



**COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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## CASEY TAKES OUT THE AWARD

A huge congratulations to Casey Polsen, who took out the Riverina Region Trainee of Year for 2022.

A gala event was held in Griffith, which Casey attended with Cindy Smith, Gundagai Library Manager.

From here Casey will participate in an interview process, to progress onto the NSW Trainee Awards event in Sydney next month.



## LIVVI'S PLACE@ALBERT PARK:

The official opening of Livvi's Place at Albert Park Cootamundra took place on Tuesday 28 June 2022. Crowds of children from the five schools in Cootamundra attended, accompanied by parents, carers, and teachers. Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke assisted with the cutting of the ribbon.



"Livvi's Place is everything we asked for"

## POSITION VACANT APPRENTICE HORTICULTURIST COOTAMUNDRA

Applications are invited from interested persons for the above full-time position of Apprentice Horticulturist to be based at our Cootamundra Depot.

Key responsibilities include:

1. Provide support for works undertaken by the Parks and Gardens team and the Facilities and Services Section.
2. Attend off-the-job structured training as required by the Training Agreement for the Traineeship, and other short courses as identified.
3. Participate in a team environment by performing tasks within the Waste, Parks & Gardens and Recreation Services Section.
4. Deliver quality customer service to both external and internal customers.
5. Abide by legislation and policy regarding Work Health & Safety, Environmental, Equal Employment Opportunity, Privacy and the Local Government Act and regulations and authorising bodies.

Further information and a Position Description is available by contacting Human Resources on 1300 459 689 or CGRC website [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

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 Interim General Manager should be submitted by 5p.m. on Friday 8 July 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](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)



The official opening of Livvi's Place at Albert Park in Cootamundra was attended by Member for Cootamundra and Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience Steph Cooke, CGRC Mayor Charlie Sheahan, Deputy Mayor Leigh Bowden, Councillors Logan Collins, Gil Kelly and Trevor Glover. CGRC staff including Interim General Manager Les McMahon, Acting General Manager Glen McAtear, Kim Bercherand, Head of Inclusive Play - Touched by Olivia Foundation and Justine Perking (Founder and Livvis Mum) . Representatives from Play Workshop, Sala4 the designers, and associated contractors.

All including the crowds of children from local schools enjoyed a tour, play and a sausage sizzle hosted by CGRC followed by cake. CGRC mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan said. The creation of this space and the infrastructure contained in it has truly been a labour of love and commitment from all who bring it to us. What you see before you, came about from community consultation especially from those people to whom it was designed for, and an outstanding masterplan. This is a space that everyone can enjoy regardless of ability no one gets left out here. One child said it all with three words "This is Fun"!!

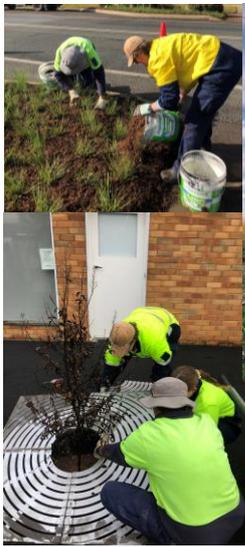


Being awake for 17 hours has a similar effect on performance as a BAC of 0.05



**COUNCIL MEETING NOTES:** Approval has been given to convert Cooper Lane, Cootamundra to a one-way, single lane between Wallendoon Street and Bourke Streets. **Yass Road - Heavy Vehicle Parking Curfew:** Council install 'Heavy Vehicle Parking' signage prohibiting parking along Yass Road from Barnes Street between the hours of 9:30pm and 5:30am. Council will explore other parking areas for Heavy Vehicles. **Silo Road, Wallendbeen** be restricted to 15 Tonne limit from the Railway underpass to the Olympic Highway, Wallendbeen.

**JULY 2022 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 at the Gundagai Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai commencing, and livestreamed from 6pm. Meeting agenda on CGRC website.



**Beautifying our communities:**  
*Clockwise: Hovell Street planting, Wallendbeen History Signage, Bourke Street Upgrade*

**FROM THE MAYOR:**

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and the community I'd like to congratulate Mary Donnelly OAM, recipient for community service in the recent 2022 Queens birthday honours list. Mary is a former Cootamundra Shire Council Councillor. Our very own Casey Polsen took out the Riverina Region Trainee of the Year award. Congratulations Casey.

Les McMahon Interim General Manager and I attended the National General Assembly for Local Government across Australia in Canberra during June. Convened annually by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government is the peak annual event for Local Government, attracting in excess of 800 Mayors and Councillors each year. This event provides a unique opportunity for Local Government to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy, and to influence the future direction of our councils and our communities.

Livvi's Place at Albert Park in Cootamundra has been officially opened with an event held on Tuesday 28 June. This is a very special place and I encourage all to come down and enjoy the space and the unique environment that has been created.

Great to see works going on renovating the Albion Hotel for future accommodation and another great venue for Cootamundra. We are getting close to the construction stage for the new Gundagai Preschool which will see a facility that will expand the preschool and meet with future needs. We are also in the final stages on the commissioning of the new Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Works. This has been a huge project for CGRC and I'm looking forward to the opening and having this facility on line.

Until next month, stay safe, stay positive and stay nice.

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



**DRIVE SAFE THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: REMEMBER TO TAKE REGULAR BREAKS DURING YOUR TRIP**

**FROM THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK**  
 I would like to take this opportunity to inform residents that the leadership of your Council organisation has been finalised for the foreseeable future.

Initially I was appointed as an Interim General Manager, whilst the recruitment process took place to secure a permanent General Manager. The term of my appointment was until the end of July. With the Boundary Commission enquiries, your Council decided to suspend the recruitment process until a declaration was made by the NSW State Government on the amalgamation/DE amalgamation issue. A decision is not expected until at least mid-August.

I have agreed to continue in the position as Interim General Manager until the end of 2022, where it is anticipated that a permanent General Manager will be appointed. Prior to my appointment, I did have a commitment during August/September, I intend to honour that commitment, in my absence Mr Glen McAtear will step into the role as Acting General Manager. A position Glen filled before my appointment. I can assure all residents that the organisation does have a great leadership team in place, and everything is proceeding as it should.

Regards,  
 Les McMahon  
 Interim General Manager  
 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council



**TACC The Arts Centre Cootamundra**  
 18-20 Wallendoon St *Unleash your creativity at TACC!*

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the S355 Cootamundra Creative Arts and Cultural Centre (CCACC) Committee will be held at 6pm on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 18-20 Wallendoon Street. All positions will be declared vacant. The TACC Bar will be open and the wood fire burning. For more details contact us via phone (02 6942 4773) or use the email below. The TACC Office is open from 10am to 1pm, Mon, Tues & Wed.

- ☉ TACC is a volunteer driven arts facility with local volunteers setting the program of activities.
- ☉ The activities include art, craft, events, workshops, exhibitions, performances and more.
- ☉ The best way to have your ideas, questions or suggestions heard is to get involved.
- ☉ Come to the AGM to meet the team and have your say.

E: info@theartscentrecootamundra.org.au W: theartscentrecootamundra.org.au

**DAMAGE TO BRIDGE FORCES PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE:** Motorists and residents in the Parsons Creek Road area will be diverted around the Mud Wall Creek bridge using a temporary side-track, due to the bridge being damaged. The bridge infrastructure has been inspected by CGRC staff and engineers and deemed unsafe for traffic to use. A temporary detour is in place for local and light traffic only. **The detour is not suitable for heavy vehicles.** Council staff erected electronic signboard, notifying road users of the conditions. The Mud Wall Creek bridge is at the Nanangroe Road end of Parsons Creek Road in the Adjungbilly area. CGRC staff will be conducting further investigations on the damage with further notifications to come on a longer-term solution for heavy vehicle access.

**LED STREETLIGHT PROJECT:** Work to upgrade 960 streetlights to energy efficient technology will begin this week as part of a major energy efficiency project that will save hundreds of thousands in electricity bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the ratepayers of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC). The switch to LED technology will see a 247 MWh per year reduction in power use, delivering savings of approximately \$60,000 each year in maintenance and electricity costs.

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



*Above: Doggy Doo Bag Station installed at Stockinbinal Pump Track*



*Above: Ranger Nicky visited Sacred Heart School to teach children how to act around dogs.*



**DO YOU HAVE TIME TO HELP?**  
 Volunteers are required to man the door at the Bald Archy's exhibition in Gundagai. If you can spare a day and help out it would be very much appreciated. The exhibition will run from Monday 1 August – Friday 26 August between the hours of 10am-3pm. If you are interested please contact Casey Polsen at the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre by email: [casey.polsen@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:casey.polsen@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or call 02 6944 0250.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Cootamundra Youth Council Snow Trip. Friday 15 July, Ages 12+ Cost \$20. Depart Cootamundra 7am Return 7pm. Register your expression of interest in this school holiday activity by checking the CYC Facebook page.**

