

SHERWOOD FOREST GETS MAKEOVER:

Stage 1 of the Sherwood Forest masterplan works this week. The rejuvenation of the highly valued park will eventually see an area that residents and visitors can enjoy, with an abundance of native flora planted and nurtured to attract native birds and wildlife. Consultation with the Gundagai community uncovered a desire to keep the park simple, provide colourful planting to enhance the walking experience through the site, provide opportunities for nature play and picnic settings. A pathway throughout the park was high on the agenda of community wishes, due to its location to the CBD of Gundagai, Morleys Creek and other recreational areas in close proximity.

As work begins access to the area will be restricted, and detours in place. Some exotic trees will be removed, to make way for walking paths and essential earthworks to be undertaken. The site provides important cultural history to the local area, former cattle yards, and there is a desire for this history to be interpreted through signage.



HISTORY BOOKLET LAUNCH:

Historians and researchers gathered in Cootamundra to launch the Cootamundra's WWII Fuel Depot Fuel to Fight Back Booklet recently. This booklet chronicles the history of the old Ampol/World War II Fuel Storage Facility. Pictured above right, Louise Halsey a regional heritage conservation coordinator addressed the gathering giving valuable insight into the research uncovered and the significance of the site. Chris Lloyd a retired researcher and Barbara Cameron-Smith from All Things Written travelled from Sydney to attend the launch. The booklet is available at the Cootamundra Heritage Centre and Cootamundra Library.



FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES: Gundagai Monday 3 July @ 2pm. Cootamundra Tuesday 4 July @ 10.30am at Council Chambers in Gundagai & Administration Offices Cootamundra

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER:

A reminder that under the NSW Companion Animals Act, **dogs must be kept on a leash in all public places.** Except in designated off leash parks. Owners caught with dogs off leash may be issued with penalty infringement notice of \$330. **Pet owners are reminded to clean up** after your dog. Disposable bags are available across most parks and public places, and dog walkers are encouraged to always have the bags with them. A hefty \$275 fine can be incurred for failing to immediately dispose of faeces. Enquires call Council on 1300 459 689.

CYCLEWAY SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE:

Residents are invited to participate in the Cycleway Survey now online via Council's website and Facebook page. The survey will determine where the community wants to see destinations that can be accessed by cycleways. What roads are most popular with cyclists and priority destinations identified by cyclists that need to be accessed. The survey will assist with education needs across the Local Government Region (LGA), as identified by survey participants. Paper copies of the survey are also available at Council's Administration Centres in Cootamundra and Gundagai.

THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2023

The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 July 2023 at the Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai. 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 associated agenda item only, as part of the Public Forum.

POSITION VACANT PARKS & GARDENS ATTENDANT – COOTAMUNDRA:

Applications are invited from interested persons for the above full-time position. The successful applicant will provide general labouring, maintenance, and garbage collection services at Council's parks, gardens, plantations, and sporting facilities. Operate parks and gardens plant, including mowers, tractors, street sweepers, elevated work platform and spray equipment, as directed by the Parks Foreman, and will contribute to the manual labour pool within the Facilities Department. Further information and a Position Description is available by contacting Council's Human Resources Dept on 1300 459 689 or by visiting Council's website.

NOTE: Applicants must adequately address the selection criteria contained in the Position Description and include a resume in their application. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered. **Applications close 5p.m. on Friday 7 July 2023**, and are to be addressed to the General Manager, and can be submitted by post to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, or delivered to Council's offices at Cootamundra or Gundagai, or by email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEMERGER UPDATE:

The NSW Government supports the de-amalgamation of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, recognising the right of local councils and communities to make fully informed decisions on matters affecting their own future.

Minister for Local Government, Ron Hoenig has met with the mayor of Cootamundra-Gundagai to discuss the demerger and the Government will continue to engage closely with the council regarding the process.

There is no recent precedent for demerging a council in NSW and the Minister is currently considering a range of options to address the challenges facing Cootamundra-Gundagai.

The Government will continue to provide updates to the community on the demerger as they are available.

VOLUNTEERS:

Interested in Volunteering indoors & outdoors? Cootamundra's iconic Bradman's Birthplace is looking for volunteers to greet visitors and would love to have a person volunteer to assist with maintaining the lawns and garden. If you are interested, please contact Council.

MEET THE CRIME WRITER DINUKA MCKENZIE:

Don't miss the opportunity to meet the #1 new crime writer in Australia. Join us for wine and cheese as Dinuka McKenzie shares the inspiration behind her hit new detective series and the star character, DC Kate Miles. You could win a \$50 voucher to spend at Wrapped just for attending! Cootamundra Library Fri July 7, 3pm. This is a free event - RSVP appreciated for catering purposes: Ph Library on 6940 2200.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(AGM): Of the S355 Cootamundra Creative Arts and Cultural Centre Committee will be held on Thursday 20th July 2023 at The Arts Centre Cootamundra. 18-20 Wallendoon St, Cootamundra. Drinks from 6pm at the TACC Bar and the meeting will start at 6:30pm. All Welcome.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK:

Showcases the work your local council does in the local community and the variety of services your council provides. Join us for an open day, in Cootamundra on Tuesday 1 August and Gundagai on Thursday 3 August from 11am to 1pm. Free Sausage Sizzle and lots of information available.

GARBAGE COLLECTION LATER THAN USUAL:

Cootamundra residents are informed that due to a garbage truck breakdown, collections may be running later than usual on collection days. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.



FROM THE MAYOR:

As the Mayor of our wonderful Council area, I would like to inform all landowners, builders, and developers that Australia wide, the nation is experiencing a housing shortage. This is driving up house prices and rents right across the country.

Currently here in our local government area there is next to no rental accommodation available in Cootamundra and Gundagai.

With the proposed opening of the abattoirs in Cootamundra, the construction of inland rail from Illabo to Stockinbingal, Hume Link and Jeremiah Wind Farm, there will be an increasing demand for accommodation in our region.

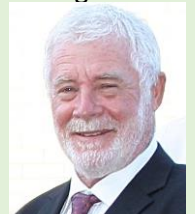
We are also experiencing a shortage in healthcare and age care workers providing the need for further accommodation to attract and fill these positions.

I acknowledge that private developers are bringing new housing lots onto the market with more in the pipeline, including council land which will meet medium to longer term needs for growth and provide for a more integrated workforce. However, the current situation is providing a great opportunity for anyone with vacant property in residential zoned areas to consider developing for residential accommodation. The time to do this could not be better than now.

I urge anyone who has vacant land or buildings with a view to develop, to reach out to Council and sit down with our planning staff for advice on progressing your plans to best take advantage of the current opportunity.

Until next month, stay Safe, stay warm and be kind to each other.

Charlie Sheahan
Mayor CGRC



GUNDAGAI NETBALL CLUBHOUSE TAKES

SHAPE: Netballers will soon be using the new clubhouse. Paths and finishing touches have recently been laid. The clubhouse has a meeting room, kitchen, storage area and WC amenities including disabled toilet facilities. The clubhouse can be accessed via a ramp or stairs.

Pictured left.

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.

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