



**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, max \$250
<b>On-Site Sewerage Management Administration Charge</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>

**OPERATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER GUNDAGAI** - Applications are invited from interested applicants for a permanent full time Operations Support role based at our Gundagai Office. Duties may also be required to be undertaken at our Cootamundra Office. Provide confidential and professional administrative support to several council departments operating in the Gundagai Office. Key responsibilities include but are not limited to: 1. Provide administrative assistance to support all managers operating in the Gundagai office with a primary focus on the operations area incorporating Technical Services, Facilities and Assets. 2. Ensure relevant systems, registers and related databases are maintained and regularly updated. 3. Ensure requests and complaints are responded to professionally and are directed promptly to the relevant officer. 4. Ensure all administrative tasks assigned are completed accurately and in a professional and timely manner. 5. Ensure all completed documentation is accurately recorded in Council's Electronic Data Records Management System. 6. Recommend strategies that contribute to the continuous improvement of Council's administrative functions. 7. Assist with preparation of reports and grant applications. 8. Deliver quality customer service to both internal and external customers. 9. Participate in and contribute to the work environment across several council departments. 10. Comply with Council's WHS Policy and procedures. Benefits Salary range of \$1,061.32 - \$1,241.75 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 visiting Council's website <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/positions-vacant/> or by contacting Human Resources on 1300 459 689. NOTE: Applicants 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, 28th 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](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

**COOTAMUNDRA & GUNDAGAI LIBRARY UPDATE** - Our libraries here to help in these Covid times. 1.

Free home delivery: Free same-day service, available to all members. 2. Free face mask patterns: We have patterns for use with sewing machines, and patterns that require no sewing. 3. Free children's craft packs: A different pack each week. There is also an accompanying video Storytime session available on our Facebook page every Wednesday. 4. Adult craft: Take home packs: Every month, we will have a different craft pack for you to complete at home. This month's pack is Decoupage Bangles. Cost \$10. In-library events: Beeswax Body Products, Friday August 28. 2-4pm. \$15 per person. (Cootamundra Only) 5. Meeting rooms: Our meeting rooms are available 9am-5pm weekdays. Maximum of 10 people at each meeting. Hand sanitising and sign-in are required. (Cootamundra Only) 6. Free online events: We have two great online book launches coming up in August and September, with Aussie authors James Bradley and Belinda Alexandra. 7. Free internet access: We have 5 public PCs available for 30 minutes per session. We also have free WiFi.