

YOUR NEW CAREER COULD BE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT! COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR: Parks & Gardens Team Leader based in Gundagai. A great opportunity for a motivated person who loves the outdoors and takes pride in their community. Apprentice Horticulturist based in Cootamundra. A career opportunity for an inspired person who wants to pursue a career in garden cultivation and management. Applications for these positions close 5pm Friday 7 October 2022. Further information and a Position Descriptions for the above are available by contacting Council on 1300 459 689 or Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au. NOTE: Applicants must adequately address the selection criteria contained in the Position Descriptions. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered. Applicants must also include a Resume. Applications, addressed to the Interim General Manager should be submitted 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.

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SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON TIMBER RAIL VIADUCT ON BELL DRIVE GUNDAGAI:

Transport for NSW will carry out maintenance and safety improvement work to the timber rail viaduct in Gundagai in September and October. Work will be carried out on sections of the viaduct along OI Bell Drive and Middleton Drive to improve safety for transport customers. Recent heavy rainfall and flooding has caused sections of the historic bridge to deteriorate.

The work will reduce the risk of falling debris and allow vehicles and pedestrians to safely travel under the bridge. Traffic changes along OI Bell Drive will be in place for the duration of the work. Stop signs at either side of the underpass on OI Bell Drive has been installed with other signage advising transport customers of potential falling debris. Transport is working quickly and in consultation with Council to carry out this work.



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SAFETY ISSUES RAISED BY BUS OPERATORS

CGRC's Road Safety Officer (RSO), Kylie Grybaitis conducted meetings in Cootamundra and Gundagai, with local school bus operators. Ms Grybaitis was keen to meet with bus operators to discuss the Draft School Bus Route and Bus Stop Policy. The policy formulated to provide Council with means to assess requests and consistently and objectively for rural school bus routes and bus stops. The draft policy was given to operators for their feedback before it is presented to the CGRC Traffic Committee for adoption.

Operators were also informed of funding opportunities with the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS).

Bus operators, raised concerns about safety, particularly around schools and irresponsible parents/carers, who were parking illegally and dangerously whilst dropping off or picking up students. One operator stated it was just a matter of time, before a serious if not fatal incident occurred. Other issues raised in the meetings included road maintenance at informal bus stops, overhanging branches on trees, safe turning zones and negotiating narrow streets.



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL: The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper Street Cootamundra starting at and livestreamed from 6pm. Please refer to Council's website for meeting agenda.

Members of the public may address Council on matters related to an associated agenda item only, as part of the Public Forum.

FROM THE MAYOR:

Another wet month for our LGA, which saw the postponement of the Wattle Time Fair in Cootamundra. We look forward to seeing this event come to fruition in the future. The Cootamundra Business Awards had an outstanding number of businesses recognized and we congratulate all who were winners and those who were nominated. The Soroptimist Cootamundra Art Show was back after a hiatus. A wonderful display of Art was on display in the Town Hall. Congratulations to all winners. Council resolved at its last meeting to send a letter to the Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman, regarding the De-Merger of our Council. Meetings have been held with the Minister and Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke and a committee formed within Council to work through de-merger process. It will be a complicated process. I can assure residents across all communities within the LGA that your councillors and staff are working hard to ensure the process is carried out in a professional, fair and just manner. Council is striving to have the process completed in three months. We are working closely with the Office for Local Government who are assisting and giving advice as we move along. Council will keep you updated as the process continues. Until next month, stay safe, stay nice and be kind to each other.

Charlie Sheahan
Mayor



Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

DRIVE TO THE CONDITIONS, SLOW DOWN AND THINK ABOUT YOUR TRIP.

Recent wet weather and emergency events have caused significant damage to all roads within the CGRC LGA.

Council crews are working hard to access damage, prioritise safety and deploying resources when conditions permit and where the need is greatest. Recent and ongoing rain events have caused numerous washouts and debris in causeways. Motorists are asked to use extreme caution when travelling on roads and causeways impacted by flood and storms.

Most causeways have the appropriate warnings indicating water depths however motorist should not drive through flooded causeways due to the unknown condition of the flooded causeway and speed of water.

Council wastes valuable resources repairing damage done by vehicles using closed or wet roads. Motorists can assist by using alternate routes, refrain from driving on unsealed roads if the trip is unnecessary during wet weather.

Motorists are advised to travel according to the road conditions at all times, and please refrain from travelling on closed roads.

GUNDAGAI LIBRARY:

Gundagai Library hours will be reduced to 10am-2pm Monday to Friday until further notice. Council apologises for any inconvenience.

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WEED SPRAYING NOTICE: Council advises residents that weed spraying will be undertaken. Notification is made in accordance with the Pesticide Regulation 1995. Herbicide application will occur during the months of June 2022 to December 2022 in the towns and village streets and lanes, for the eradication of weeds on the roadside and culverts, as well as weed control in public spaces.



BOLLARDS IN ALBERT PARK: Pictured above. Cootamundra's Albert Park has new bollards erected around on the road surrounding the Cenotaph. The new bollards replace the old timber barriers. The new bollards enhance the look of the area and will stop vandals from driving onto the grass surrounding the area.

CHECK OUT CGRC WEBSITE FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Follow the Cootamundra and Gundagai Library Facebook Pages to stay upto date with events happening for all ages!

HORSES AND VEHICLES: Can be a volatile combination. Horse riders have the same rights as drivers on our roads but are also entitled to special safety considerations. As part of Council's October road safety campaign, riders are invited to share photos of their horses with their road safety messages. Send photos to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au for a chance to win great prizes! Kids can also win through our Rein In Your Road Safety colouring competition. See Council's socials for more tips for riders and drivers staying safe on our roads.



**Slow down
around horses**



**MOBILE
PHONE
HELP**

FREE

Wallendbeen Hall 10 October 2022
Coolac Hall 11 October 2022

We'll help
you master
the basics!

- Talk
- Text
- Photos
- Apps



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Cootamundra's Bradman Cottage is looking for volunteers. Volunteering can be on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis or fill in basis. Volunteering expands social networks, provides new skills and makes a difference to your community. Bradman Cottage is one of Cootamundra's major tourism destinations. Volunteering is an opportunity to meet new people.

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

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