



DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUNDING

The main streets of Cootamundra and Gundagai will receive major facelifts which will create jobs and boost local shopping after the Federal Government approved funding for the upgrades with a \$1 million drought-busting grant. Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Riverina Michael McCormack said the approved projects submitted by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council had been given the tick of approval through the popular Drought Communities Programme (DCP) Extension. Council's proposal for Parker Street in Cootamundra includes establishing street gardens, street furniture, lighting, retaining walls, shelters, a water feature and tree planting.



The proposal for Sheridan Street in Gundagai includes new road pavement, kerb and guttering, drainage and footpath works, landscaping, street furniture and electrical works. Cr McAlister said. "We can now get on with the job. "The money will go a long way towards finishing the Sheridan Street upgrade at the top end of the street. "A lot of people go there to look at the railway bridge and the Prince Alfred Bridge. "It will be brilliant." Cr McAlister said a lot of infrastructure elements of Parker Street were starting to age and needed rejuvenation. "We will be able to update them with this grant money," the Mayor said. "The main street is the focal point of a town and the more impressive it is the more likely it is to attract visitors."



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JUBILEE PARK PLANS

CGRC is partnering with Landscape Architects, sala4D to create a landscape masterplan for Cootamundra's iconic Jubilee Park. The plan is a crucial document for Council and the community, guiding development and management over the next 5-10 years. CGRC held two community workshops.

These workshops gave representatives of the community an opportunity to communicate their values for the Park and discuss practical aspects of what's there and how it could be improved.

The idea of a walk through aviary was not supported, while attracting more native birds through increased native species planting was.

A summary of results from the workshops are:

- * Provide a park for events and activities
- * Provide opportunity for people to learn about Australian native plants and birds
- * Provide a path network that caters to all
- * Enhance and celebrate the River Red Gum trees
- * Use Australian native plants
- * Use contemporary signage, furniture & lighting
- * Maintain shady areas for walking and playing
- * Use signage and sculpture to interpret Aboriginal and site heritage
- * More furniture and picnic amenities.



COVID-19 UPDATE

With recent developments in the COVID-19 situation in VIC and NSW, residents are urged to take precautions against the transfer of Coronavirus, by continuing to practice social distancing and increased hygiene regimes. Easing of restrictions on travel and social gatherings, residents should be mindful of where they have travelled, with whom they been in contact with and how they have travelled.

CGRC have enacted COVID-19 safe work plans across Council facilities. The safe work plans include sign in books, hand sanitising stations, extra cleaning regimes and social distancing measures with limited persons allowed in a space.

CGRC mayor Cr Abb McAlister implored all residents to be mindful of others and not become complacent.

"We've done a great job so far. Please keep up the good work on social distancing, and washing those hands, but please don't be indifferent to the danger. Think about where you have been, who you may have been in contact with and the implications of unintentionally passing this virus on," Cr McAlister said.



Residents are advised the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on **Tuesday 25 August 2020**. The meeting Agenda will be available from Council website prior to the meeting. Livestreaming will commence at 6pm.

RATE HARMONISATION TO GO AHEAD.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC), Councillors resolved to go ahead with the rates harmonisation process at Tuesday night's Council meeting.

The difficult decision to forge ahead was taken following advice from the NSW State Government Minister for Local Government, The Hon Shelley Hancock MP.

Council sought advice as to whether the rate harmonisation process could be stepped over a three year period to minimise rate shock to individual ratepayers.

The Minister's advice was that the process could not be stepped and that Council needed to either harmonise rates in 2020-21 or seek an extension of time to harmonise its rating structure in 2021-22 and forego rates revenue.

The decision Councillors took was to continue with the process to harmonise rates. It is anticipated that rates notices will be issued before 1 September 2020. Information will be sent out with rate notices to encourage CGRC residents who may experience financial difficulties in paying their rates to contact the CGRC Revenue Department to discuss payment arrangements to ease the financial

SciVR

Coming up for Science Week, SciVR is an immersive astronomy experience. Live streaming on 22 August from 11.15am. For more information, bookings essential phone the library on 69440270.



**POSITION VACANT:
PARKS & GARDENS ATTENDANT –
GUNDAGAI (Full time)**

Applications are invited from interested persons for the above full time position of Parks & Gardens Attendant, based at our Gundagai Depot. The successful applicant will provide general labouring, maintenance and garbage collection services at Council's parks, gardens, plantations and sporting facilities. Operate parks and gardens plant, including mowers, tractors, street sweepers, elevated work platform and spray equipment, as directed by the Parks Foreman, and will contribute to the manual labour pool within the Facilities Department.

Key responsibilities include:

1. Carry out duties as directed to maintain Council's parks, gardens, plantations and sporting fields to a high level of presentation/visual amenity and preparedness for users of these facilities and the general public.
2. Operate grounds keeping and gardening tools and equipment effectively and efficiently, following Safe Work Method Statements and manufacturer's instructions to achieve Council's goals and objectives.
3. Support the Parks and Gardens team to supply labour on work activities as directed.
4. Comply with Council's Work Health and Safety policies and procedures and ensure all work is conducted in a safe manner.

Benefits

- Full Time commencing salary is \$927.81 gross per week plus allowances
- 9.5% super guarantee levy payable by Council
- 9 day fortnight working arrangement (applicable to full time position).

Further information and a Position Description is available by contacting Council's Human Resources Department on 1300 459 689 or by visiting Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/positions-vacant/

NOTE: Applicants must adequately address the selection criteria contained in the Position Description and include a resume in their application. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered.

Applications close 5p.m. on Friday 7th August 2020.

Applications are to be addressed to the General Manager, and can be submitted by post to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, or delivered to Council's offices at Cootamundra or Gundagai, or by email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au



The Cootamundra Youth Council has officially formed and will be holding monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Thank you to everybody who has contributed ideas for young people in our community. We are already busy working on our first few projects.

BANNER POLES GO UP

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council have completed the erection of Banner Poles in Gundagai and Cootamundra main streets. The poles will house banner signs and are intended to provide a positive and welcoming message to visitors to the community. They are for use by Council-organised or supported events and for non-Council events which primarily cater to people from outside the area. The CBD banner can be used for local events and information.

The street banner system site is available for hire by organisations to publicise events considered appropriate by Council. Priority will be given to events that promote the towns and are related to major sporting, cultural, recreational, community or tourist activities. Banner designs must adhere to the Councils Advertising Requirements. Council will be unable to erect banners which have not been made in accordance with these specifications. Councilors will consider a policy for the use of banners by community organisations at its August meeting. More information will become available from CGRC website.



**COOTAMUNDRA INDOOR POOL IS OPEN
WITH RESTRICTED NUMBERS SWIMMING
BY BOOKING ONLY - Phone 0448187279**

COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY UPDATE Due to the developing situation with Covid-19 in NSW, the library has postponed the resumption of Storytime sessions for Term 3. The library is open for borrowing and has lots of lovely resources for collection to support children's literacy journeys. The online Storytime sessions with Sharon Smith from RRL will resume this week - look for the upload on the Cootamundra Library Facebook page every Wednesday.

GUNDAGAI LIBRARY UPDATE Gundagai library hours have resumed to normal opening times of Monday to Friday 9.00am-12.30 and 1.30-5.00pm. Story time and other group activities have not recommenced due to the Covid-19 situation and the high number of highway travellers in and around the library. This situation will be monitored.

TREATMENT FOR THE ROYAL WELL

Construction will commence on a new sewerage pump station in August and will provide new infrastructure that complies with current standards. The site will be cleared of vegetation and a power pole relocated. Many of the trees in the area are dangerous and cause damage to underground pipes. CGRC officers inspected the Royal Well site on the corner of Sheridan Lane and Homer Street recently, to discuss the relocation of the power pole and tree removal for the construction of a new pumping station.

**POSITION VACANT:
RMCC ROADS MAINTENANCE LEADING HAND –
COOTAMUNDRA (Full time)**

Applications are invited for the full time vacancy of RMCC Roads Maintenance Leading Hand to be located at our Cootamundra Depot. This role is to supervise and undertake repair and maintenance duties as required by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) contracts to maintain the State road network.

Key responsibilities include:

1. Ensure the state road network maintenance is completed within required time frames.
2. Co-ordinate state road maintenance crew in the undertaking of the required tasks, ensuring safety of work crew and road users.
3. Ensure all work activities are undertaken efficiently and effectively to achieve Councils goals and objectives.
4. Ensure all work is undertaken according to Work Method Statements, Council policy and RMS guidelines.

Benefits - Salary range of \$1,026.71 to \$1,201.26 gross per week - 9.5% superannuation - 9 day fortnight working arrangement.

Further information and a Position Description is available by contacting Human Resources.

NOTE: Applications 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 5p.m. on Friday, 14th August 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

FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM

CGRC has received \$4 million funding from the NSW State Government's Fixing Local Roads Program. Council was successful in securing round one funding for:

- Mackay Street Rehabilitation \$823,550.
- Nanangroe Road Rehabilitation \$584,850.
- Adjungbilly Road Rehabilitation \$408,750.
- Old Hume Highway Seal Extension \$354,900.
- Berthong Road Pavement Rehabilitation \$294,431.
- Edwardstown Road Rehabilitation \$281,250.
- Kilrush Road Pavement Rehabilitation \$278,361.
- Old Gundagai Road Rehabilitation \$276,850.
- Rosehill Road Rehabilitation \$259,975.
- Milvale Road Seal Extension \$259,849.
- Cooper Lane Rehabilitation \$251,160