



Citizen Jury – Expression of Interest

A citizen jury allows a random sub-sample of volunteer citizens to hear an in-depth account of the Council’s financial position as well as a thorough review of the options available to Council. Initial information on the state of Council finances and options will be presented by Professor Joseph Drew.

Following this, jury members can pose questions to Professor Drew and also a range of key Council staff and Councillors. Independent facilitators will assist the jurors to formulate questions and interpret responses if necessary. At the conclusion of the session jurors (as a group) will write a very short report on their understanding of need, capacity to pay, willingness to pay, and any other factors that are relevant to the special rate variation (SRV) decision. This report will be included in the SRV application and be an important resource for decision-makers.

Two citizen juries will be held as follows:

- Monday 18th January, 2021 Cootamundra Council Meeting Room 10am till 2pm
- Tuesday 19th January, 2021 Gundagai Council Meeting Room 10am till 2pm

Citizen juries have been used with great success abroad. It really is like a genuine jury experience except that you will actually get to ask the questions. This is a great way to learn about the financial situation and evaluate the evidence relating to the proposed SRV. By serving on the jury and contributing to the jury report you will be providing a great service to the community. No prior knowledge of finance is required – just a willingness to learn and participate.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to be considered for random selection to serve on the jury, please fill in and return this form to the Council **before Friday the 8th of January**. By completing this Expression of Interest, you confirm your willingness and capacity to attend for the whole four hour period at the nominated time. You also agree to engage with the material presented and pose thoughtful questions to witnesses in a respectful way.

Which session can you attend (Cootamundra or Gundagai)?

Name:

Phone Number:

Postal Address:

Gender (Please tick as appropriate):

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Age (please tick as appropriate):

- 16 to 35
- 30 to 50
- 50 to 70
- Over 70
- Prefer not to say

A random process will be used to select the total of 24 jurors.