

STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND ROUND 3 COMMENTS

Library Youth Interaction/Technological Hub – Ranking 1

Project Name	Budget	Details	Cost
Library Youth Interaction/ Technological Hub	\$100,000	May include: - Makerspace - Wifi, device use & chill out space - Computer coding - Robotics - Film - Virtual reality - Animation - Art - Science	
			<u>\$100,000</u>

Comments (53):

Please include older residents too who may be interested in these programs.
This is mostly available in local schools already
I like vr
Especially interested in coding lessons for adults and older teens.
Our library is amazing. The staff are doing a terrific job of keeping the community young and old up to date with technology.
I think this is a place for kids to go when they have nowhere else to go and I think its important for those kids to have somewhere to go that entertaining.
Acting Support for people who want to follow a passion
I think this is something that is really needed in Gilgandra. Suitable for all ages. Please consider.
where will you put it? There is no space left.
It is fantastic that the opportunity to experience technology and develop skills in technology is offered by the library. It is often difficult to access these types of technologies when you live in rural and remote areas, so the chance to be able to access this area is very much appreciated.
Technology is so important in our world now particularly among children. I think this would be a wonderful addition to the library.
Need to allow for all ages
Sounds really cool! It would be pretty cool!
Brilliant idea, covers so many education areas for youth and an opportunity to be an active participant.
Gilgandra library is pro-active in providing opportunities for all members of the community. Offering a bigger variety of activities can only enhance its standing in the community. The community loves and treasures the library and further funding would make a great place even better
This is where those kids with less technology and internet at home go to spent their afternoon, do their schoolwork and explore creative and potentially job relevant skills in a safe, comfortable and supportive environment.
Equipment that would support the current LEGO club and code club would be useful, making it into a dedicated maker space area. A range of other maker space equipment could be included. Useful additions would include VR headsets with hand controllers. A 3D scanner to sync with the 3D printer would open up more opportunities. A dedicated space for recording YouTube channel vids could be created. This would include computer, camera and lighting

equipment. Musical gear could be added. An area to create animations, with dedicated computer, camera, lighting and software could be utilised.
Our local young people need access to such facilities to be in touch with skills that are future focused based. Developing those skills ... understandings ... and applying them is essential. Recent workshop opportunities offered to our young people develop their creative problem solving skills. Ongoing support for Code Club type applications and Lego club.
Money should be spent fixing our roads! Kids will not appreciate nor respect these inclusions!
This is the future and I believe that this is a great project and keeps our children up to date with their skills and use of technology. If it would incorporate a driving simulator, to help those who can't afford driving lessons, get their licence, I think that would be amazing and show Gilgandra as a leader in innovative ways to support our community.
Keep the young busy so they don't get into mischief.
Great idea
The library is one of the first places I go when visiting anywhere. Access to free wifi, public access computers, clean restrooms and you can join as a visitor if you are staying for a longer period of time so you can access the services there. Such an important service for any town, the social impact on people who live in your area as well as the tourism aspect should be given priority.
Good for people in the town. Especially helping senior members of the community to become more educated and involved.
Also maybe some creative writing programs and holiday programs for all ages
Working Hub - For those who currently travel for work but could work remotely. The installation/space for a community working hub or hot desk space could provide an opportunity for people to work locally.
worst kept secret in the shire is that Shire is moving to the council building-be transparent
Brilliant idea, anything that encourages the youth to get off their backside's and utilise the library gets a tick of approval from me.
This is the future and is a good project. Liz and her team do an awesome job at the library.
We need something that is better than just average. I would like to see our kids be inspired. Also using grants is fine but can we really look at partnerships and corporate support. This will ensure the good facilities are matched with ongoing funding support and also career opportunities
i think it is important to hit the younger generation who do not like the skate park or the youth club. Giving them the library as an option is great.
Great to see the Library playing a role with youth, council will need a bigger library. Great idea! and Liz Mc is perfect to make it happen.
Will this be in a separate room so it won't disturb other users of the library?
These facilities would be better directed to youth services centre, that already exists, the library is a place for a library not community engagement. when I go to the library i want to read in peace, undisturbed. In a town craving creative space and hub, especially in the trying times of drought, an expressive, encouraging dedicated art space shared between makers and students, with a social hub and opportunity for creative people in town to have exposure for their efforts. maybe some of the money allocated to these resources could be invested in joining Orana Arts and facilitating access to their programs... big empty building in the main street (target) has OODLES of potential as a shared space between the library and a creative space/gallery/small business supportive hub (see towns like Trangie, Walgett, Coonamble and similar ventures)
This space would be amazing for our young people- it would give them the same opportunities as the children in the cities have. It is so important for our children's future that they have skills with technology, as most jobs in the future will involve this. It will open up new possibilities to them for future careers and be engaging and fun.
Library is for different use I would not use library anymore as youth are noisy and disrespectful
Does council propose to have 2 youth centres in the future
This appears to be an excessive amount of money. The talk around town is that council is purchasing Target building. Is this money being used towards this?

<p>The library workshops for youth are brilliant, very imaginative, very fun. However, the waiting lists are too long and it is difficult to meet the requirement of having an adult in attendance when both parents are working or you have the case of a single parent who must work full time. I had been using the library programs for my child, however cannot do so anymore because I work full-time and there must be a carer in attendance at the workshops. This means that my child goes home alone to sit in the house and wait for me to come home - instead of attending workshops for youth at the library. If more resources can be spent on staffing (or volunteers, even youth helpers) so that there is adequate supervision - allowing more youth to use the library services please?</p>
<p>we need to as a comunity to help youth and the unemployed find a direction in life as not alot of people make a career out of sports</p>
<p>Wouldn't the library be better off with bubblers</p>
<p>Put it in the youth club you've already got in town</p>
<p>Fabulous! Gilgandra youth need more access to modern technology that may give them a chance at a career in these areas.</p>
<p>Homework assistance? Podcasting</p>
<p>i go the youth club</p>
<p>The library is an essential part of our community. Any projects in the space is beneficial.</p>
<p>put it at the youth club-thats for youth isnt it....</p>
<p>The library is already a 'chill out' space, and wifi is already available. Computers are also available for youth. Only a minority of children will utilize this space appropriately.</p>
<p>The library is already a great space. is it a library or a youth centre? By expanding the library what about the exisiting clientele who do not fall into the youth demographic? Again, I believe many youth do not use the library and again this is a poor representation of what our ytouth need in Gilgandra. The youth carry around their technology already on their smart phones and devices. Get into the present. we have a very disengaged youth sector as it is. We are creating more division within youth as do you believe that youth from lower socioeconomic demographic will attend the library when they already don't. Invest your money in the existing services which target school attendance and individuals who need it.</p>
<p>There is already a Youth club in town, it has wifi, a drop in space , computers . I dont think library users want kids there making noise. keep the youth activities at the youth centre</p>
<p>The library needs to reflect what a 21st century library can provide for the community. Not just a place for books</p>
<p>The new technology that will be installed will only enhance the visitor experience. Will the new building and programs on offer require extra staff, if so this is a bonus to the whole project being able to employ an extra local person.</p>
<p>This sounds great, I wonder the target users of this compared to users of the Youth Centre. It would be great to see some forward thinking and planning into what exactly this will entail and how the two centres will be different/useful/attractive to our youth. I read about the plans to upgrade the youth centre with the indoor sports, however do not forget that there are still a high number of users of the current centre in the meantime.</p>

McGrane Oval – Ranking 2

Project Name	Budget	Details	Cost
McGrane Oval - Youth	\$310,000	Junior League Amenities – accessibility	
		Junior League Amenities – baby change room	
		Junior League – bubblers	
		Junior League – power outlets	
McGrane Oval - General		Grandstand amenities upgrades	
		Grandstand accessibility	
		Grandstand painting	

\$304,032

Comments (45):

Jnr League/netball brings lots of visitors to our town upgrading facilities would benefit a multitude of people
Not all projects at this time
I don't think it would be useful for people
Area looks tired, and certain needs an upgrade
Sport is so very important to our youth!
This will enhance the junior league amenities we have a great junior league footy club and we want other towns to enjoy their experience with an upgrade to amenities this will only enhance our fields and wonderful netball courts
Toilet facilities need improving
I suppose so, it seems pretty important
It only benefits members of the Junior League. These are generally the better-off kids with parents willing to invest significant time and money into travel and equipment. Why can't they just use the high school's oval? Do they really have that many spectators that they need a Grandstand? While I generally support equal access for everyone, is the expected usage in any proportion to the cost, as in how many people are you actually expecting to benefit from these improved accessibility works and how often?
People need encouragement in physical activities ... both older and younger. A centre for visitation from other communities. Used by our schools at times
As a parent of children who participate in junior league and netball, I have definite support for upgrade of junior league toilets and canteen. Travelling to other towns I have seen how good facilities can be and what a difference that makes. What would be even better is a combined upgraded facility for both junior and senior league to use like most other towns. I do not believe that the grandstand needs upgrading. Having already spent \$900k on mcgrane I would rather see the money spent on other projects.
There has just been a big spend on this facility, although not much to show for your dollar. Address the declining population or you won't have anyone to use the facility.
You have spent enough on this project, spend more on keeping people in the town
Also the toilets at the oval really need upgrading
accessibility and bubblers are a must at outdoor areas
Mcgrane oval has just received a \$900,000 grant. That should of been plenty of money to get the area to a high standard. We are already the laughing stock of the west, spent \$900,000 with little to show for it. Please don't piss another \$310, 000 up the wall. It may be nice to have a great facility, but the way council drives business out of town their will be no one left to use it.
Whilst in theory I do support the junior league facilities - not the grandstand, the oval has had a massive amount of money spent on it, put these funds into something more valuable long term for the community.

That should just about pull McGrane Oval up. Significant investment over all these grants
It is not only used by local people but also those towns that are competing in football or other sports. by upgrading it this shows a nicer and more welcoming grounds.
100% supportive and council should finish the job. The toilets are disgraceful. I wish there was more money for ladies change rooms.
The oval is already well equipped and the money could be better invested into cultural and social activities and investments
Gilgandra needs good sport amenities
More to Gilgandra then oval. You have spent other funding at ovals. When does then town get something. Waste of money
Are any on the sporting clubs putting any money in?
I think enough had been spend at the oval
bloody football takes the attention of Gilgandra Shire again.
I myself am not a football fan and my children do not participate in weekend sports
The Junior League amenities are well overdue for an update. Accessibility options for both the grandstand and amenities are a priority.
this area has alot of money spent on it already
Why is it always mcgrane oval
What about the crap canteen that the senior league use..if it wasn't for Peter Hazelton pop riveting it together regularly it would collapse.
Enough spent on sport already, not everyone plays sport.
The children definitely need access to fresh drinking water. Thanks
i dont play sport
The toilets need an upgrade.
spend money at the pool for a change it is run down . i hate taking my kids there. what about a splash pool for the toddlers who cant stand up in the little pool because its too deep for 18month olds
This area has already been lucky enough to receive funding for upgrading, the money could be better spent to upgrade another community area
Where are the Statistics for youth that use the current mcgrane oval to sup[port this amount of funding to be used? I as a parent believe that this money could be used better to support a WIDER cross section of youth rather than benefit thos eindividuals participating in local sport. Are the upgrades youth targeted or Council Targeted for shire promotion? Junior League? what about our swimming pool which everyone in town and who attends school uses at least once a year. This should be a safe, updated space for the whole community. Ie. the pool splash pad at Gulargambone. There is more to youth than footy and netball. very disappointing and narrow minded of what would appear to be an elitist council.
you have already spent far too much there
Playground area for children eg. The old equipment from the park.
Don't leave it half finished
Junior League & Netball facilities are overdue for a make-over as well as the grandstand area. Male and female toilets both need a refurbishment especially after all the work so far has been undertaken at the precinct.
While this is a worthy project, I feel that there has been quite a bit spent here already and Council may like to contribute more or allocate within it's planning rather than relying on grant funding that may be utilised elsewhere. I also question the elements that seem to be in here that have doubled up from the first round of grant funding - were Council over budget and could not complete all expected works? I question whether these elements are 'youth related' in its intention or just because of the word 'junior'.
Completing McGrane Oval is very important and should be Council's priority

Skate Park – Ranking 3

Project Name	Budget	Details	Cost
Skate Park cast-in-situ upgrade	\$100,000.00	Cast-in-situ skate park	
			<u>\$100,000.00</u>

Comments (46):

This could be used to hold events & competitions - bringing more visitors to town - win win for the town & the youths in town who would get to use facility on a daily basis.
More playground equipment maybe some water features. This area has attracted a lot of attention always seems to be families here. As well as visitors.
An area dedicated to younger (toddler/smaller children) would be great. Currently the young children want to play at the skate park but the bowl and ramps are too big
Our park needs to be a park not an entertainment centre
Yet again it gives kids and teenagers a place to be and I think that's important
Children love this space. There are so many children there every afternoon. Kids I'm sure feel appreciated when they are provided this kind of space. Families enjoy bringing their children there. Definitely should invest even more with an upgrade.
Yes but more bins must, MUST be places in and around the skate park and playground, also some signage asking to keep the area beautiful etc. Rubbish blowing around down there quiet Often.
Would be great to have a smaller kids area, alot of older kids do not have consideration for the little kids on scooters. Need more seating!
I never use the skate park
The skate park seems to be always in continuous use. An extension will be a valuable addition
Again, this is one of the few places for our youth to hang out after school, no fees, no discrimination, no pressure. It's promoting physical activity and giving them a space to be. Every afternoon or weekend I drive past there, it seems to be in use.
I think this could be really helpful for the clubs that already attend the library, as I use the library often enough I would find this as a really fun, exciting and a really nice place to hang out with people who enjoy the same things as you. I would say that recording music or making videos would be my favourite thing to do if this space could allow that. Having the software to do this on the computers already would be super neat and helpful to people who want to record, game or make (edit) youtube video!
Passing by the existing skate park i have seen evidience it already demonstrates use by local and visiting young people. Offering well kept Places to "play" while participating in physical activities are all beneficial to our future Gilgandra community The existing new childrens playground is a lovely compliment this area of the skate park zone. Vicinity of the local pool also encourages such development. The below design options would benifit from surveying the actual participants of the existing skate park. Rsther than myself ... who does not skate (:
Our skate park is fine the way it is! Stop spending money where it doesn't need it! Help your local small businesses, fixing roads and potentially bringing a annual weekend festival or something as such to bring money and people to the town! Having an event that lasted 2 hours the winter wonderland was a waste of money I believe! The amount you spent alone on that, you could have created an annual weekend festive event in town that went over the full two days!
I think outside activity for children and young adults is lacking and this is one way to provide physical activity for those that don't play competitive sport. It also provides a gathering place for young people.
The same as previous response.
Great idea
I just think that a skate park is an invitation to a bad element. A skate bowl is really bad as kids and adults with bad intentions can hide in it during the day and night. If you do go ahead with it, I would suggest you not light it up as that encourages them to use it long into the night. At least option 2 is more scooter based which means little kids can use it.

no because we need something for the adults like a council run Gym that is opened 7 days a week for everybody in the community
Inclusion of outdoor gym or equipment to make the space accessible/inclusive of more community members
OPTION 1
but the kids are full on there i take neices and nephews sometimes ,theyare frightened of bigs kids who take over
My family or I have never used this facility. It appear's to be well used and are happy to support this.
Don't Skate
Option 2 Can we please look at the landscaping around the area. I have young kids and the fence is inadequate to separate them from the access road. In addition the area between the skate park and the access road is Always covered in burs. Its these 1% things that need to be done just to finish the area off so it looks good from the highway. I am not suggestion grass but some crushed granite or something Could I also suggest a utility pole with charging points for phones, a drink station maybe even wifi.
It is important to upgrade the skate park so kids have a hang out point. i have 2 boys and they love going to the skate park but have said they wish it was more like dubbo skate park with the bigger ramps for jumps and a deeper bowl.
Skate park is crap and embarrassing when compared to other towns, loving option 2
I think enough has already been put into the skate park
Skate park is already skater apprved as adequate for what the kids do here, there are very few actual skateboarders, only scooters such. direct these funds to the pool. AND SHADE OVER THE PARK EQUIPMENT to facilitate year round use.
Gives youth something to do but needs cameras and better supervision
But make sure there is cameras . I have seen young people fighting there.
just get vandalised
How about installing a fence around the playground- which most of my friends and myself strongly suggested from your last development survey. My kids are too small to be using the skate park, and the park we have is good.
Skate park extension would be awesome! Both options look great. You may have biased the survey by labeling them scooter or skater though.
alot of youth use this equipment
100 k could be spent in a lot wiser manner especially when the skate park got upgraded not to many years ago
We have enough physical environment facilities for youth
Great for the youth of our community!
but there is too much fighting there
Oh yes. The hunter park space is one of the best in regional nsw. Many travellers stop and community members love this area. The skate park has brought many entertainment to our younger community and kept them busy, healthy and active. This project is of importance.
you need to get down there and see the kids punching on before you develop it further. i cant take my kids there they are too frighten of the big kids who bully the little kids
What is wrong with the current skate park? are you struggling for ideas on how to waste money? it is perfectly functional. How about spending money on surveilence so its not vandalized and our youth are safe.
but it must have cameras or supervision the kids bully each other
In recent years hunter Park has become a community hub. Upgrade's to the skate park would only enhance this
Over the school holidays just gone, I found a lot of kids and families to be utilising Hunter Park,not just the Skate area but the BBQ area and play equipment. Enhancing the skate portion of Hunter Park will entice more families to use the Park. Not only locals but travelers and visitors to the area. A better facility entices kids/ families to get outside and enjoy themselves.
I have responded 'yes' but is this in addition to the allocation from round 2 of this funding? I feel these are patch up jobs because of poor planning in the first instance.

CBD Activation – Ranking 4

Project Name	Budget	Details	Cost
CBD Activation	130,000	May include improvements in facilities in the CBD such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public meeting rooms - Private office space for public use - Consultation rooms for visiting professional services - New business and expansion incubation spaces - Pop up shops - Cultural activity space 	
			<u>\$130,000</u>

Comments (51):

Need something to go in the old target store.
Anything that we can do to bring more people into the main street would be good. The Northern end in particular needs assistance to get people in the area & shopping.
This takes away from our local business that have these facilities.
Waste of money get a community based store similar to target for essential supplies which can give youth employment and training.
hotdogs, popcorn,burger,drink stand please
Buildings such as the old Target building would make for a great space for pop up shops, if a number of businesses shared the rent this would also help.
Definitely need Council to assist with the CBD activation following Target closure
I'm not too sure what this is for, but it could be nice
Yes would be important to look at Tooraweenah CBD revitalisation too.
Provision of all of the above can only add vigor to the CBD of Gilgandra. In these rural economic times I think it is a great idea
As long as we do not double up creating venues we already have elsewhere as in consultation rooms in the hospital and then building some in the CBD.
Rethinking how the CBD is going to survive ... develop/ reform to move into future economic success in the current climate is worth examining and developing. Pricing of hire of such infrastructure for local opportunities may be a tricky point. Maybe rate payers (espcthose out of town) could be allowed a subsidy in venue hire to allow the community to encourage development of enteprenurial skills. Eg also links to youth work readiness mentioned earlier in the survey.
Why not put the public meeting rooms and public office space with the Library?
I did not support the employment of a Main Street activator to tell council what it's citizens already know, or what the economic development manager knows from attending a lot of conferences. I do however support growth in the Main Street, we do not want to end up like Gulargambone or Coonamble with lots of empty shop fronts. But we need improvement and space and incentives right now, not after more studies and analysis is done, then wait years for it to cone to fruition, that will be too late. Do it now! Be proactive, help businesses diversify and grow from what we have, then help new businesses, but it needs to be sooner rather than later.
Only if you think they will be utilised. It should be spent on things that will continue to bring people to town. We need to keep professional services in town otherwise we lose these to neighbouring towns.
Anything that you think will bring more people to support business especially in the CBD is brilliant
I think either outfitting the old Target shop with most of these, or even relocating the library to the Target shop would be great. If you move the library you could have the cultural activity space, office space, consultation rooms there and would increase visitors to the library.

Pop up shop no way keep them out of town so our other shops can survive
definitely
Yes. A rural hub/ hot desk space for workers who currently travel for work would be fantastic.
people who own the shops do a good job
I'll support anything that will increase people using the CBD. Spend the money wisely, these grants won't continue to keep coming. Use them in a way that will add long term benefit by ensuring existing business's continue to open their door's.
I think the money would be better spent in setting up a fund for no interest loans for start up businesses or new businesses to help keep the street alive. Paying a consultant to tell us what we as citizens of this town already know was a waste of money don't make it worse. Invest it in the people and businesses of this town.
This is needed due to the Target closure.
Yes but I think this needs to be a greater priority. We have lost over 20 jobs in the past month, the way things are going it will get worse before it gets better
A best and less where Target was would be handy or some sort of clothing store.
This is a great idea. Council must lead the way in changing the Main Street.
I can't see how you would need to spend that much. There are so many empty shops around, no-one seems to want to use them....
HECK YES. big support for cultural activities spaces. pop up shops and supporting small business
Money could be spent better. Another huge waste of money. Start to think of real use for town not your silly ideas. The town has enough of the above
Use the old Target building please?
Council will end up owning or renting the whole main St if this happens.bi think there are already plenty of rooms in town for this.
This sounds like areas that will benefit council themselves. Read my previous answers regarding business. I am very sad about the councils attitude toward small business in Gilgandra and lack of support for our farmers-they are also business owners who fund the majority of rates funding and get very little back. I feel the council has forgotten about the cash cows of the community- the farmers who are the ones that support our schools, shops and businesses.
There are empty shops which would remain un-utilised if Council were to offer these types of office spaces. People need to create their own work spaces to suit their own businesses. I do support the use of pop-up shops. I believe that pop-up shops create interest (fomo) in the community and these kinds of short-term events give people who have ideas for a business the opportunity to try them out. They can then decide to commit to taking on a business full-time or explore other options. It would also give artists the opportunity to curate a show once a year in the CBD. Cultural Activity Space - what is this? We need a create space with equipment community can use. Like the Men's Shed but for creatives in the community and include equipment like: printmaking press, artist easels, work tables, potters wheels and kiln, etc. This would provide a space for people to come together to create, socialize, work on projects. The Coonamble Ceramics Collective is an amazing example.
Definitely this would be exciting for everyone in the area
we already have existing buisnes houses with some of these facilitys
That's a lot of space. How about more bubblers around Cooee statue
Stop with spaces! space for this a space for that. Where will it end . A space for space sake?
Sounds like a lot of space... maybe focus more on what we can attract to the spaces.
Sort of ... pop up restaurant space in the old target building to host monthly dinners from visiting chefs/ restaurants.
To attract people to our CBD we need to be proactive if we are to survive.
mum likes the mural she reckons this stuff waste of money .i reckons the pool needs fixing
This has been discussed in the community. Very forward thinking of council.
isnt there enough empty shops now that could be used....
We have existing Spaces for public meeting facilities. less is more. Why have a space for public meetings- when the council doesn't hold any? Cultural activity space? please explain.

We have the information center which could use a little revitalization and promotion. What about Ralph Nadens cultural Centre? Pop Up shops? How about encouraging permanent business and support for existing businesses so they can extend and promote themselves? Visiting Professional Services. I have already heard about an existing professional service who wants to open a 'hub' to collaborate with other services and the process have been held back by council. word spreads.

There's a large empty building there now

If Gil is to compete with our neighbours we must be on the front foot in regard to promotion/activation of the CBD

Most definitely. The main street needs a boost now that Target has gone. The opportunities to the activation are endless.

I would like to see what exactly would be involved with this and the future benefits and expected outcomes to our community. In real terms - visitation, population, job opportunities, etc. I would also hope to see local businesses and community members part of this process, not external contractors - whether in planning or construction phases.

What exactly is this? Please explain!....Pauline

I support what ever Council can do to create vibrancy in the may street. Council you are doing a good job!

Work Readiness Programs – Ranking 5

Project Name	Budget	Details	Cost
Work Readiness Programs	\$30,000	May include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technology requirements - Skills training - Grants - Mentoring 	
			<u>\$30,000</u>

Comments (40):

This should be available to all youth not just minorities
Young people need all the help they can get.
Yeah, this would be nice for business trying to start up
This can be accessed through State Govt programs and services
Absolutely essential to assist young people to be work eady to sustain a healthy and ecconomically strong community let alone the whider whole of our country.
Young people are the future of this community, if we don't t give them skills and support to stay in jobs and business in this town they will leave. A large number of business owners in town are older and we need to support transition if businesses in town to younger people to help keep the town going.
Just make sure you get success from this program, otherwise don't bother. It has to be run in a way that will help the community prosper.
Should go towards on the job training
the work readiness skills would be ideal. Teach them how to answer a phone properly and politely, how to dress (no low cut tops or thongs) appropriately for the job they are doing, how to operate business machines like photocopiers, fax etc. Mock interviews, shaking hands, eye contact etc
Get some skills based training happening in conjunction with TAFE
Job link services and Tafe already provide these.
Also could work with School of Rural Health in running the Health Careers Academy locally. (careers/experience days in healthcare for school aged kids)
WORK READINESS SKILLS AND TRAINING TO ASSIST WITH BASIC LIFE SKILLS AND WORK SKILLS
more infor pleaase
Not sure about this program. If you really think it will make a difference thats good and am happy to support it, otherwise throw the money at the library where I think it can have add a long term benefit to the town.
I would also include existing businesses that want to undertake a program that assist to achieve the goals that the Council settle on.
we need more small businesses in town
i think everyone deserves the opportunity to learn to read.
Should be the responsibility of state government not the rate payers.
YES YES YES more money and services should be directed at this especially online small business as in town employment opportunities are limited - helping people create their own KEEPS THEM IN TOWN and thus supports other business in town too
Need to help current business and anyone who wants to start a business
But ready for what. Create a small business to employ.
we have places in town for job training and advice
Shouldn't this be through the department of education? Small business start ups are always positive but where are the appropriate shops? they are all out dated, over priced for rent and I doubt they are up to any sort of standard or condition that would meet regulations.

I think Council should continue to offer traineeships to local youth. There are also opportunities to employ student volunteers at Council operated facilities such as the Cooee Heritage Centre, the library (working to supervise the youth programs), Service NSW counter, Meals on Wheels, etc. This will give them skills they can use on their resume, for scholarships, applications for university, etc. I think if we are offering youth programs we need to look at youth who are struggling, getting them back into school and finishing their education. Look at programs like Back Track https://backtrack.org.au/ They have improved juvenile crime rate by 30% in their community (the rest of NSW have increased this crime rate by 13%).
it would be good to see more in agriculture as we are an ag town
More information?
They'd be broke in the first week if council has anything to do with it
Any assistance for youth to gain employment self or otherwise is very valuable.
Anything to assist with making people more employable.
i really want a job but im doing tafe in dubbo , mum drives me there
Oh yes. Well done council.
too vague to comment on
This is a great idea to encourage more young members of the community enter the workforce and be more involved in the community.
How about supporting the existing businesses and those professionals who are trying to open businesses in Gilgandra which support our current shire? Making it easier to move through councils antiquated processes? What about better utilizing and supporting our current job search networks and schools? perhaps funding more apprenticeships on council?
Bit hard to imagine at the moment seeing we are still in drought
joblink and sureway TAFE offers courses? the Aboriginal support worker Robbie Olsen at TAFE is open to any courses the community feels needed. Has council consulted TAFE?
Particularly work readiness, white,green cards etc
As part of work readiness program a Driver Training program should be taken into consideration. Our kids in Gilgandra can be hampered by the lack of family members who can teach driving and also have access to a vehicle. If they are seeking employment out of town EG: working on a farm or having to commute, the chance of finding or even retaining work is virtually impossible. Not sure how this could be run or cost involved.
I would have liked more detail on what these would entail prior to answering. Have the youth been asked what they would like to spend this amount on?

The survey then asked an open-ended question 'Are you interested in the Small Business Start-Up Program either as a young potential business owner (aged 18-24) or are in a business or an entrepreneur and would be interested in mentoring?'

it would be helpful
I would be interested to find out more of what is needed to progress such idead further in our community. Could this be provided say to the local Library/liz for wider distribution of awareness and community participation??
Are U serious! This shire tuffs everything up. If I knew someone who wanted to do this I sure wouldn't get the council involved to stuff it right up for them
i tried-could nt get money to to this the bank would loan it to me
Yes but i am out of the age range.
They are too young the should be mentored.
Have U been to a bank lately to get a loan to start up a new business. It's not happening. They wouldn't loan money to an 18-24 yr old in a fit. You're kidding yourself.
..if i wanted to start a business i wouldnt involve the council . they would stuff it up
Yes. But why bother. The current council are not interested in developing exisiting businesses let alone start ups- thumbs down

Electronic Signage – Ranking 6

Project Name	Budget	Details	Cost
Electronic Signage	\$75,000	2 x Newell Highway Entrances	
			<u>\$75,000</u>

Comments (44):

The more we can inform people what is available in our town the more likely they are to visit.
Spend money and give windmill walk grass areas all the way along with gardens .more tourism apeal then signage
This is a great idea if the messages are put on with plenty of notice e.g. at least 3 weeks prior to the event. Currently, council doesn't seem to advertise most of the community activities that they have organised
This will keep travellers and locals up to date with community events.
I can see these being good for the town
Who will maintain the messaging?
A lot of people pass through Gilgandra. It would make a great impression of our town and provide an opportunity to communicate short messages that promote our town.
As nice town sign is more than acceptable. This would then allow further signs with directions to facilities for RV's and caravans. The cost of electronic sign boards is excessive for their purpose. There should be more focus on signs to encourage RV's and caravans to come into town.
They need to be lit around also to prevent and deter vandals!!!
Easy to change and quick
I would have preferred an "I don't know" box
How much of any significance do we actually have to put on there? How many additional visitors to town events is this likely to procure?
Yes, but not on the town entry points. I would put one in the Main Street near the main plaza, and the other would go well near the visitors center. I see that it would be used as much for our local people as visitors, maybe even more. Dunedoo has theirs in the middle of the Main Street which is a perfect location, somewhere it can be seen by people walking past as well.
This would allow rapid up date change to signage. Scrolling signs. Visible at night. Back lit i assume. Possibly would draw tourists further into our CBD and tourist attractions? However current printed/hand painted signs etc are also currently effective. These types of signs seem to have more community involvement and responsibitiy from those responsible for activities to keep up to date/take down. So if sonething had to be forfeited from the proposal i would ponder holding this one back to a future time?
Total waste of money. One feature like when you come into dubbo is so much better than a light board!
Why couldn't you spend money from this grant on tourism in the town. We just saw the positive talk around with the central stores mural which was done for \$5000. Couldn't more of this be done or maybe information boards along windmill walk to give tourists something to do. People are constantly travelling through, we just need to have a reason for them to stay. Free camping at the information centre would be a great idea, you're missing a big market to neighbouring shires. Statistics tell you if you don't have these facilities they don't stop.
They see the sign and keep driving waste of money . It would be better spent on something that would encourage people to stop in town
Make the electronic part huge. On the two examples its basically half and half and while im sure you like having your shire advertised, when you are driving 50km an hour you have no time to squint to see the writing on the board. The one in the Dubbo park is a good example of size. I know Coonamble has one in its sportsground and you cannot read what is displayed there.
not sure. who is going to manage these
Prefer Goondiwindi style

its gotta be for all people to put signs up
You drive past these in a flash, it doesn't get you to stop. It would be far better spent on notice / information boards along windmill walk, or on a information screen in the visitors information centre showing whats in the local area. This would have a bigger impact in getting people to come and stay.
Total Waste of Money!
Should cover all highway entry points & have at least 2 more
All good, these seem to work well in other places. Maybe a thing on your website where community groups can log their event and message so Councils is not responsible for chasing the info details.
looks good and inviting
I think there are other things that would have a higher priority than putting up another sign to distract motorists.
YES. please as above consider sourcing through signmakers who have lived locally (solid signs, signorama and aztec signs)
Finally a project to promote the town and assist visitors
Yes please
Sounds great. The ones at the schools look great- not sure how this will entice people to stop in Gilgandra
They look like school announcement boards - care would need to be taken around branding etc to ensure it does not look like a school notice board. I like that you can change the information.
hopefully we get more functions to utilise these signage
And a few bubblers you could put the rising sun there to
It will look like vegas.i love it .
Ugly and commercial looking but essential to be able to communicate relevant messages to visitors to town.
as long as everyone in the community could use it. inc the business sector who you are trying to save!
These signs are difficult to read when passing in a vehicle. This would be particularly a problem for the aged and elderly that makes up a majority of our town.
Yes. But what does Gilgandra have to offer anymore? you don't encourage existing businesses to flourish or for new opportunities for activities. it would be a stark notice board
great idea
Provided they are managed/updated on a regular basis. Who pays for this?
Great idea but would have to align with what the theme of Gilgandra is and where we are heading.. Council's new Live Enjoy Grow tagline. Vibrant!
I think that there is also a potential for interactive touchscreens at the visitors centre and a community noticeboard in the CBD plaza area which may have more of an impact onto businesses, community groups and events.
Modernizing our signage and approaches to town is great. The current signage tells the wrong message about Gilgandra. The current signs certainly don't present the community well nor are they inviting people to want to stop.

Rising Sun – Ranking 7

Project Name	Budget	Details	Cost
Rising Sun	\$30,000	Structural engineering, design, lighting and signage	
			<u>\$30,000</u>

Comments (46):

But this seems an extraordinary amount of money for the installation.
This would give us a point of interest along with the statue in the plaza for people to visit & could be a potential reason to put us on the map.
Because I fail to see how it will benefit people. I see that its pretty and all but really what does that do for the people who need help.
More planning needs to be done as this structure will require shelter to protect it from the elements. By placing it in this spot will, in my opinion, be an eyesore rather than an attraction.
The snap decision by the elected council to purchase this rising sun is turning out to be very expensive. If the community want this then they should fundraise.
It is just so big and overpowering.
I think this town needs something that will want travellers to visit here. Council should look into putting artistic paintings on walls, silos etc or even something that represents the history of our town such as cooe hall of fame or erect huge windmills along the river bank after all we are the town of the windmills. I know the museum has one but a whole line of them would look great. Plenty of other Australian towns have their own icon such as the big banana in Coffs Harbour, the golden guitar at Tamworth and so on. Imagine driving into town and seeing huge windmills lining the riverbank and silos maybe painted with the diggers from the cooe march. In my opinion we need to do something for this town as it is very dead looking and boring for visitors to this town.
Remembrance of the fallen and those that do and have served is important. Please make sure the Rising sun badge is lit in two ways. 1-For security, eg two large spot lights lighting it and the surrounds 2- from below and the sides for artistic purposes to enhance it. Perhaps some lighting from behind shining through. That would look amazing as it is the Rising Sun!
Looks out of place
Nice part of the cooe part of gilgandra
I would rather the money be spent on creating a weatherproof outdoor sculpture.
While I like the rising sun I believe the image provided does not do it justice and unfortunately it sticks out like a sore thumb. I may find another option far more acceptable. I do like the fact that you have provided this image
I can't see any significant benefit for anybody in this proposal.
One question. Is it positioned in the best place that might expose it to a greater percentage of people passing through town/highway over the bridge?? It is quite impressive in its own right. As well as its symbolic purpose. I do not know how that would effect the layout with regards to the existing war memorial and surrounds.
I think \$30,000 would be better spent elsewhere. We have a lovely war memorial, I don't think this would add anything of value or beauty to it.
Your stuck with it now, put it there where it will be seen.
Great idea. Perfect spot to encourage people to stop and hopefully they may make the most of what businesses are left.
While this is great I think you should consider a change of location. There is little to no parking there and it's hard to get to for accessible people (wheelchair, prams, bad knees etc) Relocate in the park would be ideal.
The structure would be worth more than the rising sun. Put it at the visitors centre
I would like to see this go ahead. I think the location is spot on. Any excuse to get people to stop, get out of their car at the start of the main street is a great idea and has the potential to stop the main street ending up like Gular.

Old Crap
It is not worthwhile to put money into this.
Total waste of money. There would also be ongoing costs to Council for this structure - maintenance, repairs, etc. Should never have purchased in the first place. It looks tacky - a sculpture like the one in the main street & the Tooraweenah viewing platform would fit the landscape better.
It just looks wrong there. That area has a real nature based experience starting to emerge since Council did the work. This will total dominate the area and take away from all the other improvements. Also if the aim is to have it as a thing people can look at or get their photo with. That location looks to have accessibility issues. It would obviously need a DA and how would this location go when considering the accessibility regulations. I think one idea that has not been considered is to lay it down and kind of embed it in the bank. Obviously concreted and landscaped but I think it would add a backdrop then as apposed to this giant think on the riverbank
supports our fallen soldiers who went to war fighting for Australia
Council make sure it's done well! It'll look crap otherwise.
absolutely, this is lovely and ties in nicely to keeping the cooee spirit alive. there are several sign makers in dubbo who have istory with teh gilgandra area - locky naef, solid signs, luke lyons - signorama and chris newby aztec signs. i suggest involving these local lads if we can.
But 30000 a bit steep for just putting up. Should be put at sound dome near info centre for not much cost
Why should council fund this? Mens shed, RSL and Sevices Club to support this as it was never in any council budget.
We are home of the Cooee's and I do believe the Mens shed painted this up. These men should be supported by the council- why not use the money to start up a program between the mens shed and youth?
This installation should be renamed The Permanent Drain on Public Monies. I don't think that this reflects our community in any way, shape or form. It is an eyesore.
Get on with it!
we need to do this because the next big wind storm it most likly blow away and it would look good there
A 6x4 trailer would do the job drag t around the district like u already do.
looks good
Absolutely not. Enough war memorials! move forward Gilgandra. We need vibrant new public art, not more historical memorials. If you want to do history at least make it new modern interpretations. We need to engage and attract young people to this town.
Having a military background myself I love the rising sun!
i had family in world war 2 and i think this is great
\$30,000 towards something that is reflective of community history, community based groups and town is something i will always support but how is this project directed towards youth? is it youth directed?
Looks great , stay on budget
Surveillance cameras would be needed to keep disrespecting people away
I think there is a capacity within the community to fund and undertake such a project.
I agree the structure could be placed somewhere in Gilgandra but don't agree the hill is the place. Ongoing maintenance, cost involved, decay due to outside elements and now that the mural is on the wall adjacent to where the installation may go I think they are two different vibes going out. They are two huge elements now that will be placed in the Main Street? Overkill??
Incredible waste of rate payers money. The sentiment may have been there, but to appropriately commemorate the military history, this should have been part of planning - not an impulse purchase - and if such a structure was so desired then it should be fit for purpose not something that was not built to withstand the elements in an external setting.
\$300k - you must be joking!
As long as it is not more than \$30,000 and is not located over the war memorial. As I would see this as belittling intention of the war memorial.

Other Ideas & Comments

Other ideas that came out of the survey to potentially be considered for future budgets, include:

Lighting and under cover seating in plaza and main Street area, as well as undercover seating in hunter park.
Shade areas at Cooee Lodge (eg quad area) for residents.
Would love to see a dog park locals and visitors alike love their pooches. How about a week of golf and bowls for the grey nomads. With lay days during the week taking the visitors to attractions around our shire .
1. Upgrade the pumping equipment at the swimming pool 2. Murals on both sides of the Warren Rd/railway silos. On the western side (coming in from Warren) it could be a "historical" mural depicting the Cooee March leaving Gil. On the eastern side it could be a series of murals depicting cricketers playing both senior and junior matches
Windmill walk beautification, spraying of kahrki weed.
Community garden
Preschool bus More youth workers
More staff for Cooee Heritage Centre
The Windmill walk between the Heritage Centre and the CBD in its present state is a disgrace, as you enter our town this could be a very welcoming track and could bring travellers either from the Heritage Centre to the CBD. More work needs to be done to beautify this strip. It wouldn't take much to paint the existing Windmills in bright colours to catch peoples eye.
Fix the windmills on the way to the visitors centre Indoor sports facility and pool
bring more businesses to Gilgandra
Kids archade. Children have nothing fun to do in Gilgandra, they go to Dubbo to the movies, bowling etc. The park is a great feature, but something for the older kids would be great, get them off the streets. I honestly think it would be geat!
Yes silo art and murals throughout the town
I have not identified any but I do think that new weights equipment and extra fitness gear should be included in some kind of funding to support health and fitness in all age groups.
Keeping preschool and school age students in the town ie attending the local schools instead of going elsewhere.
Yes, Electric cars are coming, they are the future and with them will come visitorsto our beautiful Small town. The EV car company Tesla offer they call Destination chargers. These cost nothing but install and electricity. These attack those car owners to stay and charge, whilst they charge they visit and spend money. Cowra has already, years ago gotten on board with this and has two free destination chargers.
No, this is a good list
Support the process with Tooraweenah Show Society for new toilets and showers to Tooraweenah Showground. Outdoor fitness equipment on windmill walk.
Free pool entry to encourage use of the pool while operating.
Ideas ... Workshops within the arts eg Visual Arts Drama Music Eg Community interconnection for stonger growth.
Library upgrades and extensions. More activities for teenagers.
A bigger space for family history and local history in the local library
our local roads!!!!
Council needs to consider how to tighten their own belts before looking to raise rates and hit up businesses already doing it tough. The feeling I get when talking to other residents is what I also feel, that council has too many admin and mangers and waste a lot on unnecessary studies and consultants. We no longer have the RMS contracts to keep shire depot staff busy and it hasn't rained so it's not possible to do much grading and maintenance, yet we have not seen council cut back on jobs, meaning that staff then get lazy and take longer to do jobs that previously they would have raced through to get to the next job in busy times. Make positions incentive based, for both managers and frontline staff, that way they will work harder for you.
Tourism opportunities

Free camping, encourage it. Get people to stay in town. All you hear about is how council is driving business out of town which is making people leave.
The toilets at McGrane oval are so old. They really need to be upgraded
Castlereagh river cleanup and cultural use as well as public spaces to attract visitors to the community
holiday activities for kids of all ages. Appropriate for the age and have other services around town participate, not just council
Leave the shopkeepers alone, they've survived this long without council you will only stuff it up for them. The mural privately go fund me is great. Don't need council to get things done
a fully run Gym that can be utilised by the whole community and tourists travelling through and maybe exercise points on walking trails around the town.
Rural road sealing
Free camping alongside heritage centre. Information/ history boards along windmill walk. Information screen's in visitor's information centre. Promote people to stay.
Driving Simulator, I want to learn to drive and my parents don't have the time to teach me.
1. Paths on the windmill walk & Chelmsford avenue to be converted to concrete which is much more user friendly. 2. - Indoor sports facility - incl basketball, netball courts, gym, meeting rooms, new town pool 3. Parkrun
I would like to see the walking track finished off. Its kind of there but with a little bit of work I think it could be a circuit around the town. I would also like to see a program to clean the fences up along Len Kelly Drive. Its the main entrance to the IGA carpark and its just a mess. I know they are private property but maybe Council could design it and come up with a solution and then maybe the owners pay a small amount. It might even be a cool art project that covers the ugly fences I would also like to see a coordinated scheme to assist business paint and sign write their facades. With all these projects to activate the street or whatever you call it, there just needs to be a focus on making the building look really good because that will help get people enthusiastic about being in the street. Some of the buildings look like Stevie Wonder picked the colors and Helen Keller did the sign writing.
new basketball courts to host more competitions new rings and backboards. New gaming arcade
Better basketball court
a better basketball area
hot heated pool
a return and earn machine
I would like to see all the footpaths around town have an upgrade.
New "Welcome to Gilgandra" signage, something that also promotes the Wiradjuri country on which we live on part of it.
The upgrade of the swimming pool ie indoor heated 25 m all year round
The town needs a water park. Closed in swimming pool. Ice skating ring it doesn't need to be permit just a couple of weeks. Upgrade the council office it looks like a house
The project of getting mor businesses to town to help with unemployment and so that not as many people have to drive to Dubbo each day for work therefore taking their money to Dubbo
Yes. the pool needs to be kept as an essential service to the community CULTURAL SPACE in main street - similar to "The Hub" in Coonamble that supports small business by having everyone in together, helping one another out, with space for workshops, meetings and socialising. ideally buy target and combine this, library in half and creative makers space and store on the southern side with the dock.
Bar the first two projects the rest are a complete was of money and you need to forget the others and try again. Disappointed you are wasting this money in such a way
Armatree village beautification
More works in Armatree
Would council take any notice of anyone but themselves?
previosuly answered
The Swimming Pool/Gym/Youth Centre - it has already been identified. After-school care/vacation care Organics recycling program Dog Park Community Creative Makers Space

Siloart on existing silos - thought at one stage it was proposed and approved to proceed
Providing visitor information in or close to the CBD.
more ag projects for youth
Take a look at new mural. It's great council had nothing to do with it. Every project council does the budget blows out..how many more gzillions are U gonna spend mcgrane oval. Serious
Council takes no notice if community do what's the point
Road upgrades within the town precinct
Miller Street murals, lots of them. Decent seating and tables in Miller Street. More free camping. Cafe at visitors centre. Pathway from caravan park over bridge to join river walkway.
A heated pool and upgraded gym with longer hours. Park run. Youth mentoring other than small business maybe big bother/big sister program.
Open air market space under open sheds near railway for carboot sales and markets.
A Hub in the old Target building to host several needed businesses in Gilgandra!
mum says this stuff is shit you should ask people
Upgrade of Gilgandra Swimming Pool and facilities.
fix the pool now! dont wait for the muitl purpose thing it probwill never happen. the pool is a dump-youth use it, fix it up
No money is being allocated to the youth center? Instead of bringing in unnecessary projects into action and wasting the money, why not better our services we already offer? More events for children should be run and more advertising should be shown around town so people know they are actually happening! Youth are also able to access the Gilgandra Fitness Centre, yet minimal funding goes towards that. Some members of the community are unaware it even exists due to the lack of advertising or promotions. Youth should be encouraged to develop healthy habits early in their lives so they can be more active in the community and not live sedentary lifestyles.
It appears that council have not looked past their own ideas of how to prosper from the funding. Definately not community needs based. Disappointed.
Lighting along the river walkway right up to the information centre
Further encouragement for business houses and absentee landlords to spruce up shopfronts, eg Harold Cox
Do something with the vacant building in the IGA carpark.
I would like to see an update of the Community Strategic Plan and Long Term Financial Plans as it seems many of these projects are being realised through grant funding. Has the community been asked 'what else' so plans can be made ahead of grants coming out?
Not at this stage.
Look at helping new business get started in Gil with a new business hub or some sort of incubation project. Loving what I'm hearing about inland rail and getting our community ready! Well done Council
These projects are good
1) Extend the 'the windmill walk' to fun run capacity i.e. 5/10 km, preferably alongside the river without any vehicle crossings. Future events could include weekly running events such as 'Parkrun' and/or Annual 'Gilgandra 10000' i.e. 10 km event.
2) Hire a running coach to attend all schools during a term.
3) Remove overhead wiring in CBD.
4) Install an arch over Miller St with a "Gilgandra welcome" sign.
5) The 3 highway entrances to Gilgandra are littered with an extraneous amount of fragmented aluminium cans and broken bottles. This requires a thorough cleanup.
6) Investigate a product that can be produced from local grains. Offer an expression of interest to establish a manufacturing facility with council incentives.

7) A walkway over the river near the visitor centre.

8) I am not sure if anyone has noticed that the Shell truck/service station driveway is riddled with potholes. Why this is continuing doesn't do justice to the town considering the consistent/large vehicle patronage.

9) Extend pathway along Miller St northwards.

10) Consider a professional runners event e.g. similar to Stawell Gift.

Other general comments:

What will be happening to the old target store.
Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to this survey
Why isn't money being spent on beautification of town not just McGraw oval its not on the way in
At a time when all businesses are struggling and having to live within their means, gilgandra council is still throwing money around at stupid projects with ridiculous price tags! All the while increasing rates putting financial pressure on already struggling businesses!! And don't get me started on the condition of roads in the shire!!
Thanks for your effort and care for this town.
how about reducing the rates for the struggling farmers show some compassion. doesn't really seem fair that with all this funding and the council still increase the rates
The number of students going to boarding school or to school in Dubbo is very high. Parents who then travel to these communities will spend money elsewhere. The numbers at Gilgandra High have fallen dramatically. Can council find out why parents are choosing to send their children elsewhere?
Thanks for putting this survey together, I hope all responses are viewed and tabulated into a small report for all to see.
No, it was very good
I think town needs water restrictions. Ground water is not an unlimited resource and drilling new bores is nor a sustainable solution in this continuing drought.
The word on the street is that council is to hard to deal with, which is restricting new businesses starting up in Gilgandra. You could of had camels truck repairs and Castlereagh cabinets both in town but council regulations drove them out, there are plenty of other examples of ones that gave up or started up elsewhere. You need leaders that will get behind and support business in the council, not look to make it hard for them. We need a leader that will bring good work ethic and morale back to town. There are too many council employees that have no job satisfaction, this needs changing. Times are tough at the moment due to ongoing dry conditions,savings need to be made. A council of our size has to many upper management jobs, where not state government. We only have limited income. You need to simplify your management, maybe get the leader to take on more work, anything to reduce costs. I think the way council is run at the moment is not sustainable, you will either break ratepayers or will be forced to amalgamate.
To support growth, don't drive it away or leave it up to private business get out and encourage it. Think about joining other Shire's to reduce costs, we currently have the dearest rates around and your only way of sustainability is increasing rates. Tender out all leadership positions in council encouraging quality leadership that will put Gilgandra first, it will incentives them to earn their position instead of taking it for granted.
I do not think council staff have the skills to help business survive.since when did the staff ever make their living from running a business . never.
It would be good for the town.
Look after the rural rate payers for a change and things they need. Like better roadsp
Separate locations for youth and homelessness
what about youthie? theres nothin here for them
Don't make Gilgandra the laughing stock of the west by not using this grant in a way that will add long term benefit to the district. Its time to act now to keep the CBD going. Don't wait until the CBD looks like Gular and then act upon it. Its brilliant you have this grant use it in a manner that enable the CBD to thrive.
Well done Council!
I think Council needs to look at a way to do rates subsidies or push government to fund it. I know things have been tried but its will take some pressure off people and maybe 20% of it can be given on those Coo-ee Cards. So Pay your rates and get 80% back in cash and 20% back in a card so that way it goes back into the businesses. I think people still need cash to pay some debts or buy feed and water. Maybe Council could look at a scheme where people can foward pay rates and get a discount. That would be mean they are in credit for times like this. Council could invest that money and look a creating a dividend that focuses on

rural roads. I pay my bills in credit, its no different but this way when the big ratepayers have a good year there is a program that means there is an incentive to get ahead for when times like this return
Gilgandra shire is spending grant funding on projects for around our town, it will be great when they're completed and be good for our town, but remember the rural landholders of our town is still in serious drought and stress, is it appropriate to be now flirting these improvements around when there are residents still on hard times. Thanks
The shire hall needs to be upgraded or rebuilt. It's a Poor reflection on our town particularly when visitors joke about how crappy it is. Council also needs a new pool. Thank you to the Council for encouraging the communities opinions.
I appreciate all the work Council do. Perhaps help some business people to open a new shop similar to Target?
Put a water slide/diving board in the pool
Federal/state drought funding could be directly used to subsidise rural land rates.
Stop wasting money on unnecessary things like lights on buildings and sporting grounds that only get used by the minority and look at the bigger picture. Business leaving town money leaving town people leaving town but council has done nothing to help which includes increasing rates again but nothing of substance to show from it
keep up the good work. winter wonderland was a great event, so many people came and the shops were alive with activity and smiles on faces.
So disappointed in what you are spending it on. Thought you would do better
How much money was spend in Tooraweenah in the last round of funding including drought funding? How much money is council spending in maintance in Tooraweenah each year?
I am concerned that infrastructure considerations always get preference over Activites and programs arts, festivals, etc
lots of concerns.
start listening to the community and stop thinking about making Gilgandra look good- it needs to be functional for the community
Results of survey are made public - actual number of people completing survey and not at a percentage
Youth not getting much. I in tractor tonite doin this. Bring back forty foxskin boutny
This list looks like council put it together. No youth input .did u ask them
You're all doing a fabulous job in economic development and growth. I'm excited to see the future direction of our special town.
We are extremely fortunate to have a very proactive council in Gilgandra.
music fest
Keep up the great work and forward direction. Well done.
fix the pool.
Very disappointed and this survey is very misl;eading as it does not provide specifics of how this money is being spent. You are only giving options according to those who have say on council not representative of communities cross section.
Mcgrane oval has had its fill. I library will not fit all the additional youth activities. We have a Youth club, put it there
The winter wonderland was good, Main Street closure to traffic would have been ideal Repair the light at the foot of the cooee sculpture Some bins alongside the new bbq facilities in the park A water gun park at the swimming pool
How is Council prioritising the completion of the various projects that it has under the grants it has received?
Thank you for allowing us to make comment on these projects, I hope that these comments will be taken into account and not projects not just forged ahead regardless of what community has to say. It is great to see so many projects in progress or being completed, this is a real testament - where these projects would have otherwise come out of Councils Long term financial plans, are there ways to utilise these savings in areas that are of concern to the community where they are not eligible under this grant funding eg rates or business support. I think freedom camping should still be looked at also. I hope council are thinking of the big picture with the amount of money that is around at the moment. Also, i would hate to see Gil

miss out on the Indoor sports centre because of lack of foresight. Its a big ticket one for our town

When we list the options first (if you agree), can we give a bit more details. We all know what's happened at McGrane Oval for example but I doubt the average person in CWA would know what has been done.

Council needs to keep lobbying for rate subsidies to help our drought impacted community.

Gr8 fur babies. shit realy who thort of this??M<

Great to see Council delivery value for money with these SCCF projects
