity, and community spirit.* Phil McMurray GM



## Impact of COVID-19 on businesses



The NSW Government is conducting a survey on the impact of COVID-19 for businesses across NSW. Input about your business is welcome. The NSW Business COVID-19 Research Survey aims to provide the NSW Government with an understanding of the challenges businesses are facing as a result of the pandemic and the level of awareness of assistance available to help them now and post COVID-19. Information gathered from this survey will help the NSW Government explore future improvements for businesses. Any feedback that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. To participate follow the link <https://app.keysurvey.com/f/41489372/169b/> or NSW Government Website, search Impact of COVID-19 on business survey.

## COUNCIL WISHES TO REMIND RESIDENTS ALL DOGS ARE TO REMAIN ON THE LEAD AT ALL TIMES UNLESS YOU IN A DESIGNATED OFF LEASH AREA

The designated areas are for Cootamundra—Cootamundra Dog Park - Fenced Dog Park, Corner of Hurley Street and Thompson Street, Bradman Oval - Adams Street, Muttama Creek Walk only along the creek not on any roads. The designated areas in Gundagai are Heydon Memorial Park – Corner of Homer Street and Sheridan Lane, Friendship Park – Entry off either William Street or O'Hagan Street.



Please Have Your Dog On A Leash



Please Pick Up After Your Pet

THE ARTS CENTRE COOTAMUNDRA s355 AGM will be held at the Arts Centre on Thursday 16 July 6p.m. Interest persons are invited to attend.

STOCKINBINGAL ELLWOOD HALL s355 AGM will be held at Ellwood Hall Stockinbingal on 23 July 4.30pm. Interest persons are invited to attend.



## Let's talk about deSEXing, baby!

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[MAIL@CGRC.NSW.GOV.AU](mailto:MAIL@CGRC.NSW.GOV.AU)

## Save the date!

**D ♥ nateLife**  
26 July - 2 August 2020 *Week*

More Australians are saying "yes" to organ donation. Register today.

<https://donatelife.gov.au/>

Join the Register

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/>



## COOTAMUNDRA SWIMMING POOL

COOTAMUNDRA INDOOR POOL OPEN WITH RESTRICTED NUMBERS SWIMMING BY BOOKING ONLY - The pool will be operating with a COVID safe plan. Bookings will be required for Pool access. Phone 0448187279 for bookings. No booking No Access. Opening Hours are: Monday - Friday 6.30am - 8am, 11.30am - 2pm, 5pm - 7pm (6pm Thursdays), W/ends 9am - 12 noon. Each booking will have allocated time slots and time limits. Bathrooms are not available for use, bring your own swimming equipment. Only 2 lap swimmers per lane are permitted. Numbers are strictly limited to 10 people at any time, excluding the lifeguard. The above mentioned will be strictly enforced to ensure everyone is given equitable time and treatment.



**HAVE YOUR SAY ON ACTIVE ACCESSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES** Council is currently undertaking plans for walk ways/cycle ways and mobility routes within the Local Government Area (LGA). The Plans (Bicycle Plan and Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) are designed to investigate the community's needs in terms of being actively mobile and will encompass bicycle, walkers/joggers and mobility aide users. The aim is to identify existing paths within the region and determine refurbishment, redevelopment and the implementation of new and extended pathways throughout the LGA. Council invites mobility aide users, bicycle clubs/users, medical/fitness organisations and residents to make submissions for consideration in the formulation of these plans. Suggestions are welcome from all members of the community. The Plans will provide a program to determine funding, gather information on funding sources to implement and further develop the pathways. Submissions/feedback may be: Delivered to Council's Offices in Cootamundra or Gundagai. Posted to: The General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590. Emailed to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au). Submissions close on 17 July 2020.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MANAGEMENT OF COOTAMUNDRA SWIMMING POOL AND SPORTS STADIUM

Council is seeking ways to operate the facilities in the most cost effective and efficient method as possible and have appointed @leisure Planners to seek and manage the EOI on its behalf.

Applicants will be evaluated against key criteria including:

- \*Financial - reduced annual cost to Council. \*Increased number of ongoing programs \*Increased annual visitations. \*High quality customer service. \*Maintenance of assets and equipment. \*Safety and wellbeing of customers and staff. For more information please visit Council's website and follow the link: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/current-tenders-eoi-rfq>

### Visiting the LIBRARY under Covid-19



**COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY** — Silk paper making craft for library members 24 July. run by Anne Steinke from 2pm—4pm \$10.00. Numbers are limited, phone 1300459689 for bookings. Storytime will recommence Wednesday 22 July, 11am, Theme - zoos. Library hours will return to normal from Monday 13 July. Weekdays 9am till 5pm and Saturdays 9.30 am till noon. **GUNDAGAI LIBRARY**—Will return to normal Library hours after completion of the school holidays.

### ANZAC PARK SHINES

Spectators and players alike will be thrilled to see the improvements made at Gundagai's Anzac Park. The entrance way has seen new fencing installed, the old and diseased trees removed, and a new avenue of trees planted. The Southside supporters' amenities block has replaced the porta loo on the southern side of the ground. The new electronic scoreboard has been installed and new concrete retaining walls constructed in the grandstand area. Players will be delighted with the refurbishment of the dressing rooms and the installation of gymnasium facilities. The buildings within the precinct have been given a fresh coat of paint and fencing completed around the area. The improvements at Anzac Park have been made possible with a \$175,000 Stronger Country Communities Round Two grant.



### COVID STIMULUS TO LIGHT UP SHOWGROUNDS

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke presented a cheque to Council Facilities Manager Andrew Brock on Wednesday for \$153,203.00. The funds were made available from the NSW State Government COVID-19 stimulus package and will be used to upgrade electrical facilities at the Cootamundra Showground. The grant will be used to undertake important electrical upgrades which will include the installation of a new solar system, an upgrade to LED lighting at three pavilions, painting and maintenance of the luncheon pavilion.



**STEPHEN WARD ROOMS** - Room #1 will be open for small meetings from Monday June 29. (Max. 10 people). Social distancing measures need to be adhered to. The kitchen will be closed. For bookings phone 1300 459 689.

New water and sewer networks



Kerb and gutter replacement

Reconstruction works Old Gundagai Road



Old Gundagai Road has seen the subbase pavement stabilised and the commencement of the placement and compaction of the final pavement underway. Expectations are the project will be completed and sealed by mid-July. This project is funded from the Roads to Recovery program.

Residents are advised the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on **Tuesday 28 July 2020**. The meeting Agenda will be available from Council website prior the meeting. Livestreaming will commence at 6pm.