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GUNDAGAI LIBRARY UPDATE - 1. Free home delivery If you are staying home, we can bring books, DVDs and magazines. Free same-day service, for members. 2. Storytime starts on the 15 October at 10.00am - registration is essential due to Covid restrictions. Please call us or check our Facebook page to register. 3. Book Clubs are full steam ahead with a few places if anyone would like to join OR now is the time to start thinking about getting your own group of friends together to start up your own 2021 book club next year. 4. Free online events: Authors 5. Free internet access with our free WiFi. No booking required.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS - Council in conjunction with the Australia Day Council, proposes to present its Annual Australia Day Awards on 26th January 2021, at two separate ceremonies: one to be held in Gundagai and one to be held in Cootamundra, for each of the following categories: 1. Citizen of the Year 2. Young Citizen of the Year 3. Sportsperson of the Year / Sports Achievement Award. Nominations of persons considered suitable for these Awards are invited from organisations and members of the public. All residents from the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area are eligible for nomination. Nominations are to be in writing (by letter, or on the form available from Council Offices and website) and received by Council no later than 1pm Friday 20th November 2020. The Citizen of the Year Award is for all persons of any age, whilst the Young Citizen Award is for persons aged up to 25 years as at 31 December 2020. The Sportsperson/Sports Achievement Award is open to all ages. Persons who have been nominated previously but who have not won an award are eligible for re-nomination.

BOUNDARIES COMMISSION PUBLIC INQUIRY SESSION DATES, TIMES & REGISTRATION PROCESS - Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) residents are reminded that registration to either attend or speak at the Local Government Boundaries Commission public inquiry into the demerger is required by 13 November 2020. The Commission is urging people who wish to attend to register early to ensure COVID-19 restrictions are adhered to. To ensure as many speakers and attendees as possible, registration is limited to one session per person. The inquiry dates, venues and session times are Cootamundra – 25 November 2020 – Cootamundra Ex-Services Club. Session 1 – 11am-1pm, Session 2 – 1.45pm-3.30pm, Session 3 – 4pm-5.30pm. Gundagai – 26 November 2020 – Gundagai District Services Club. Session 1 – 10am-12pm, Session 2 – 1pm-2.30pm, Session 3 – 3pm-4.30pm, Session 4 – 5pm-6.30pm. The attendance registration process is available on the <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/events/>. There are two separate registration forms, one for a speaker and one for an observer. For more information please visit: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/2020/10/13/public-inquiry-dates-announced/>

WORKS PROGRAM - Work has commenced on the concrete lining of the open drain on Boundary Road. Heavy patching has been completed on both the Olympic Highway and Burley Griffin Way. Works are continuing on the Boundary Road subdivision. Slashing, grass spraying and bitumen road patching is continuing.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - to be held on Tuesday 29 November 2020, at the Council Chambers Gundagai, starting and livestreamed at 6pm. COVID restrictions in place, meeting is not open to general public. Meeting agenda available from CGRC website.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND BUSINESS PAPERS – These documents are available for public viewing on CGRC website by following the link <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/business-papers-and-minutes/>

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE USER FEES FOR USE OF GUNDAGAI SPORTING GROUNDS - At the ordinary meeting held 27 October 2020. Council resolved (MIN. no. 330/2020) to introduce user fees for Gundagai sportsgrounds by sporting groups. The proposed charge is an annual fee of \$10.00 per senior player and \$5.00 per junior player per club. Under the local Government Act 1993 Council is required to advertise the proposed new fees for 28 days inviting public comment on these proposed fees. Submissions will be received by Council until 5pm 26 November 2020. Submissions must be in writing and address to the General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council PO Box 420 Cootamundra 2590.

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION – NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO APPLY - At the ordinary meeting held 27 October 2020. Council resolved (MIN. no. 317/2020) to notify IPART of Council's intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) Under Section 508(A) of the Local Government Act, 1993 to be retained permanently in the rate base. Before an application can be prepared there will need to be extensive community consultation and engagement.

LIST OF LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURAL GROUPS ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA AND GUNDAGAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA - At the ordinary meeting held 27 October 2020. Council resolved (MIN. no. 322/2020) to adopt a preliminary list of local arts and cultural groups across the LGA and invite further groups to contact Council for inclusion on the Arts and Culture Groups. The Community and Culture team will actively engage with the committees of these groups to build and sustain relationships, support group activities and assist groups to secure funding for arts and cultural development.

CLUBGRANTS CATERGORY 1 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORMATION - At the ordinary meeting held 27 October 2020. Council resolved (MIN. no. 324/2020) A ClubGRANTS Local Advisory Committee be formed in accordance with the required structure as detailed in the report, to meet four times per year. The Manager Community and Culture be representative of Council on the ClubGRANTS Local Advisory Committee.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2020/131 - USE FISH AS A FEEDSTOCK FOR EXISTING RENDERING PLANT - LOT 1 DP611755, 572 STOCKINBINGAL RD COOTAMUNDRA - At the ordinary meeting held 27 October 2020. Council resolved (MIN. no. 325/2020) to approve the above development subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

DRAFT CONCEALED WATER LEAK POLICY - At the ordinary meeting held 27 October 2020. Council adopted (MIN. no. 318/2020) the Concealed Water Leak Policy – this policy is available to view at <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Concealed-Water-Leak-Policy-adopted-27-October-2020.pdf>

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS AND RESIDENTS - Transport for NSW will be carrying out the safety and efficiency improvements on the Olympic Highway at The Gap, three kilometres south of Cootamundra. This work will improve road safety and reduce future maintenance costs and traffic delays by rebuilding the road surface, improving drainage and upgrading safety barriers and signs. Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm weekdays and between 8.30am and 1pm Saturdays from Monday 2 November. Work is expected to be completed by December 2020, weather permitting. Access to property will be impacted during some stages of the project. Property owners will be contacted, and traffic controllers will be in place to guide road users through the work zone. There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe. For the latest updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

COOTAMUNDRA AQUATIC & SPORTS STADIUM – Will be under new management from 1 November 2020