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THE STORY OF OUR CEMETERIES

The stories of our local cemeteries can be fascinating, interesting and reflective. They are spaces tinged with sadness, and command respect from visitors. Cemeteries can tell a story of a communities triumphs and tragedies, without writing or saying a word.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council recognises the importance of cemeteries in our communities and dedicates full time staff resources to the maintenance and beautification of cemeteries throughout the Council area.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, has now embarked on the massive task of collating records and mapping of all of the cemeteries in the region commencing the project at South Gundagai cemetery with close to 1000 graves being identified and mapped. Individual photographs of headstones and plaques have also been taken.

Council Staff will attend 13 cemeteries across our Council area collating data from each visit. This data will be compiled in conjunction with records from volumes of information gathered over the years by various groups and individuals. This historical information is proving invaluable to Council staff in completing this project.

The project will eventually culminate with accurate individual headstone photographs and maps of cemetery occupation. The information will be available for future generations and will assist council with planning of cemetery growth.

The Cootamundra, Wallendbeen and Stockinbingal cemeteries are mapped, however cemeteries in North and South Gundagai, Coolac, Humula, Muttama, Nangus, Tumblong and other smaller village areas require further research and collection of precise data, mapping and photographs.

The project, whilst providing valuable data to both the Council and the Community, will also be a legacy for future generations who are researching family history and for those who want to find their loved ones final resting place.

Photo and Caption:

An impressive headstone at South Gundagai Cemetery. CGRC has undertaken a project to accurately map gravesites, with photos of headstones that will provide crucial information for council and future generations.

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