

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS—26 JANUARY 2019

FEATURING AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR

MR JAMES PITTAR

MORNING BREAKFAST – BRING A CHAIR OR PICNIC RUG

Where: Carberry Park, Gundagai

Time: Commencing at 8:00am

Catering: Lions Club of Gundagai

MC: Pastor Steve Maynard

8:00am – Breakfast and Music by Trevor Champion and Billy Robinson

9:00am – National Anthem and Prayer Steve Maynard

9:05am – Mayoral address Abb McAlister

9:10am – Mayor to perform Australian Citizenship Ceremony

9:30am – MC to lead Australian Citizen Affirmation Ceremony

9:35am – MC to Introduce Ambassador Mr James Pittar

Address by Ambassador Mr James Pittar

Presentation to Ambassador by MC

9:45am – Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation by Mayor Abb McAlister and James Pittar

Sportsperson of the Year Award to Edwards Brothers and Gundagai Rodeo Committee

Young Citizen of the Year Award to Gundagai High School Fire Cadets

Citizen of the Year Award to Jennifer Hoare

Presentation of Certificates to all Nominees

10:15am – Cutting of the Cake – Mayor, Ambassador, Award Winners

12.00PM—GUNDAGAI POOL PARTY—FREE ENTRY, BBQ AND MORE.

JOIN US AT THE POOL FOR AN AFTERNOON OF CELEBRATION AND FAMILY FUN



Australia Day

FEATURING AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR

DR STEPAN KERKYASHARIAN AO Hon D.Litt

MORNING BREAKFAST

Where: Jubilee Park, Cootamundra

Time: Commencing 8.00am

Catering: Lions Club of Cootamundra

MC: Mr Paul Braybrooks OAM

8:00am: Flag Raising – 256 Army Cadet Unit
National Anthem—Sing Australia Choir - Prayer

8:15am Breakfast and Music by 'Coota Connection'

Displays – Cootamundra Antique Motor Club & Cootamundra Restorers Car Club

9:00am - Welcome by Councillor Charlie Sheahan

9:05am - Poetry Recital Michael Baldry

9:15am - Song by the Sing Australia Choir

9:25am - Australian Citizenship Ceremony

9:40am - Australian Citizen Affirmation Ceremony

9:45am – MC to introduce Ambassador

9:50am—Address by Ambassador

10:05am— Presentation of Awards by Councillor Charlie Sheahan and Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian

Sportsperson of the Year

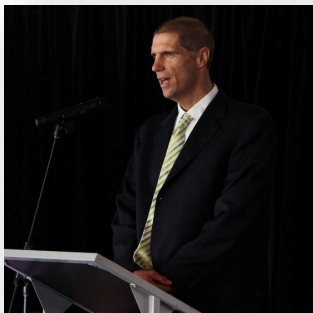
Young Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year

10:30am – Cutting of the Cake with Councillors, Ambassador and Award Winners and more music

12.00PM—COOTAMUNDRA POOL PARTY—FREE ENTRY, TUG-O-WAR, BUNGEE BALLS, THONG THROWING AND MORE

JAMES PITTAR - James suffers from a genetic disorder called Retinitis Pigmentosa which causes a degeneration of the retina. This disease was diagnosed when James was 16 years old after he suffered from rapidly decreasing vision. He was legally blind at 21 years of age and completely blind by his early 30's. As a direct result of his declining vision, James focussed his sporting efforts on the fields of swimming and rowing and during the 1990's represented Australia in both these sports as a disabled athlete. In the mid 1990's James decided to attempt the English Channel after meeting the inspirational Australian swimmer Des Renford and was successful on his first attempt in 1998. He then went on to successfully complete some of the most difficult marathon swims in the world over the next ten years including the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, The Strait of Gibraltar, New Zealand's Cook Strait and the Catalina Channel. In 2010, his accomplishments were recognised when he was inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. In November 2011, James completed a 12km swim from Malabar to Bondi beach and in September 2012 James completed a swim from Collaroy to North Steyne beach. Join us on Australia Day to hear more about James' achievements.



DR STEPAN KERKYASHARIAN AO HON D. LITT - Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO Hon D.Litt., was born in Cyprus, moved to England as a young teenager and migrated to Australia in 1967. He was a volunteer coordinator and broadcaster in the Armenian Radio Program on Radio 2EA from 1976 to 1979. He then became Station Manager of 2EA and from 1980 to 1989, Head of Radio for the Special Broadcasting Service where he was a major catalyst in the establishment of a professional national multilingual radio service. In 1989 he was appointed as Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Ethnic Affairs Commission. He oversaw the introduction of major new initiatives in Multicultural policy and practices including the introduction of the Principles of Cultural Diversity and inclusion in legislation in 2000. From 2003 he concurrently held the positions of President and CEO of the Anti-Discrimination Board (ADB) and Chair and CEO of the Community Relations Commission (CRC). In 2013 he retired from the CRC but continues as President and CEO of the ADB. Join us on Australia Day to learn more about Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO Hon D.Litt.



~ OPERATIONS REPORT ~

Works crews are now getting back to full strength following the Christmas break. Current work includes Adjungbilly Road realignment, with earthworks well underway on this project. Crews have been cleaning up from recent storms. These storms resulted in trees and limbs down on many roads and town streets as well as debris being washed across local roads. Crew have acted in a timely manner and have now cleaned up most of this debris. New concrete kerb is currently under construction in Cooper Street adjacent to the public school. The road shoulder will also be excavated with new pavement material placed, compacted and sealed while these works are underway. This work is expected to be completed prior to the commencement of the new school year. New concrete plinths are being constructed at the Gundagai cemetery as well as drainage works in Homer Street. Road shoulder grading is underway on sections of Cullinga Road in preparation for bitumen resealing of the road. Depending on conditions, roadside slashing and weed spraying is being carried out as required. The Gundagai works crew is heading to Brungle Road in the next week to undertake patching of failed sections of pavement. Road maintenance along Reef Creek and Jerusalem Road is also planned in the coming week. Council's resealing contractor Boral is currently resealing various roads and streets around the Council area. Several small projects have been sealed in Gundagai where the kerb has been replaced. Other sealing will continue until late February depending on Boral's availability and progress. Cootamundra was host to annual sporting events during the beginning of January. The Bradman Letter cricket match between Cootamundra and Bowral was held at Albert Park on 2 January, with staff mowing the sporting fields and surrounds along with line marking and general park maintenance. Repairs to the irrigation system were also carried out. The following weekend the two day Touch Football Carnival was held at Fisher and Nicholson Park. Fields were mown and line marked, event bins delivered as well as the grandstand being cleaned for the event. Council staff cleared a number of fallen trees and branches around Cootamundra due to several storms bringing down quite a lot of debris. The Rage Cage recently installed in Wallendbeen required pressure washing after the storm to remove a build-up of mud and debris from the synthetic surface. The newly planted street trees have been watered by Staff due to the extreme heat we have been experiencing. Staff have now removed the Christmas tree from Parker Street roundabout. After removal of the tree the flag pole was then reinstated. The wire cage covering the gas hot water services at Mitchell park was vandalised twice over the Christmas break. Staff repaired the cage back into place to ensure that the area was safe and secure. Further vandalism was attended to at Fisher Park, with the grandstand having a panel damaged on the building. The next round of Learn to Swim classes will be running late February at the Cootamundra Swimming Pool. Registrations can be made by contacting the pool. The Gundagai Parks team has been busy mowing, street cleaning, whipper snipping and weeding, hedge trimming the main street box hedges and weeding garden beds. The crew has been repairing irrigation and watering street trees as well as cleaning up branches along streets and parks.



The NSW Government and CGRC is committed to eliminating Family Violence. The Hotline is open 24 hours a day. Contact 1800 65 64 63



27 January 2019 - 9am-12pm. Enjoy the relaxed market atmosphere at this country market. Meander through the various stalls in Sheridan Street. Fill your bag with freshly grown produce. Enquiries: 6944 0250

RURAL LANDS STRATEGY (RLS)

Comments are invited in regard to the Rural Lands Strategy. Feedback will be accepted in writing, to the General Manager, emailed or delivered to Council Council Office.



COOTA POOL
SAT 26th JAN 2019

12noon-3.00pm

(Free entry)



TUG-O WAR

BUNGEE BALLS

THONG THROWING

SACK RACES & MORE



Cootamundra Library

\$5 - 31 JANUARY 2PM-3PM



15-17 FEBRUARY 2019

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NANGUS HALL PLAYGROUND

Work on the new Nangus Hall Playground funded through the Stronger Country Communities Fund is underway and on track to be completed for the festival of the small halls concert being held at the hall on Friday 25 January 2019. All welcome.



ANDREW BLANCH & ARIEL NURHADI

Alchemy: Guitar Duets from around the world.

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 6.30PM FOR 7PM

ADULTS \$25 STUDENTS \$15

The Tin Shed Theatre
Performing Arts Group

presents

"Voice - DRAMA and Rock-en-roll"

Auditions for Casting 2 X One Act Plays

AUDITION Dates:

Monday : 4 February @ 7pm in

The Tin Shed Theatre

Tuesday: 5 February @ 7pm in

The Tin Shed Theatre

Entry by Stage Door.

Production to be Directed by Isabel Scott

PRODUCTION DATES:

Major Dress Rehearsal:

Sunday 17 March 2019

Performances: Friday 22 March to

Saturday 30 March 2019

WALLENDREEN POST OFFICE
MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA POST



The owners of Wallendbeen Post Office have notified Australia Post of their retirement and, as a result, the Post Office will cease trading at 5:00pm on Thursday 31 January 2019. While Australia Post is committed to retaining a presence in Wallendbeen, we have not received any expressions of interest from local businesses wishing to provide postal services to the community. From Friday 1 February 2019, mail for Wallendbeen residents will be available for collection over the counter at the Cootamundra Post Office, located at 90 Wallendbeen Street, Cootamundra. Please ensure you have photo identification available for collection. Customers can continue to access postal products and services at nearby Post offices in Cootamundra, Harden and Young from Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm. For further information pertaining to this matter please contact Deanne Vaughan on 02 93198447.

The CGRC **Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee** is seeking nominations for community and organisational representatives. Nominations can be made in writing to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au or by phone to 1300 459 689, giving a short explanation of why you believe you are suitable for the position. A copy of the Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee Terms of Reference is available on Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au or from either office. Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 16th February.