



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL: will be held on 25 May 2021 is at the Council Chambers Gundagai starting and livestreamed from 6pm. COVID restrictions as determined by the NSW State Government will be in place and enforced, please refer to Council's website or call Council for information on meeting restrictions prior to attending open forum. Agenda on CGRC website.

2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS: The NSW Electoral Commission's Bulletin for Political Participants has now been released and is available on the NSW Electoral Commission's website. This Bulletin is aimed at candidates, parties, lobbyists and third-party campaigners. The Bulletin also highlights the series of candidate webinars which are to be screened. These webinars have been designed specifically for candidates for the upcoming September 2021 ordinary elections.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE'S FORUM: Have you ever thought about representing your community by becoming a Councillor? Council is offering an open forum opportunity to assist people interested in running for the upcoming September 2021 Local Government Elections to better understand the process and have questions answered. The forums will be held at 6pm 11 May 2021 at the Council Chambers Gundagai and at 6pm 8 June 2021 in the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre Cootamundra.

WOW for SES: CGRC is supporting the NSW State Emergency Service, (SES), with Wear it Orange Wednesday (WOW) day. Council is encouraging staff, business houses to celebrate and honour the contribution SES volunteers make to our communities by wearing orange on Wed 19 May 2021.

COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY NEWS: **1. Digital Detox:** escape your screen for an hour of creative and reflective activity. Free program for kids and adults. Every second Saturday, 10.30-11.30am. No booking required. May 1, 15, 29. **2. Baby Bounce:** sing, dance, and read with your bub. Free program for children aged 0-2 years. Every second Friday, 10am. April 30, May 14, May 28. **3. Storytime:** free program for 2-5 years, every Wednesday in term time at 10am. A different theme each weekly. **4. Mother's Day craft:** after-school craft sessions to create Mother's Day gifts. Primary aged children. \$2 per child. May 3-7, 3.30-4.30pm. Bookings required. **5. Author talk:** meet Guide Dog and author 'Harry' and editor Ross Fitzell as they launch their new book 'Barking Mad'. Friday May 14, 10.30am. Morning tea provided. Free event, RSVP appreciated. **6. Take home craft kits:** learn the art of silk paper making in the comfort of your own home. Pick up a kit from the library for \$10. **7. JP service:** the library has 3 accredited Justice of the Peace members on staff. Free service – available most days 9am-5pm. No appointment required. **8. Free computer tutoring:** learn to use a computer with free one-on-one lessons. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bookings essential. For bookings, phone 6940 2200.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS CAN NOW APPLY FOR DONATIONS: Applications from Community Organisations looking for donations/in kind support are now being invited for the 2021/2022 financial year. Applications close 5pm Friday 21st May 2021. For more information, please visit Council website.

THE DRAFT COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI AGRITOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: is now on public exhibition. Submissions/feedback should be forwarded to the General Manager CGRC and submitted by 5pm 18 May 2021 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. To view the draft strategy please visit Council website.

THE DRAFT DOG ON THE TUCKERBOX MASTERPLAN: is on public exhibition. Submissions/feedback should be forwarded to the General Manager CGRC and submitted by 5pm 11 May 2021 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. Council is holding a drop-in information session for the community at Council Chambers Sheridan Street Gundagai on Friday 30 April 2021 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Information about the masterplan is available on Council's website.

PARKER STREET REDEVELOPMENT: As part of the Parker Street Cootamundra Redevelopment project a local contractor began the installation of the shade shelters on Tuesday, 27 April 2021. The contractors will start with the erection of shelters in Wallendoon Street, then moving around into Parker Street with the remaining shelters to be installed throughout the CBD over the next few weeks. Four shelter sites will be fenced off at each stage to keep disruptions to business owners and pedestrians to a minimum. For more information on this project please visit Council's website.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: ALBY SCHULTZ MEETING CENTRE ROOF REPLACEMENT AND RENEWAL PROJECT. Council is seeking expressions of interest from licensed trades for removal of existing roof iron, flashing and battens and replace with new to the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre Cooper Street Cootamundra. Scope of works can be obtained by visiting Council website. For further information please call the Project Officer on 1300 459 689. Expressions of Interest Close 5pm 10 May 2021.

GUNDAGAI LIBRARY NEWS: Author talk: Anita Heiss will be appearing in the Gundagai library for the release of her new novel *Bila Yarrudhangalagdhuray* on the 13 May at 5pm. Anita's new novel opens with the great Gundagai flood which happened almost 170 years ago. **Dr Ray Luckie Writing Workshop** Wednesday 26 May. Information available at the library. Call the library on 0269440270 for all library enquires and bookings.

WALLENDREEN BRIDGE- BURLEY GRIFFIN WAY: Following the failure of the bridge Council has been in consultation with John Holland Rail (owners of the bridge) and TfNSW about detours and the replacement of the bridge. Currently negotiations are underway to have the Stockinbingal Road approved as the temporary detour with plans to undertake some pavement rehabilitation completed shortly if the route is approved. This work and the bridge replacement will be at the expense of John Holland Rail.

CALLING ALL LOCAL TRADIES: Have you registered as a supplier on VendorPanel yet? If not, you might miss the opportunity to quote for Council projects. There are also some Tenders to be advertised shortly for Wet and Dry Plant Hire, Products and Services. Go to <http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/cgrc/tenders> to register and receive invitations to quote.

UNREGISTERED VEHICLES: Did you know that it is illegal to park an unregistered vehicle/trailer/caravan on the roadways? A vehicle becomes unregistered when the registration is not renewed by the expiry date or when the registration is cancelled or suspended. When a vehicle is unregistered, Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance is not valid. This means that the vehicle is also uninsured and cannot be parked on a public road.