

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Progress Report

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is delivering significant benefits to the community through projects residents have said are important.

Funding new projects and services

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council received \$10m from the Stronger Communities Fund to kick-start priority community projects including:

- A total of \$72,350 in two grants to the Gundagai Women's Golf Club and Gundagai Men's Golf Club to revitalise the Bidgee Banks Golf Course
- \$50,000 for the Cootamundra Swimming & Lifesaving Club to upgrade the Cootamundra Town Pool facilities and equipment
- \$50,000 for the Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre and Gundagai Youth Council to renovate the Gundagai Youth Recreation Space
- \$50,000 for Cootamundra Cycle Club to develop its existing site for Mountain Biking and adding a walking track
- \$33,830 for Cootamundra Creative Arts' Summer Heat-Cool Event

Identifying local infrastructure projects

Consultation with the local community is underway to decide how Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will invest the remaining \$9m of the Stronger Communities Fund allocated for local infrastructure and services projects that deliver long-term economic and social benefits to the community.

Projects under consideration include:

- \$2.5m towards the \$7m replacement of the Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Plant
- \$2m for the Cootamundra Water Main Replacement Program

Improving the way Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is run

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is implementing changes that are making it a more efficient and responsive council, such as:

✓ Improving customer service

- Council is introducing an electronic record management system, which will improve response times to customer requests, complaints and feedback

✓ Providing better value for money

- The purchase of a new stabiliser/lime tanker to use across the region will produce long term savings as Council will no longer need to contract out the service

✓ Improving communication

- The Scores on Doors program has now been introduced in the Gundagai area, promoting food safety in local businesses and informing the public how well local restaurants, takeaway shops, bakeries, pub bistros and cafes are complying with NSW hygiene and food safety requirements

✓ Delivering improved services across more communities

- Better coordination of staff resources and joint operations in response to severe storm events and flooding

✓ Encouraging tourism

- Council has opened a new Visitors Information Centre in the Cootamundra Heritage Centre



The new lime storage tanker which will save money for ratepayers