



AUSTRALIA DAY ACROSS THE LGA – Council hosted two ceremonies on Australia Day. A good crowd attended the Gundagai event and were entertained by local band the Gundaguys. Picturesque Carberry Park proved to be a great venue. Australia Day Ambassador Melanie Thomas along with CGRC Mayor Abb McAlister presented awards to: Citizen of the Year, Alan Worldon. The Young Citizen of the Year Award, Cohan Rowley and Francis Hindmarsh. Sportsperson of the Year, Thomas Ferguson. **Pictured right.**

Cootamundra’s iconic Jubilee Park hosted a small but enthusiastic crowd entertained by local band Coota Connections. The RFS trucks and local antique cars were on display for added interest. Australia Day Ambassador Peter Herbert along with CGRC Deputy Mayor Dennis Palmer presented awards to: Citizen of the Year, Bruce Smith. The Young Citizen of the Year Award, Michelle Rabey. Sportsperson of the Year, James Doyle. **Pictured below.** Council would like to acknowledge all volunteers on the day, who assisted with Covid-19 marshalling, set up and dismantling of equipment, and the organisations and individuals who helped in any way on making the day in both towns a huge success. Congratulations is also extended to Award Recipients and to all who were nominated. The contributions made to making our communities a better place to live is very much appreciated by all.



AUSTRALIA DAY SPECIAL FOR NEW CITIZEN

Australia Day this year was significant for new Australian Resident Neeraj Pathak and his family. Neeraj took the pledge to become an Australian citizen in front of a crowd of people attending the Australia Day Breakfast in the Park event at Cootamundra’s Jubilee Park.

Neeraj who came to Australia from India in 2008, has made his home in Cootamundra and is the Store Manager at the Caltex store in Wagga Wagga. Neeraj’s wife Katrina is a Cootamundra girl and their children Tyler and Sienna attend Cootamundra Public School.

Neeraj was presented with a Citizenship Certificate by CGRC Deputy Mayor Dennis Palmer and was also gifted with an Australian Native plant.

Mr Pathak said it was one of the best moments of his life.

“I was so very proud to stand before my family and all who attended the Australia Day celebrations and become an Australian citizen. I like the Australian culture. I like small communities and the community spirit I find in Cootamundra and I’m so very happy to have made this my home,” Neeraj said.

Neeraj came to Australia at the tender age of 19 to further his education after completing a Bachelor of Commerce degree in India. He went on to attain a Business Management degree.

“Australia has given me many opportunities in work and education, and I have my family and many friends here,” Neeraj added.

Picture and Caption

New Australian citizen, Neeraj Pathak and CGRC Deputy Mayor Dennis Palmer at the Australia Day celebrations on Tuesday.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - CGRC is calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified tradespeople to supply quotes for the **erection of street furniture and other structures** associated with the beautification project in Cootamundra’s main street, Parker Street. The scope of works can be obtained by contacting Steve Lowe or Wayne Bennett at CGRC. EOI’s closes on 28th February 2021.

CGRC is calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified tradespeople to supply quotes for **landscaping works, which will include planting of trees, removal of pavers and various labouring jobs** associated with the beautification project in Cootamundra’s main street, Parker Street. The scope of works can be obtained by contacting Steve Lowe or Wayne Bennett at CGRC. EOI’s closes on 28th February 2021.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – An extraordinary meeting of Council will be held at 11am on Wednesday 3 February 2021 at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre Cootamundra, starting and livestreamed at 11am, to make a final resolution for the submission for a Special Rate Variation to be considered by IPART by 8 February 2021. COVID restrictions will be in place, meeting is open to the general public. However, there will be no public forum. Meeting agenda available from CGRC website.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL- to be held on 23 February 2021, at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cootamundra, starting at and livestreamed from 6pm. COVID restrictions as determined by the NSW State Government will be in place and enforced, please refer to Council website or call Council for information on meeting restrictions prior to attending open forum. Meeting agenda available from CGRC website.

OLYMPIC HIGHWAY “GAP” REHABILITATION PROJECT- CGRC wishes to advise work will recommence on road rehabilitation works at Olympic Highway “GAP” on Monday 1 February 2021 and should be completed on Saturday 6 February 2021, weather permitting. Works will start at the Cootamundra Creek Bridge and finish at the Campbell Street Intersection with Sutton Street. Work will commence at 7am and finish at approximately 5pm each day except for Saturday where works should be completed by 11am. Works will involve road stabilisation, grading, compaction and bitumen sealing. Line marking will be completed following these works. Traffic movements will be under full traffic control with reduced speed limits and single lane closure only, with priority given to local residents where possible, ensuring safety of road users, residents and workers at all times. The Back Brawlin Road intersection with Olympic Highway may be affected by turning traffic only, as work in this area was completed 2020. Short delays only may be experienced at various times throughout the day. This project is a Transport for NSW initiative supported by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. Please contact Council on 1300 459 689 for more info.

OLD GUNDAGAI GAOL WORKING BEE

The Gundagai Visitor Information Centre will be holding a working bee at the **Old Gundagai Gaol on Friday 5 February 2021** from 9am till 1pm. This working bee is to clean and perform general maintenance around the Gaol Precinct. If you are interested in helping please contact the Gundagai VIC on 6944 0250 or email info@visitgundagai.com.au Please bring along tools, gloves etc. Refreshments will be provided.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – At the Ordinary meeting held 27 January 2021. Council resolved a number of issues as listed below.

Item 8.1.2 the Australian Local Government Womens Association Women’s Forum is to be held in Gundagai on 11 April 2021 – time and venue to be determined and published accordingly.

Item 8.4.1 DA2020/176 for the construction of an addition to the shed at Lot 5 DP10285, 8 Chamen Street Cootamundra was approved by Council subject to conditions detailed in the minutes.

Item 8.6.2 Adoption Of Cootamundra Flood Study with the minor amendments detailed in the report.

Item 8.7.1 Aerodrome Advisory Committee Cr Sheahan be appointed as Council Representative.

Item 8.9.2 Council endorse the allocation of funds for Rejuvenation works and additional souvenirs at the Bradman Cottage site to be funded through the Bradman Reserves.

Item 9.1 Notice Of Motion seek an appointment with the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock, NSW Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian and Member for Cootamundra, Ms Steph Cooke, MP to advise them that: CGRC is preparing an application for a Special Rate Variation for consideration by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to address the serious financial situation Council finds itself in as a result of the 2016 amalgamation; and To request the NSW State Government give financial support to CGRC to prevent the adverse impact that the rate increases are members of the community. That Representatives of Council travel to Sydney on 9th February, 2021, at their expense, to attend the meetings should an audience be granted.

Item 9.2 Notice Of Motion - That Representation be made to Australian Community Media for the resumption of the printing of a hard copy of the Cootamundra Herald occur as soon as practicably possible. Council Meeting Minutes can be found on CGRC Website.

COOTAMUNDRA YOUTH COUNCIL – CYC will hold it’s first meeting for 2021 on Tuesday 2 February 2021, at 4pm in the Stephen Ward Rooms, Wallendoon Street Cootamundra. For ages between 12 and 24, become involved with youth activities in Cootamundra please come along and connect with like-minded young people and join in the conversation and fun.

COOTAMUNDRA TOURISM ACTION GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Section 355 Committee will be held at the Stephen Ward Rooms Cootamundra, on Thursday 4 March 2021 commencing at 4:30pm. Interested residents are cordially invited to attend to nominate the executive positions for the term of one (1) year.

POSITIONS VACANT- FINANCE OFFICER – GUNDAGAI - 12 MONTH MATERNITY RELIEF.

Applications are invited from interested applicants for a 12-month maternity relief – Finance Officer. To be based at our Gundagai Office. Duties may also be required to be undertaken at our Cootamundra Office. This role provides technical assistance to the Finance Manager to manage the finances of Council. This role provides support for the completion of financial reporting requirements, inputs financial data, and provides general administrative support. Key responsibilities include but are not limited to: Ensure that grant reporting is accurate timely, and that grant acquittals comply with all relevant reporting requirements. Ensure that financial reports and reconciliations are prepared accurately for submission on a timely basis. Ensure that data entry and system input requirements are completed accurately regularly on a timely basis. Ensure all administrative tasks assigned are completed accurately and in a professional and timely manner. Ensure that efficient systems are in place so that all financial transactions are made in a timely manner. Benefits Salary range of \$1,164.39 – \$1,362.33 gross per week. 9.5% super guarantee levy payable by Council. 9-day fortnight working arrangement. Further information and a Position Description is available by visiting Councils website <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/positions-vacant/> or by contacting Human Resources on 1300 459 689. **IMPORTANT:** When applying for the position, applicants must adequately address the essential criteria contained in the Position Description, provide an up to date Resume and a letter of application. Failure to do so may result in your application not being considered. Applications, addressed to the General Manager should be submitted by 5p.m. on Friday, 5th February 2021 by post to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, delivered to Council’s offices at Cootamundra or Gundagai, or by email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au



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