



COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL

COMMUNITY NEWS

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PRINCE ALFRED BRIDGE GUNDAGAI

The disused Prince Alfred Bridge (timber road viaduct) in Gundagai will be removed due to concerns about its condition, safety and potential risk to the community and environment. The removal of the timber road viaduct, which has been closed to traffic since 1984, is necessary after a recent engineering assessment showed significant structural defects and concerns that it could collapse in a flood event.

While it's sad to say goodbye to this piece of local history, it is not feasible to restore the viaduct given the cost, huge amounts of timber, and ongoing maintenance issues.

The NSW Government expects work to remove the timber road viaduct to start in during November, following planning and environmental approvals, with any salvageable materials to be reused as part of a local tribute.

Consultations on the timber road viaduct have occurred through a working group including Transport for NSW, Crown Lands, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Gundagai Bridges Heritage Inc, the National Trust, Engineering Australia, and Office of Environment and Heritage.

The separate Prince Alfred iron road bridge which is still in operation across the Murrumbidgee River, and the nearby disused rail viaduct, will remain in place.

Heritage memorial options

Tell us your ideas on how you think the Prince Alfred Bridge could be remembered. By sharing your ideas, you will help shape the way the bridge is celebrated now and into the future.

The survey will close on Sunday 31 Oct 2021.

For more information and to have your say visit: dpie.nsw.gov.au/gundagai-historic-bridges



REFURBISHMENT OF GUNDAGAI ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

The reception/customer service counter will be relocated to the Gundagai Library from Tuesday 5 October 2021 until further notice to facilitate the refurbishment of the Gundagai Council Chambers.

TEMPORARY TIP CLOSURE A new office building at the Cootamundra Landfill is being delivered on site on 19 October 2021. The building will be craned into position, resulting in the need to close the Landfill at 1pm on that day to ensure customer safety. The Landfill will re-open the following day at 7.30am as per usual. Council regrets any inconvenience.

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS First Avenue Gundagai from Otway to Virgil Streets will be a One-Way thoroughfare from 8 October 2021. Parking will be on the righthand side of the street.



LIVVIS PLACE PLAYSPACE ALBERT PARK COOTAMUNDRA

Playground specialist company Play Workshop has been the successful tenderer for the inclusive playground to be constructed in Cootamundra's Albert Park. CGRC have erected a fence around the area and will be removing old playground equipment for reuse where possible. Tree rehabilitation will be undertaken to ensure safety for all users.



NOMINATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOW OPEN

Do you know someone who has gone above beyond the call of duty? Someone who achieved outstanding results. A coach, a player, a team who have accomplished great success. A young person, who leads by example, is involved in the community?

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) are calling for residents and community organisations to nominate deserving people within the region for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

Nominations are now open and will be received by Council until the 19 November 2021.

Council in conjunction with the Australia Day Council, proposes to present its Annual Australia Day Awards on 26 January 2022, at two separate ceremonies: one to be held in Gundagai and one to be held in Cootamundra.

Nominations are being invited 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.**

All residents from the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area are eligible for nomination. Nominations can be in writing (by letter, or on the form available from Council Offices and website) and received by Council no later than 1pm Friday 19 November 2021.

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 2021. 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.

The nomination form can be found on the CGRC website or completed at the Customer Service Counters in Cootamundra and Gundagai.

QR Code Sign In and fitted Face Masks are required when visiting Council offices.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL The ordinary meeting will be held on 26 October 2021 at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper St 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's website or call Council for information on meeting restrictions prior to attending open forum. Meeting agenda on CGRC website.

COOTAMUNDRA COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden will have public access on 5, 12, 19 October 2021 from 10am till 12 noon. If you would like to be involved, or just have a look around, please feel free to pop along. The Community Garden is situated in the Baptist Church grounds, in Thompson Street. The garden is for all members of the community to enjoy.

COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY NEWS

Storytime sessions resume Wednesday October 6 at 10am. **Lego Club.** Engage your creativity and take on awesome challenges. Free club for all kids - Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30am. **Takeaway craft packs for kids. Fairy Gates:** make a miniature gate to invite fairies to your garden. \$5 each from the library desk. **Ukulele group:** Thursdays at 2pm with Hans. All adults welcome. **Knit-In:** All knitters welcome - next meeting Monday October 25. **Adult Creative Session: Paint Pouring:** Make unique artworks by pouring paint. Friday October 22, 2-4pm \$15pp: Ph 6940 2200 to book. **Home deliveries:** Free home deliveries available Mon-Fri for housebound or isolating library members. Ph 6940 2200 with your order.

GUNDAGAI LIBRARY NEWS

Music Fun is back fortnightly at the library from Thursday 7 October at 10am (bookings essential) and we are super excited to introduce Petronella van Tienen our new Music Fun facilitator. **Story Time.** Thursday 14 October at 10am Story Time is also back fortnightly for term 4 with "I am an Artist" our first morning back. Bookings are essential to keep everyone safe. **Tech Savvy.** Seniors course Wednesday 20 October and includes sessions on Smart Phones, I pads, Web Browsing, Internet Banking and Online Shopping over the course of 6 weeks To register for this free training call the library on 69440270. **Get Online Week Event.** 22 October Gundagai Library are hosting a drop in "hiTea" come in and browse and experience what's possible online at one of our hiTea sessions throughout the day. Check out everything from 3D Virtual Reality to Augmented Reality to all the new online possibilities whilst enjoying a 'high I tea' cuppa! Bookings are essential so we can maintain a safe environment for everyone. **The Magic Of Wiradjuri Exhibiton.** The Riverina Local Land services' The Magic of Wiradjuri Country' photographic exhibition has almost come to a close so make sure you check it out before it closes on the 14 October. **New Suggestion Box.** Have a fabulous book you would like to see in your library? Our new suggestion box is located next to our, also new, self-checking station and we are keen to hear from you!

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TENDERS INVITED FOR FIXING COUNTRY BRIDGES PROGRAM NOW OPEN. RFT2021/31 – REPLACEMENT OF TIMBER ROAD BRIDGES - D&C OF SIX (6) CONCRETE BRIDGES

In a joint Procurement, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) and Yass Valley Council (YVC) are seeking appropriately qualified Contractors to undertake the replacement of six (6) timber bridge structures with reinforced concrete bridge structures, to be delivered as six (6) separable portions by way of a design and construct tender. The works also include the demolition and disposal of the existing bridge structures. The Tender documents can be found at www.vendorpanel.com.au/cgrc/tenders. All responses must be also lodged through VendorPanel. If you are not registered, follow the instructions on the Tender Page. Any questions regarding the tender should be asked via VendorPanel. Prospective tenderers are reminded that canvassing Council staff or Councillors is strictly prohibited and may render any submission invalid. Responses close at 2pm Wednesday 13 October 2021.

WALLENDREEN BRIDGE UPDATE

Additional weekend work: Working hours are: Monday to Friday: 6.30am to 5.30pm. Saturday 2 October and Sunday 3 October: 6.30am to 5.30pm, Saturday 9 October and Sunday 10 October: 6.30am to 5.30pm, Saturday 16 October and Sunday 17 October: 6.30am to 5.30pm. During the work, Burley Griffin Way will remain closed at the railway line. Motorists should continue to use the detour via Olympic Highway and Goldfields Way. Delays may be experienced at the western intersection (Silo Road, Morrison Hills Road and Burley Griffin Way) and the eastern intersection (North Jindalee Road and Burley Griffin Way) with traffic reduced to one lane. Traffic control will be in place. From Friday 8 October to Monday 18 October 2021, the western intersection (Silo Road, Morrison Hills Road and Burley Griffin Way) will be closed to all traffic for the installation of the bridge over the rail line. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions. For the latest updates, call 132 701, visit [livetraffic](http://livetraffic.com.au). For all enquires please contact John Holland Rail's Community Relations team on 1300 661 390 or email crn.enquiry@jhgc.com.au.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS STOCKINBINGAL AND WALLENDREEN

The changes to the operating hours are:
Stockinbingal Tip
Wednesdays and Sundays,
8:30 am to 12pm (currently 8am to 12pm).
Wallendbeen Tip
Wednesdays and Sundays,
1pm to 4:30 pm (currently 1pm to 5pm).
Effective from Wednesday 6 October 2021.



Above: A new barbeque, picnic tables and shade shelter at the Gundagai Swimming Pool will be the place for a summer party or family get together.

COUNCIL NEWS

MAYORAL ELECTIONS Cr Abb McAlister and Cr Dennis Palmer Re-Elected Unopposed.

THE VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT AND EXPLANATORY NOTE BETWEEN CGRC AND CWP RENEWABLE At the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 September 2021 Council resolved The Voluntary Planning Agreement and Explanatory Note between Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and CWP Renewable be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than twenty eight (28) days. Submissions from interested parties will be received by Council until 5pm 28 October 2021. Submissions must be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council PO Box 420 Cootamundra 2590. Voluntary Planning Agreement and Explanatory Note can be viewed on Council's website by following the link <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/connect-with-us/have-your-say/documents-on-public-exhibition/>

DOMESTIC RURAL WASTE INITIATIVE Council adopted the Domestic Rural Waste Initiative, this will see significant changes for the disposal of waste from rural properties. More information will be available on Council Website.

SCOTT/CUTLER AVENUE FOOTBRIDGE Work has commenced on the new footbridge with construction time approximately 4 weeks. The footbridge will be closed during the construction period. Pedestrians need to detour via footbridge between Mackay Street and Inala Place or any other preferable routes during the construction time.

DIGITAL COMMUNITY PANEL Council wants to hear from a broad cross-section of representatives within the community to ensure all groups have the opportunity to be engaged and involved in raising community ideas and solutions. This local knowledge and insight will support the continuation of the good work that has already been done in building a strong future-focused Council. With your input and support, we can continue to ensure that the elected Council has solid, community-led foundations from which to deliver this region a dynamic future. If you would like to make a difference and become a part of this panel, please register your email address at: digitalpanel@cgrc.nsw.gov.au
MUTTAMA HALL DEDICATION CEREMONY has been postponed to Thursday 11 November (Remembrance Day) at 2.00pm.