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One in three Australian homes contains asbestos.

Homes built or renovated before the mid 1980s most likely contain one or more asbestos products.

It isn't just old fibro wall panels that are dangerous, it could be anywhere.

Floor carpets, linoleum and vinyl tiles, window wall and floor tiles, cement floors, ceilings, eaves, garages, roofs, around hot water pipes, fences, extensions, outdoor toilets, backyards and farm sheds, chook sheds and even dog kennels could contain asbestos.

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The Asbestos Diseases Research Institute and the Asbestos Education Committee along with The Gilgandra Shire Council are urging residents to 'stop playing renovation roulette' in order to prevent asbestos-related disease.

In 1989 preventive measures were taken to phase asbestos out of use and complete ban was introduced in December 2003. The number of people diagnosed with asbestos-related diseases keeps rising in part because most Australian's are unaware that asbestos, while banned, is still present in homes.

Also symptoms of asbestos-related disease don't usually present until 20 to 30 years after the first exposure and multiple exposures

increase the risk. When an asbestos material is disturbed it releases extremely fine dust particles of asbestos fibres.

Breathing in these fibres can cause asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma, an incurable cancer in the lining of the lung. This means that 'do it yourself' renovators can put themselves and their families at risk by not removing asbestos safely and legally.

Asbestos must be removed by a licensed professional and disposed of at special landfill sites. Studies show that undisturbed asbestos products do not pose a significant health risk if they are kept in good condition. However they should be checked regularly for any signs of deterioration.

Australian's often renovate existing homes and asbestos is hard to detect by looking at the building materials. "Before commencing any home maintenance or renovation work, homeowners and renovators, particularly young couples and first home buyers excited about renovating their home, need to visit asbestosawareness.com.au to learn where asbestos might be and how best to manage it, said Peter Dunphy, Chair of the Asbestos Education Committee.

During Asbestos Awareness month the Gilgandra Shire Council encourages residents to hold a Blue Lamington Drive in order to raise awareness and funds for the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute.



Gilgandra Shire Council
meeting community needs

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All correspondence to:
The General Manager, P A Mann,
PO Box 23, Gilgandra 2827

PUBLIC NOTICE – PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PER SECTION 418 (3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, Gilgandra Shire Council advises that the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 20/11/13 will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the financial year ending 30/6/2013.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below:

	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000
Income Statement		
Total Income from Continuing Operations	23,872	23,364
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	23,973	26,485
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	(101)	(3,121)
Net Operating Result for the year	(101)	(3,121)
Net Operating Result before Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	(591)	(3,675)
Statement of Financial Position		
Total Current Assets	14,339	10,927
Total Current Liabilities	(13,892)	(13,824)
Total Non Current Assets	344,016	334,610
Total Non Current Liabilities	(2,993)	(1,639)
Total Equity	341,470	330,174
Other Financial Information		
Current Ratio	1.03 : 1	0.79 : 1
Unrestricted Ratio	3.35 : 1	2.17 : 1
Debt Service Ratio (%)	3.4%	2.6%
Rates Coverage Ratio (%)	18.2%	17.5%
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio (%)	7.4%	6.6%
Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio (%)	55.5%	39.3%

In accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act, 1993, any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports.

Copies of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected at:

Internet: www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au
Locations: Council Offices
Government Access Centre

Submissions close one week after the above Public Meeting has been held.

REVIEW OF DELIVERY PROGRAM 2013/14 – 2016/17 TO INCLUDE IMPACT OF PROPOSED SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

Council has reviewed its Delivery Program for the remainder of this term of council to include the impact of the Special Rate Variation should council's application for IPART be successful.

The Delivery Program is on public exhibition from Tuesday, November 26, 2013 to Monday, January 6, 2014. The document is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from council's website www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

Copies will also be available for viewing at the following locations:

- Government Access Centre 20 Miller Street Gilgandra
- Gilgandra Shire Library, Warren Road Gilgandra
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Written submissions addressed to The General Manager can be made to council up to 5pm on Monday, January 6, 2014. Submissions can be hand delivered to council's Administration office in Warren Road or forwarded via email or post to:

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – BRIDGE STREET BETWEEN MILLER STREET AND LOWER CASTLEREAGH STREET

Bridge Street between Miller Street and Lower Castlereagh Street will be temporarily closed for the official opening of Mitre 10 Store.

Temporary Closure Details: Saturday, December 7, 2013 - 8am until 3pm
Access to the rear of the shops in Miller Street (Castlereagh River Side) will be via Court Street and Lower Castlereagh Street.

AERO PARK RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION STAGE 1 RELEASE

Gilgandra Shire Council is pleased to advise the release of Stage One of the Aeropark Residential Subdivision. The five lots are listed with local real estate agents and will be available for purchase as of Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Please direct your enquiries regarding a purchase to either:

MH Thomas
31 Miller St, Gilgandra NSW 2827
Phone: (02) 6847 2489
realestate@mhthomas.com.au
www.mhthomas.com.au

Tower and General Trading as Gilgandra Real Estate
4/44 Miller Street, Gilgandra NSW 2827
Phone: (02) 6847 0990
Gilreal8@bigpond.net.au
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A sales plan is available at www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Council invites applications for the following employment opportunities:

Orana Lifestyle Directions, a division of council invites applications for the following employment opportunity:

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKER
Permanent Part Time (GRADE TWO)
Minimum 20 hours/week to a Maximum 35 Hours
Closing Date: November 29, 2013 – 5pm
Salary Range: \$20.35/hr - \$22.71/hr
All other conditions of employment as per relevant Award.

Further information, a copy of the position description and an information package may be obtained by contacting Janelle Lummls at Orana Lifestyle Directions on 68178600 or the Human Resources Department on 68178800.

Applicants will need to address the selection criteria listed in the position description in their letter of application. Applicants will also need to provide the contact details of two recent referees.

Applicants are also invited to visit our web site – www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

GILGANDRA SWIMMING POOL OPERATING HOURS

Early morning swimming 6am to 8am.

Closed on Saturday, December 7, for the Gilgandra Swimming Carnival.

	Monday to Friday	Saturday & Sunday
2013-2014		
November	3pm to 6pm	12noon to 7pm
December	12noon to 7pm	10am to 7pm
January	10am to 7pm	10am to 7pm
February	3pm to 6pm	12noon to 6pm
March	3pm to 6pm	12noon to 6pm

Want to hold a party at the pool? Please contact the pool on 68178855 for further details.

STORYTIME @ THE LIBRARY THIS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

StoryTime will be held this Thursday, November 28, at 10.30am at the library.

StoryTime includes stories, rhymes, songs and a simple craft activity, and is for babies, toddlers, under-fives and their families or carers. It will run for approximately 30-45 minutes. 'StoryTime' is a free activity, aimed at developing literacy and having fun!

We ask that you book in, to allow us to have enough craft materials ready. Please phone the library on 68178877 or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au to book in.

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AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS - 2014

Nominations are invited for Citizen, Young Citizen, Sports Achievement, Community Event and Community Service Organisation of the Year for presentation on Australia Day 2014.

Nomination forms can be collected from council's Administration office in Warren Road, Government Access Centre in Miller Street or downloaded from council's website www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au and should be returned to council by 5pm on Friday, January 3, 2014.

OUTSTANDING SPORTSPERSONS HONOUR ROLL

The Executive of the Gilgandra Sports Council, on behalf of Gilgandra Shire Council, will shortly be considering nominations for inclusion on the Sporting Roll of Honour.

The following selection criteria has been developed by the Sports Council and adopted by Council to assist in this process:

- Through expertise and performance in a duly accredited selection process, gain selection in a representative team which is regarded as 'The Australian Team' or 'The State Team'.
- Be selected by an accredited National body 'Of a sport, to individually represent Australia in International competition or New South Wales in Australian Competition'.
- Be appointed by a National or International body, to act as a referee, umpire, judge, coach, manager, or other official, for an International sporting event.
- Be recognised as the 'State Champion', 'The Australian Champion' or 'International Champion' in any nationally recognised sport.
- Be a resident of Gilgandra prior to, or during State, National or International selection or status.
- Be a recognised 'local', or long standing resident of Gilgandra, even if State, National or International selection or status was reached prior to being a resident of Gilgandra.
- Be recognised as contributing outstanding service to Gilgandra sport, even if State, National or International status reached before becoming a Gilgandra resident.
- Be eligible if residing outside the boundaries of the Shire of Gilgandra, but representing Gilgandra or a Gilgandra team.
- Be approved by the Selection Committee at their discretion, even if nominees do not meet any of the above criteria.
- Be a Team representing at State Representative level or higher or regarded as State or National Champions in an accredited Sport.

Should you be aware of any person worthy of nomination, please contact council's Neil Alchin on 68178800 to confirm whether the person has or has not received a prior nomination.

Nominations should be in writing, with supporting documentation, and will close on Friday, January 3, 2014. Inductees will be announced at the Australia Day Award Ceremony on January 26, 2014.

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WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

Gilgandra residents on the township waste collection service are advised of the following changes for garbage collection over the Christmas/New Year period.

Normal Collection Day	Christmas	New Year
Tuesday Night	Bin out for collection prior to 5pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24.	Bin out for collection prior to 5pm on New Years Eve Tuesday, December 31.
Wednesday	Bin out for collection from morning of Boxing Day, Thursday, December 26.	Bin out for collection from morning of Thursday, January 2, 2014.

The recycling collection (yellow lid bin) remains as per normal collection.

MORNING TEA AT THE LIBRARY- FIND OUT HOW TO BORROW E-BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea at the library on Thursday, December 19, at 10.30am. We will be celebrating the addition of eBooks to our library, and showing you how to access them. This event is free of charge, but we ask that you contact the library to book in, by phoning 68178877 or emailing library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.

GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY CLOSURE DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

The library will be closed from 5pm on Tuesday, December 24, re-opening at 10am on Thursday, January 2. We invite everyone to borrow extra books to tide them over this time. We apologise for any inconvenience the closure may cause and wish you a very happy Christmas.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Gilgandra Shire Council invites applications for the following employment opportunity:

TRAINEE ASSISTANT ENGINEER

12 Month Placement
35 hours/week
Closing Date: January 17, 2014 - 5pm
Salary Range: \$746.60 - \$821.10/week
All other conditions of employment as per Local Government (State) Award 2010.

Council is seeking a third or fourth year student who is currently studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) or relevant degree. The successful applicant will obtain relevant industry experience in Local Government, particularly in issues relating to rural towns, whilst continuing their studies.

Further information, a copy of the position description and an information package may be obtained by contacting Rolly Lawford, Director Works and Technical Services council's HR Section on 68178800.

Applicants are invited to visit our web site - www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION MEETING DATES

Location	Date	Time
Coboco Hall	Tuesday, December 10, 2013	6pm
Gilgandra Shire Hall	Wednesday, December 11, 2013	6.30pm

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DETAILS

Council wishes all residents a safe and happy Christmas. Office closure details are:

- Gilgandra Waste Facility will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2013 and January 1, 2014.
- Coose Heritage Centre will be open every day except Christmas Day.
- Council's main office, Orana Lifestyle Directions office and the Government Access Centre will close on Friday, December 20, 2013 and re-open on Monday, January 6, 2014
- Gilgandra Gym will be closed from 6pm Tuesday, December 24, 2013 and will re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

If emergency service is required over this period please phone 68178800 and follow the prompts.

COUNCIL MEETING

Council will hold its next ordinary meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 4pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the open portion of the meeting (from approximately 4.15pm).



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