



COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL

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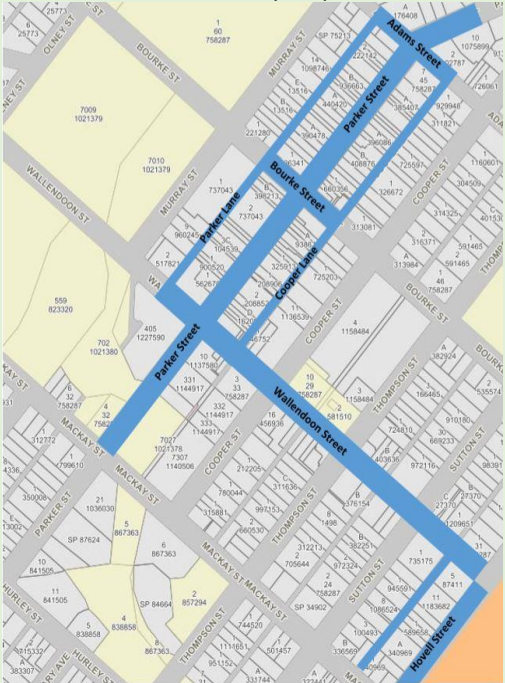
## ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES IN COOTAMUNDRA

Council resolved at its 25 August 2020 meeting to re-establish alcohol free zones, to be implemented for a 4 year period being 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2024, as follows:

- Parker Street between Mackay & O'Donnell Streets
- Bourke Street between Cooper & Parker Laneways
- Wallendoon Street between Parker Lane & Hovell Street
- Hovell Street between Wallendoon & Mackay Streets
- Hovell Lane between Wallendoon & Mackay Streets
- Extended to include the Parker & Cooper Laneways (either side of Parker Street) between Wallendoon & Adams Street

A copy of the map can be viewed on Council's website at [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au).

Therefore, notice is hereby given under Section 644 of the *Local Government Act 1993* that Council will put in place the operation of alcohol free zones, 7 days after publication of this notice, for a further four year period.



### NOTICE FROM LOCAL POLICE

Businesses are requested to contact local police in Cootamundra or Gundagai to update emergency contact details. In the event of an emergency Police may need to contact key holders. New businesses and those that have changed ownership are particularly encouraged to have these details updated. Please call 02 6942 0099 in Cootamundra or 02 6944 0499 in Gundagai. Email [clan1hei@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clan1hei@police.nsw.gov.au)

## ON A FOGGY NIGHT



This lovely photo was taken by CGRC employee Erin Maskell on a cold and foggy night in Carberry Park at Gundagai. The Dad, Dave, Mum and Mabel statue stand proud on a chilly evening.

## AMALGAMATION OF RATING STRUCTURES (RATES HARMONISATION)

In accordance with NSW State Government requirements that there be a 4-year rate path freeze for any newly created council under the Local Government Amendment (Rates – Merged Council Areas) Act, the two rating structures adopted by the former Cootamundra & Gundagai Shires as at 12 May 2016 continued to apply for 4 years from that time. This 4-year period has now expired, and in accordance with Council's 2020-2021 Operational Plan, Council has amalgamated the rating structures effective from 1 July 2020. The many different rate categories, sub-categories and structures of the former shire councils have been reduced to just 4 (in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, and as detailed below), and Council has simplified the rates structure whereby every rate assessment is subject to the same base rate of \$307.11, and then an ad-valorem rate for the particular rate category (essentially a rate of "cents-in-the-dollar") applied to the land valuation. Similarly, the many different types and amounts of service charges that are levied annually with the rates have also been consolidated so that uniform charges apply throughout the council area. The Valuer-General of NSW also undertook a general revaluation of land valuations within the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area during the previous year, and these new land valuations (with a base date of 1 July 2019) will apply to rates levied from 2020-2021. The combination of rates and charges harmonisation, and the general land revaluation, has impacted all rate assessments to some extent, and some ratepayers will see significant changes in the amounts of their rates and charges compared to previous years. Whilst Council is unable to vary or reduce the rates and charges payable, or the due dates, ratepayers who may experience difficulty in paying their rates and charges by the due date are encouraged to contact Council to discuss a mutually acceptable periodical payment plan to ensure that overdue rates and charges are brought up-to-date within a reasonable period. A full simplified list of the 2020-2021 rates and charges that are levied on the annual Rate Notice are detailed below :

### RATES

Category	Base Rate	Ad-Valorem Rate
Farmland	\$307.11	0.2102605
Residential	\$307.11	0.4881518
Business	\$307.11	1.2009279
Mining	\$307.11	0.2100000

### ANNUAL CHARGES

#### Waste Management Charges

Domestic Waste Management	\$456.00
Organics/Green Waste	\$ 60.00
Residential Waste Management – Other	\$456.00
Organics/Green Waste – Other	\$ 60.00
Rural Waste Charge	\$ 67.00
Unoccupied (Vacant Land) Waste	\$ 67.00
Commercial Waste Management (per service)	\$456.00

#### Stormwater Management Service Charges

Residential Stormwater Management	\$ 25.00
Residential Strata Stormwater Management	\$ 12.50
Business Stormwater Management	\$ 25.00 per 350 m2 of land size, maximum \$250

**On-Site Sewerage Management Administration Charge** \$ 46.00

Get your rates invoice by email

Register at:  
[www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/rates/email](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/rates/email)

Residents are advised the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on **Tuesday 29 September 2020**. The meeting Agenda will be available from Council website prior the meeting. Livestreaming will commence at 6pm.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? REGISTER VIA [MAIL@CGRC.NSW.GOV.AU](mailto:MAIL@CGRC.NSW.GOV.AU)**

## POSITION VACANT:

### WORKS LABOURER COOTAMUNDRA (FULL TIME)

Applications are invited from interested persons for the above permanent full time position of Works Labourer – Full Time, based at our Cootamundra Depot. This position performs manual tasks as directed by the Works Supervisor and/or Works Foreman to meet Council's Operational Plan requirements. Key responsibilities include:

1. Ensure work tasks are completed efficiently and effectively, as directed by supervisors.
2. Work and tasks are conducted responsibly ensuring the safety for self and fellow employees.
3. Act as traffic controller (subject to qualification) when required, ensuring the safety of the general public and fellow employees on or near a work site.
4. Ensure compliance with Council's Work Health & Safety and Risk policies and procedures for the provision of worker and public safety.

#### Benefits:

Salary Range is \$898.99 – \$1,047.98 gross per week.

9.5% super guarantee levy payable by Council.

9 day fortnight working arrangement. Further information and a Position Description is available by contacting Human Resources 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, addressed to the General Manager should be submitted by 5p.m. on Friday 4th September, 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 [tomail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tomail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

**COOTAMUNDRA POST OFFICE CLOCK-** At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 25th August 2020 Council resolved to approve payment for \$2145 for the outstanding balance for work undertaken on the Cootamundra Post Office clock. Under the local government act 1993 section 356(2). A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days' public notice of the council's proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given. Submissions can be sent to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or delivered to either Administration Centre in Cootamundra or Gundagai.

## LOST DOGS AND CATS

If your pet has gone missing, you can notify the Council's Rangers and Regulatory staff by placing a Lost Animal post directly to the Council - <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/your-services/regulatory/lost-found-animals/> or by phoning 1300 459 689. This report is sent directly to the Rangers and will fast track the return of your pet. You provide us with a brief description and this is posted to Councils website. Your personal information is not published and is only seen by Council staff to assist them in returning your cat or dog safely to you. Provided your pet has been microchipped and your address and contact details are up to date, your pet will be returned to you. If your pet is not microchipped it will be impounded in Councils Animal Care Facility until somebody comes forward to claim ownership of this animal. Owners are required to ensure cats and dogs are identified by microchip by the age of 12 weeks and registered by the age of 6 months.

For any Emergency or After hours matter regarding Dogs and Cats, please phone Council on 1300 459 689 where a Council Officer can assist you with this matter.



**WEED SPRAYING NOTICE-** 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 July 2020 to December 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.

**The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), advises Cootamundra residents that the level crossing in Temora Street/Pinkerton Road will be closed from 10:00 am Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September continuous until 6:00 pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.** Passenger services are impacted, replacement coaches will be operating. More information can be found at [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info) for NSW TrainLink services. More information is available on the ARTC website. Community members can also contact ARTC Enviroline on 1300 550 402 or email [enviroline@artc.com.au](mailto:enviroline@artc.com.au) if they have questions about the works. ARTC apologise for the inconvenience.

**ROAD CLOSURE-** At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 25th August 2020 Council resolved to undertake the closing of part road Lots 3 and 6 of DP 1217568 of Rosehill Road. This part road has been closed to the public since 2004 as part of the Rosehill Road upgrade which connected Cootamundra to the Hume Highway at Jugiong. Under section 377(1)(h) of the Local Government Act, 1993 any interested persons are invited to send submissions of the road closure to Council for a period of 28 days from this advertisement. Notifications will be sent to the relevant authorities and stakeholders for comment. Submissions can be sent to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or delivered to either Administration Centre in Cootamundra and Gundagai.

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



Council is encouraging residents to use the NSW Rural Fire Service Get Ready Weekend to prepare for bushfire season and start a broader conversation about being aware of and prepared for all hazards. To support early planning and preparation, NSW Rural Fire Service will once again host their annual Get Ready Weekend on 19-20 September, in person and online. Please follow your local RFS brigade's Facebook page for information as it becomes available. You can also visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) for more information.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Bridge and culvert maintenance works have commenced this week with scour repairs on Brungle Road and bridge works on Kangaroo Mount Rd underway. Gravel resheeting has been completed around the Tumbalong area. Crews are currently working on Finlays Lane and Cooininee Road as conditions permit. Maintenance grading will continue towards the Nangus area in the coming weeks. With the recent wet weather bitumen road patching requirements have increased with crews attending to repairs as soon as possible. Private works on the Boundary Road Sub-division has also been impacted by the wet weather. Gravel road maintenance and resheeting has been completed on Rawilla, Wavehill, North Jindalee, Morrisons Hill and Warralong Roads and Salt Clay Lane. Maintenance grading will continue as conditions permit.