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NEW KITCHEN @ Ellwood's Hall

Stockinbingal is currently being installed. The new kitchen will ensure functions held at the hall in the future are compliant with health and safety standards, and will secure the future needs of the popular hall for many years to come. (Pictured below)



THE TOP END OF SHERIDAN STREET TAKES SHAPE.

Major work on stage one of the third block of Sheridan Street is well underway. On the north side from Homer to Vigil Street, as a continuation of the Main Street redevelopment project. The new paving hides a myriad of work that has been completed underground. This work consists of service upgrades with the replacement of sewer, telephone, electricity services and storm water drainage. Approximately 200 metres of new stormwater provision was implemented. Kerb and Gutter Construction consisted of approximately 170 metres involving four drainage pits and replacement of 12 roof water connections. Work to date has involved the reconstruction of the northern part of the road reserve. Complete footpath reconstruction with 800 m2 of paving on the north side. Intersection landscaping and footpath turf installation. This completes stage one with further funding needed to complete the southern footpath area and road pavement on the top end of the street. The \$500,000 project has been funded by the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme (DCP) Extension.



PARKING ISSUES:

CGRC regulatory officers will be monitoring the main streets of Cootamundra and Gundagai to reduce illegal parking in the CBDs. Due to the number of complaints from businesses, customers, and visitors. CGRC mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan said it's been a long-term problem and is costing businesses customers and money.

Council is considering a three-phase approach to tackle the problem, which ultimately will result in fines being issued to offenders.

PRINCE ALFRED BRIDGE:

Conrad Gargett Architects have been appointed by the NSW Government to undertake the development of the Interpretive design for the Heritage Landscape Interpretation Strategy for the iconic Prince Alfred Timber Road Viaduct (PATRV) Bridge. Conrad Gargett plans to exhibit initial design concepts (for phase 1) in several pop up locations around Gundagai in April. The dates and locations will be advertised soon and Conrad Gargett looks forward to meeting with interested community members for their comments and inputs to assist with further developing the Interpretation Strategy. See the recent NSW Government media release at <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/media/releases/2022-media-releases/prince-alfred-bridge-memorial-options>

CGRC parks and gardens staff were dismayed when it was discovered that the pipe rail fencing along Owen Vincent Oval in Gundagai was damaged and the top rail of the fence was stolen, placing unnecessary pressure on resources and presenting a danger to users.



LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR YOUTH WEEK! Check out the GYC & CYC Facebook pages for activities happening in your town!

POSITION VACANT: MANAGER FINANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Applications are invited from interested persons for the full time vacancy of Manager Finance & Customer Service to be based at either of our Administration Buildings in Cootamundra or Gundagai. Further information and a Position Description is available by contacting Mr Glen McAtear, Acting General Manager on 1300 459 689 or by visiting Councils website cgrc.nsw.gov.au/positions-vacant/
NOTE: Applicants must adequately address the essential criteria contained in the Position Description and include an up to date resume. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered.

Applications, addressed to the Acting General Manager should be submitted by 5p.m. on Friday 8th April 2022 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



Cootamundra's Clarke Oval clubhouse, home for the Cootamundra Blues AFL team, is nearing completion, with the new vinyl floor being installed. The club house now boasts new toilets, change rooms, function space and kitchen.

Fisher Park in Cootamundra has seen an upgrade to the change room facilities. With the popularity of female referees an urgent upgrade was needed to accommodate the ladies with a separate shower, toilet and change room facility installed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Cootamundra's Bradman Cottage is looking for volunteers to fill a weekly spot and fill in spots. Volunteering can be on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. Volunteering expands social networks, provides new skills and makes a difference to your community.

CONTACTING COUNCIL: Do you have a complaint, concern, or compliment? Your feedback is always welcome. Call the friendly customer service team on 1300 459 689, email Council on mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au, complete the feedback form on the CGRC website, or write to Council, addressed to PO Box 420 Cootamundra, NSW 2590.

YOUR COUNCIL: Mayor Charlie Sheahan, Deputy Mayor Leigh Bowden, Cr Abb McAlister, Cr Gill Kelly, Cr David Graham, Cr Logan Collins, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Trevor Glover, Cr Les Boyd. Visit <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au>

2022 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre Cooper Street Cootamundra, commencing, and livestreamed from 6pm. Meeting agenda on CGRC website.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

March has been a busy and challenging month for your local council. With Seniors week celebrations in full swing and planning for Youth Week coming up, we are supporting these groups within our LGA and applauding their achievements.

The month of March has also seen some change to the operations of Council. At an Extraordinary meeting of Council on 9th March, Council accepted the resignation of long-term employee and General Manager Mr Phil McMurray. Phil has contributed to the community and Council in so many ways during his term as General Manager, Deputy General Manager, and Director of Engineering. His passion and drive for the Gundagai Main Street refurbishment project has seen a revitalised CBD in Gundagai. Phil headed up the water main replacement project in Cootamundra, a project that is delivering clean and regular water supply to the town. Phil has seen us all through the merger process, boundaries commission scrutiny, harmonisation of rates and charges, stabilising the fiscal security of the organisation and has overseen major projects across the LGA during his time with Council. Phil's input into the improvements to infrastructure across our parks and community spaces has been invaluable. Phil's vision and determination will be realised when the Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Plant is completed. The decision for Phil to leave the organisation has been a mutual one and made with a great deal of consideration and contemplation. We all wish him well for the future.

Mr Glen McAtear, a seasoned and experienced Council Manager has stepped up into the role as Acting General Manager, whilst Council assertively seeks a new General Manager who will come to the organisation with a fresh set of eyes, new ideas and innovative outlook.

As mayor I am determined to lead this organisation as unified and cohesive, putting past experiences behind us, and connecting our communities. It is up to all of us, to embrace the area we call home, work together for the benefit of our LGA and progress forward.

Regards,
Cr Charlie Sheahan,
Mayor,
Cootamundra-Gundagai
Regional Council.



HELP FOR FARMERS: Council, DPI and Local Lands Services, are calling on expressions of interest from farmers to tackle Thistle infestations. CGRC's Biosecurity Officer, will visit affected landowners to assist with identification and appropriate management and control skills. Chemical control assistance will also be available for the reduction of Scotch/Ilyrian thistle infestations. Numbers for the program are limited and interested landowners are encouraged to contact Council to register their expression of interest by as soon as possible. The program will run until 30 June 2022.

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL:

Council is in receipt of a development application and accompanying documentation for the following development. DA No: 2019/143.5. Land Description: Lot: 7004 DP: 1028797; Lot 7300 DP1149008; Lot: 10 DP: 1210362 – Tumblong Reserve Road, Tumblong. Applicant: M H Earthmoving Pty Ltd. Consent Authority: Southern Regional Planning Panel. Description of Development: Section 4.55(1A) Modification of DA2019/143 – Additional Leachate Storage Works at existing Inert Waste Disposal Facility. The development application and accompanying documentation are available for public inspection, at the Council Administration Offices or on Council's website: www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au for a period 28 days, between 24 March 2022 and 22 April 2022.

WEED SPRAYING NOTICE: Council wishes to advise residents across the region that weed spraying will be undertaken during the months of February to June 2022. Notification is made in accordance with the Pesticide Regulation 1995. Herbicide application will occur roadsides culverts, town and village streets and lanes, and weed control in public spaces. Motorists are asked to be vigilant and look out for signs and spray vehicles.

MENS HEALTH EDUCATION ROTARY VAN:

Cootamundra Rotary will host the MHERV on 12 April 2022. The van is equipped with medical equipment for the purpose of testing Men's Vital Health indicators. Come along and check it out in front of the Westpac Bank, from 9.30am to 3.30pm - 12 April 2022.

WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE:

Will be visiting Gundagai on 31 March, 28 April, 26 May, 23 June 2022. Gundagai Hospital. For an appointment call the Women's Health Nurse: 1800 654 324. Free, confidential, and culturally respectful services for women in the Murrumbidgee local health district.

TRANSFER STATION UPGRADE: Village transfer stations are undergoing an upgrade to access systems and security. Transfer stations in the villages of Nangus, Tumblong, Coolac and Muttama now have infrastructure installed to allow users to gain entry to the sites via an electronic tag. Authorised key holders can present their transfer station key to Council's office at 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai to obtain their electronic tag. To enable continuation of service, users will retain the existing key until the new entry system is activated on Friday, 22 April 2022. Residents of villages who do not currently have access and wish to apply for a tag can do so by completing an Application for Access to Transfer Station, providing proof of residential address and paying a tag bond. Tag bonds are refundable when access is no longer required, and the tag is returned to Council. Applications will be received by Council prior to the electronic entry system activation on **22 April 2022**.

ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION: Council resolved at meeting held 22 March 2022 to place on public exhibition:

1. Cootamundra Aerodrome Users Fees & Charges.
2. Draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP). Council is inviting feedback from ratepayers and residents. These documents are available on the CGRC website, <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/connect-with-us/have-your-say/documents-on-public-exhibition/> or at Council's administration centres; To make your submission, you are required to do so in writing by **4pm Tuesday 19th April 2022**. Submissions may be: Delivered to the administration centres at Cootamundra or Gundagai, or posted to The General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590. Or emailed to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au.

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FIND ITS WAY HOME?



MICROCHIPPING MAKES SENSE

STAYING UP TO DATE - COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL:

This newsletter is delivered to every mailbox within the LGA, via Australia Post. It can be viewed on the CGRC website, and can be emailed directly to your email address. Council issues media releases, and posts information on the CGRC Facebook page regularly. These can also be delivered to your email address. Register to have Council information sent to your email address by dropping us a line to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au with SEND ME MEDIA in the subject line.

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activities in your town

**NSW Seniors
Festival**

