



COOTAMUNDRA-  
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## A STORM LOOMS!



*A beautiful photo taken by CGRC employee Nicky Godber, as a storm approached Cootamundra.*

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, in conjunction with the Australia Day Council, proposes to present its Annual Australia Day Awards on 26th January 2021, at two separate ceremonies: one to be held in Gundagai and one to be held in Cootamundra, for each of the following categories: 1. Citizen of the Year 2. Young Citizen of the Year 3. Sportsperson of the Year / Sports Achievement Award.

Nominations of persons considered suitable for these Awards are invited from organisations and members of the public. All residents from the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area are eligible for nomination. Nominations are to be in writing (by letter, email, or on the form available from Council Offices and website) and received by Council no later than 1pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Citizen of the Year Award is for all persons of any age, whilst the Young Citizen Award is for persons aged up to 25 years as at 31 December 2020. The Sportsperson/Sports Achievement Award is open to all ages. Persons who have been nominated previously but who have not won an award are eligible for re-nomination.

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**GUNDAGAI** 1. Free home delivery If you are staying home, we can bring books, DVDs and magazines, same-day service, for members. 2. Storytime has resumed registration is essential. Call us or check our Facebook page to register. 3. Book Clubs are full steam ahead with a few places if anyone would like to join OR now is the time to start thinking about getting your own group of friends together to start up your own 2021 book club next year. 4. Free online events: 5. Free internet access with our free WiFi. No booking required. 6. Youth Halloween Horror Movie night 30<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 -10.30pm bookings essential.

## COOTAMUNDRA GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

CGRC is in receipt of a development application and accompanying documentation for the following development. DA No:2020/165. Land Description: Lot 8 DP 1244273, Five Mile Creek Road, Gundagai Applicant: DPCM Pty Ltd. Consent Authority:Southern Regional Planning Panel. Description of Development: Electricity Generating Works (solar farm) – to establish and operate a 4 megawatt (MW) solar farm, including ancillary works and associated infrastructure. The proposed development is Nominated Integrated Development under Section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and the following approvals are required from those relevant approval bodies specified: \*an activity approval under Section 91 of the Water Management Act 2000 – Natural Resource Access Regulator. The development application and accompanying documentation are available for public inspection, free of charge, on Council's website: [www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au) for a period 28 days, between 23 October 2020 and 20 November 2020. Any person may inspect the development application and documentation and make a written submission on the proposal quoting Council's file reference, DA No. 2020/165 until 5pm on Friday 20 November 2020. All correspondence should be addressed to the General Manager of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and the above DA Reference number shall be included on such correspondence. Please note that submissions will be provided to the Southern Regional Planning Panel and may be viewed by other persons with an interest in the application. Furthermore, names and addresses of all submitters will be provided to the Panel for notification purposes. If a submission is made by way of objection, the reasons for the objection must be outlined in the submission. It should be noted that information included in submissions received regarding the proposal may be used in public reports and can be accessed under the Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA), 2009. Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act, 1979 and the Local Government Act, 1993 and the Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act, 2008 requires the disclosure of any reportable political donations or gifts by a person or persons who makes a relevant planning application to Council or submission on a relevant planning application to Council.

**Old Gundagai Gaol - Working Bee**

The Gundagai Visitor Information Centre and Gundagai Tourism Action Committee will be holding a Working Bee and the Old Gundagai Gaol on Friday the 6th of November between the hours of 9am and 1pm.

This working bee will be to clean up and perform general maintenance around the Gaol Precinct.

If you are interested in attending please contact the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre on 0944 0250 or email [info@visitgundagai.com.au](mailto:info@visitgundagai.com.au)

Please bring along your tools and gloves. Tea, coffee, water and a light lunch will be provided.

**WE'RE BACK!! Term 4 on 15th Oct 2020**

**STORYTIME**

Welcome BACK to the magical world of books with just a few little changes

NEW QR CODE REGISTRATION TO HELP WITH LIBRARY NUMBER LIMITS SO BE SURE TO REGISTER

Every Thursday 10am Gundagai Library 0263440270

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**ROAD WORKS AT WALLEDBEEN** Heavy Patching Work on Burley Griffin Way AND THE Olympic Highway at Wallendbeen has been undertaken by Council on behalf of TfNSW.



**NOTICE TO MOTORISTS AND RESIDENTS**

Transport for NSW will be carrying out the safety and efficiency improvements on the Olympic Highway at The Gap, three kilometres south of Cootamundra. This work will improve road safety and reduce future maintenance costs and traffic delays by rebuilding the road surface, improving drainage and upgrading safety barriers and signs. Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm weekdays and between 8.30am and 1pm Saturdays from Monday 2 November. Work is expected to be completed by December 2020, weather permitting. Access to property will be impacted during some stages of the project. Property owners will be contacted and traffic controllers will be in place to guide road users through the work zone. There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe. For the latest updates, call 132 701, or visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

**GUNDAGAI STREET STALL DATES 2021.**

Organisations seeking a Street Stall allocation in Gundagai for 2021 are requested to lodge an application (by letter, or completion of the form available at Gundagai Council offices), by 4:00pm on Friday, 18 December 2020.

Residents are advised the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 29 November 2020 in the Gundagai Council Chambers, Gundagai. The meeting Agenda will be available from Council website prior the meeting. Livestreaming will commence at 6pm. Written Open Forum Submissions can be received by 5pm on the day before the meeting.

**WEED SPRAYING NOTICE**

Council wishes to advise residents across the region that weed spraying will be undertaken. Notification is made in accordance with the Pesticide Regulation 1995. Herbicide application will occur during the months of July 2020 to December 2020 in the town and village streets and lanes, for the eradication of weeds on the roadside and culverts, as well as weed control in public spaces.

**COOTAMUNDRA AQUATIC CENTRE AND INDOOR STADIUM UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.**

CGRC have appointed West Wyalong company Leisure and Recreation Group (L&R) for the management of the Cootamundra Aquatic Centre and Sports Stadium. L & R have a great vision for the two Cootamundra facilities with the intent to deliver a much wider variety of recreational activities and improved customer service. The company will be undertaking consultation with the local community and user groups with plans to offer better services around the needs of the community while initiating further discussions that will be based on a more regional level.

L & R Group manage aquatic centres for the Bland, Lachlan and Cobar Shire Councils and plan to introduce an all access passport which will enable patrons from CGRC and the neighbouring councils to access all facilities with L & R management and will commence on 1 November 2020.



**GET YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED**

Residents are urged to have companion animals microchipped, registered and accurate contact details. Should your pet become lost CGRC Rangers have the ability to return the animal within the hour if a microchip has been implanted and contact details are up to date. Please phone the Council on 1300 459 689 during office hours if you see a wandering or lost dog, so that they can be returned home safely.

**BOUNDARIES COMMISSION PUBLIC INQUIRY SESSION DATES, TIMES & REGISTRATION PROCESS.**

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) residents are reminded that registration to either attend or speak at the Local Government Boundaries Commission public inquiry into the demerger affecting Council is required and due by 13 November 2020. The Commission is urging people who wish to attend to register early to ensure COVID-19 restrictions are adhered to. To ensure the Commission can accommodate as many speakers and attendees as possible, registration is limited to one session per person. The inquiry dates, venues and session times are Cootamundra – 25 November 2020 – Cootamundra Ex-Services Club. Session 1 – 11am-1pm, Session 2 – 1.45pm-3.30pm, Session 3 – 4pm-5.30pm. Gundagai – 26 November 2020 – Gundagai District Services Club. Session 1 – 10am-12pm, Session 2 – 1pm-2.30pm, Session 3 – 3pm-4.30pm, Session 4 – 5pm-6.30pm. The attendance registration process is available on the <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/events/>. There are two separate registration forms, one for a speaker and one for an observer. Registration must be received by 13 November 2020. For more information please visit: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/2020/10/13/public-inquiry-dates-announced/>

**COUNCIL MEETING NOTES** – At the Ordinary meeting held 27 October 2020 Council resolved a number issues as listed below.

**PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE USER FEES FOR USE OF GUNDAGAI SPORTING GROUNDS** - Council resolved (MIN. no. 330/2020) to introduce user fees for Gundagai sportsgrounds by sporting groups. The proposed charge is an annual fee of \$10.00 per senior player and \$5.00 per junior player per club. Under the local Government Act 1993 Council is required to advertise the proposed new fees for 28 days inviting public comment on these proposed fees. Submissions will be received by Council until 5pm 26 November 2020. Submissions must be in writing and address to the General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council PO Box 420 Cootamundra 2590.

**SPECIAL RATE VARIATION – NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO APPLY**

- Council resolved (MIN. no. 317/2020) to notify IPART of Council's intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) Under Section 508(A) of the Local Government Act, 1993 to be retained permanently in the rate base. Before an application can be prepared there will need to be extensive community consultation and engagement.

**LIST OF LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURAL GROUPS ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA AND GUNDAGAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

- Council resolved (MIN. no. 322/2020) to adopt a preliminary list of local arts and cultural groups across the LGA and invite further groups to contact Council for inclusion on the Arts and Culture Groups. The Community and Culture team will actively engage with the committees of these groups to build and sustain relationships, support group activities and assist groups to secure funding for arts and cultural development.

**CLUBGRANTS CATEGORY 1 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORMATION**

- Council resolved (MIN. no. 324/2020) A ClubGRANTS Local Advisory Committee be formed in accordance with the required structure as detailed in the report, to meet four times per year. The Manager Community and Culture be representative of Council on the ClubGRANTS Local Advisory Committee.

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2020/131 - USE FISH AS A FEEDSTOCK FOR EXISTING RENDERING PLANT - LOT 1 DP611755, 572 STOCKINBINGAL RD COOTAMUNDRA**

- Council resolved (MIN. no. 325/2020) to approve the above development subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

**DRAFT CONCEALED WATER LEAK POLICY**

- Council adopted (MIN. no. 318/2020) the Concealed Water Leak Policy – this policy is available to view at <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Concealed-Water-Leak-Policy-adopted-27-October-2020.pdf>

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