



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL- to be held on Tuesday 27 October 2020, Alby Schultz Meeting Centre Cootamundra, starting and livestreamed at 6pm. COVID restrictions in place, meeting is not open to general public. Meeting agenda available from CGRC website.

COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY UPDATE - JP Service: A free in-house Justice of the Peace service available Monday-Saturday. No appointment required. Tech Savvy Seniors: Free iPad course for seniors. 6 sessions, starting October 21. BYO iPad or use one of ours. You've Got Mail: free pen pal matching service for Riverina kids. \$5 per child - pick up a pack at the library. Be Connected: free computer training for beginners. 4-week course in Adjugbilly commencing November 10. A series of beginner computer workshops will be held in the villages around our shire. Each workshop consists of 4 x 2-hour sessions and cover topics including: How to use a laptop computer. Email and social media, Internet safety, Entertainment and communication online Workshop 1: Adjugbilly: Tuesday November 10, 17, 24, Dec 1, 10am-noon. Coolac workshops: March 2021. Stockinbingal workshops: May 2021. Call: 1300 459 689.

GUNDAGAI LIBRARY UPDATE - 1. Free home delivery of books, DVDs and magazines of your choice. Same-day service, available to all members. 2. Free face mask patterns: Pick up patterns to make face masks. 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 this page every Wednesday 6. Free online events: We have another great online book launch coming up with Aussie author Chris Hammer on the 14th October. Free internet access: We also have free Wi-Fi. No booking required.

VENDORPANEL MARKETPLACE - Council is launching a platform that makes it easier for Council buyers to invite local suppliers to submit quotes and proposals for their projects and works. VendorPanel Marketplace is free for suppliers to use. Once registered, suppliers will receive invitations to quote on work across dozens of categories, from advertising to waste management. The platform manages all communication between Council buyers and suppliers, reducing admin, saving time and ensuring best practice procurement processes are followed. In addition to VendorPanel, Council will also be introducing the "Vault Contractor" system. The Vault system is an online risk management platform that supports a broad range of risk management processes including a self-service portal for contractors to enter their WHS, environmental and insurance details. The system will also support Council in its commitment to worker safety. Invitations have been sent out to our existing suppliers and to those suppliers who have previously expressed interest in doing business with Council.

OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE GUNDAGAI WASTE FACILITY- Council is looking for an experienced and competent contractor to operate and maintain the Gundagai Waste Facility. The current contract has expired, a new contract is now offered with full scavenging rights included, along with a contract of up to three (3) years (1 + 1 + 1). Quotations should be forwarded to procurement@cgrc.nsw.gov.au by cob Monday 5 October 2020. Any queries regarding this project should be directed to Wayne Bennett, Manager Waste Parks and Recreation via the above email address or by phone on 1300 459 689.

WORKS UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER - Maintenance Grading has been completed around the Tumbalong, Mundarlo, Edwardstown, Nangus, Brawlin, Muttama and Coolac areas. Crews will be moving towards Yammattree, Reno, Lockhart, Mingay and Warralong Roads. Gravel Resheeting completed on Finlays Lane. Emergency Culvert Repair works completed on Brungle Road. Crews have completed the replacement of culverts on Deltrout, Finlays and Darbalara Roads. Bridge Deck repair has been completed on Kangaroo Mount Road. Batter Stabilisation works have been completed to repair an eroded slope on Adjugbilly Road. Patching works have been completed on Nangus, Muttama and Gobarralong Roads.

COOTAMUNDRA SHOWGROUND USERS GROUP s355 AGM - will be held in Alby Schultz Room Cootamundra on 21 October 2020 at 7pm. Interested persons are invited to attend.

HARMONISATION OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES - In addition to the rates harmonisation required by the NSW Government implemented this year, Council has also harmonised the water and sewer charging and billing structures of the two former Councils. The various water and sewer charge amounts and structures of the former shire councils have been reviewed and consolidated, with uniform charge amounts and structures now applying throughout the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area. Council has also reviewed the charges in their entirety, with some changes necessary to meet the current and future funding challenges faced by Council to replace and maintain water and sewer infrastructure, to ensure modern supply and environmental standards are met. Some examples of major capital projects are: *Replacement and upgrade of a significant part of the Cootamundra water mains network. *Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Works replacement. Also, Council is required to comply with best practice pricing requirements for water supply, sewerage and trade waste, so that water is conserved and used as efficiently as possible, and so that significant cross-subsidies are eliminated and all customers pay a fair price for water supply and sewerage services. The two most significant changes that have been brought by this ongoing necessity for compliance with best practice are: The introduction of a uniform "stepped tariff" for water consumption, whereby a limit is set as to the amount of water that is consumed at a lower per unit (kilolitre) cost, and water usage over this limit is then charged at a higher rate. This tariff threshold is now set at 39 kilolitres (39,000 litres) per quarterly billing period. The introduction of Liquid Trade Waste charges for non-residential (business) properties that discharge to the sewerage system in the former Cootamundra area. Properties within the former Gundagai area have been subject to these charges for some time, and to ensure uniformity the same method of charging has been applied throughout the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area. These changes and increases will impact all water and sewer assessments to some extent, and some ratepayers will see significant changes in the amounts of their water & sewer charges compared to previous years. Whilst Council is unable to vary or reduce the charges payable, or the due dates, ratepayers who may experience difficulty in paying their charges by the due date are encouraged to contact Council to discuss a mutually acceptable periodical payment plan to ensure that overdue water and charges are brought up-to-date within a reasonable period. Some of the main features of the new uniform water and sewer charges for most ratepayers in the most common charging categories are set out below. Note that most access charges are applied per meter, and higher charges are applicable for water service connections greater than the standard 20mm size. A full list of the charges may be found in Council's 2020-2021 Operational Plan at <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/03-Revenue-Policy-2021-Part-3.pdf> (* Sewer and Liquid Trade Waste Usage charges are calculated by applying a discharge factor to the amount of water usage measured and multiplying this result by the price per kilolitre. Discharge factors are dependent upon the type of business at the property).

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.