



CHRISTMAS/NEWYEAR CLOSURES – All Works Depots: Close on Wednesday, 23rd December 2020 at Midday and reopen on Monday, 4th January 2021. Administration Offices: Close Thursday, 24th December, 2020 at Midday and reopen on Monday, 4th January, 2021 at 9:00am. Cootamundra Library: Close Thursday, 24th December, 2020 at Midday and reopen on Monday, 4th January, 2021 at 9:00am. Gundagai Library: Close Thursday, 24th December, 2020 at Midday and reopen on Monday, 11th January, 2021 at 9:00am. Gundagai Visitor Information Centre: Close Thursday, 24th December, 2020 at Midday and reopen on Tuesday, 29th December, 2020 at 9:00am. Cootamundra Aquatic Centre: Closed on Friday, 25th December, 2020 and reopen on Saturday, 26th December, 2020 at 10am. Gundagai Swimming Pool: Closed on Friday, 25th December, 2020 and reopen on Saturday, 26th December, 2020 at 2pm.
EMERGENCY COUNCIL NUMBER 1300 459 689.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GARBAGE COLLECTION - is as follows: **COOTAMUNDRA.** If your Normal Collection Day is – Friday 25th December 2020, collection will be Saturday 26th December 2020. If your Normal Collection Day is – Friday 1st January 2021, collection will be Saturday 2nd January 2021. **GUNDAGAI** If your Normal Collection Day is – Friday 25th December 2020, collection will be Monday 28th December 2020. If your Normal Collection Day is – Friday 1st January 2021, collection will be Monday 4th January 2021. **NOTE:** Normal collection times may vary. Please ensure that your bin/s are put out the night before as the service will start earlier than normal to enable two collections on the one day. Cootamundra and Gundagai Waste Depots will be closed 25 & 26 December 2020, and Friday 1st January 2021. Outside of these public holiday closures operation will be as normal.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL- to be held on Wednesday 27 January 2021, at the Gundagai Council Chambers, Gundagai starting at and livestreamed from 6pm. COVID restrictions in place, meeting is not open to general public. Meeting agenda available from CGRC website.

POSITION VACANT - WATER & SEWER Attendant – COOTAMUNDRA. Applications are invited from interested persons for the above full-time position of **Water & Sewer Attendant** to be based at our Bradman Street Depot, Cootamundra. This role assists in day to day water & sewer operations, repairs and maintenance of Council's water & sewage treatment plants, pump stations, reticulation systems, and reuse facilities. **Key Responsibilities include:** Ensure the efficient operation of the Water and Sewage Treatment Plants, pump stations, reticulation systems and reuse systems, through ongoing monitoring, maintenance & repairs, and construction. Ensures water sampling, testing and recording is undertaken to meet required standards of treated and recycled effluent. Ensures the grounds of the Water & Sewage 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. Applications, addressed to the General Manager should be submitted **by 5p.m. on Friday 18th December 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 **NOTE:** Applicants must adequately address the selection criteria contained in the relevant Position Description. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered. Applicants must also include a current resume.

Further information and a Position Description for the above position vacant is available by contacting Council on 1300 459 689 or Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CGRC is calling for Expressions of Interest from all trades to supply quotes for the erection of toilet facilities, viewing area and completion of Clubhouse area at the AFL Grounds in Clarke Oval Cootamundra. Scope of works can be obtained by contacting Darrell Edwards or Andrew Brock at CGRC. EOI's closes on 14 January 2020. Afl building calling for quotes from all trades to for the erection of toilet facilitates viewing area and completion of club house area. EOI to supply quotes close 14 January 2021.

COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY NEWS - Christmas food appeal: Help those in need this Christmas by donating non-perishable food at the library. Donations accepted until December 24. The new Riverina Regional Library app: Check items out with your phone, search the catalogue, access our eResources, renew and reserve items, and More! Get it from your app store. Take-home craft packs: Fabric Stars - decorate your home and tree for the festive season. Hand-made Christmas Cards – kits for adults and kids. \$5 per kit.

FIRST AVENUE GUNDAGAI - Following community consultation, recommendation by the local traffic committee and adoption by council, First Avenue Gundagai will become a One-Way street in an easterly direction from Kitchener to Homer Streets. It is anticipated that this signage will be installed in late January.

RATES AND HARDSHIP – DEBT RECOVERY POLICY Council resolved (ITEM 8.1.1) to have these documents on public display for at least 28 days in conjunction with community consultation a proposal Special Rate Variation. Copies can be obtained from Council office or by visiting CGRC Website.

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION (SRV) – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - CGRC indicated that it will apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) for the 2021-22 year. A special rate variation allows Council to increase rates by more than the annual IPART rate cap. The purpose of the SRV is to try to assure financial sustainability, with a view to maintaining service levels wherever possible (including planned asset renewals), in response to very significant cost pressures imposed by the May 2016 forced amalgamation, and subsequent rate path freeze. The cumulative impact of the special rate variation is substantial and sits at 62.6 percent over five years, including the assumed rate peg. 1. Council will hold two public meetings to present the case for a SRV and receive community feedback: **Monday 18th January, 2021 Gundagai Services Club, 7pm till 8.30pm., Tuesday 19th January, 2021 Cootamundra Services Club, 7pm till 8.30pm.** 2. Council will also be conducting listening posts at the following sites: Cootamundra: **Thursday 21st January 2021** outside IGA Supermarket, 9am till 5 pm. Gundagai: **Wednesday 20th January 2021** outside Foodworks Supermarket, 9 am till 5 pm. 3. In addition, Council invites the community to fill in the survey form in the information pack that they will soon be receiving in the mail and return it to Council using the reply-paid envelope included. 4. Council intends to conduct two citizen juries as follows: **Monday 18th January 2021** Cootamundra Council Meeting Room, 10am till 2pm. **Tuesday 19th January 2021** Gundagai Council Meeting Room, 10am till 2pm. Council is seeking expressions of interest from the community to participate in the jury. 5. Council will be posting short videos to its website soon to explain the need for an SRV, as well as the various options. Council has engaged Professor Joseph Drew to ensure there is genuine engagement and everything possible is done to ensure our final submission in February reflects the community's wishes and feedback. Survey forms, Expression of Interest for citizen juries, and fact sheets regarding the SRV will be available from the Cootamundra Administration offices in Wallendoon Street Cootamundra, and the Gundagai Council Chambers office in Sheridan Street Gundagai.