



COOTAMUNDRA & GUNDAGAI LIBRARIES HAVE A HOST OF ACTIVITIES HAPPENING, CHECK OUT THEIR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR INFO

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at the Gundagai Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai, commencing and livestreamed from 6pm.

CONTACTING COUNCIL: Do you have a complaint, concern, or compliment? Your feedback is always welcome. Call the friendly customer service team on 1300 459 689, email Council on mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au, or complete the feedback form on the CGRC website, or write to Council, addressed to PO Box 420 Cootamundra, NSW 2590.

COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY SNIPPETS: MEET THE AUTHORS: BOOK LAUNCHES IN MAY: "Outback Teacher" by Freda Marnie Nicholls – Wednesday May 4, 12.30pm. Free event, books on sale. Refreshments and lucky door prizes. "Hear Her Roar" by Brigid Holder – Monday May 23, 6.30pm. Supper event, lucky door prizes and book on sale. Cootamundra Library Ph 69402200. **Community Creative Session: May:** Diamond Painting. Friday May 27, 2-4pm. \$10. To book, Ph 6940 2200. **Home delivery service:** If you are housebound or in isolation, we can deliver books, magazines and DVDs for free: Ph 6940 2200 to order. **Weekly social groups:** Mah-jong: Mondays 2-4pm. Chess: Tuesdays 10-12pm. Cards: Tuesday 2-4pm.

GUNDAGAI LIBRARY SNIPPETS: MEET THE AUTHOR: BOOK LAUNCH: "Outback Teacher" by Freda Marnie Nicholls – Friday 29 April 2022 @ 5pm. Beat the rush and enjoy a coffee and a chat with local author Freda. **INQUIZATIVES – TRIVIA NIGHT AND MINI GAMES** for youth aged 13 years + Friday 20 May 2022 @5.30pm. The night is being facilitated by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District's (MLHD) Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) team and will be held at the Gundagai District Services Club function room. To register drop in or call the Gundagai Library on 6944 0270. *Parental Consent is required.

COMMUNITY DONATION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN: The application form is available on Council's website: Applications for the 2022/2023 financial year will close **5pm 10 June 2022.** <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/community-donation-applications/>

YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES: CGRC Mayor Charlie Sheahan extended his congratulations to the CYC & GYC on the range of activities held in the region to celebrate Youth Week 2022 & the participation by local youth.

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER: Pick up after your dog, and always keep it on a leash when out in public. Microchipping makes sense too.

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS: At the Ordinary meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 April 2022, reports from various departments were presented: **REGULATORY REPORT: Cemetery Activities:** The cemeteries had general maintenance undertaken with, mowing and whipper snipping. The topping up of sunken graves continues with the ongoing wet weather and the backfilling of feral animal holes mostly rabbits was undertaken. LLS have again been engaged to undertake control measures within the village cemeteries to assist with this issue. **Saleyard Activities:** General yard maintenance, hosing and repairs were undertaken at the Gundagai and Cootamundra saleyards. Tree maintenance is continuing around the yards. Cootamundra truck wash maintenance was undertaken with tank flushing and excess manure removal from pit and truck wash bay maintenance. **Ranger Activities:** The Animal Care Facility (ACF) and holding Facility were cleaned, mowed, whipper snipped and maintained. The water troughs in the ACF had some maintenance and some new troughs were installed. The parks, the fenced off leash dog park and other off leash areas in both Cootamundra and Gundagai had all Dog Waste Stations refilled with bags. **CIVIL WORKS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT: Fixing Local Roads Projects:** Mackay Street, Cootamundra: The last section of kerb from the Scout Hall to the Caravan Park has now been poured. Scheduling of the last stages of the road pavement rehabilitation is expected to be undertaken during May. Berthong Road, Cootamundra Pavement works have now been completed on approximately 2kms of road, commencing near the Jindalee State Forrest and heading north. At the time of writing this work was being trimmed in preparation for sealing prior to Easter. This section of road was identified at the time of project submission from the Maloney Asset Condition Survey. Milvale Road, Stockinbingal. This project has now been completed and involved the reconstruction of 1.5km of gravel road from the end of the existing bitumen to bring it up to a sealed standard. While this section has now been sealed there is still approximately 8.0km of unsealed road left. **REPAIR program:** Council's next section of the REPAIR program which involves the reconstruction of around 800m of Muttama Road, Brawlin near the Model Aero Club has commenced. Work during the last month saw the replacement of three culverts across the road in preparation for pavement reconstruction. The old culverts were damaged and needed upgrading to increase their capacity as well as widening to improve safety. **Local Roads & Infrastructure (LRCI) Program:** The Pioneer Park (Cootamundra) access road and carpark has now been completed following the sealing of the pavement.

Bridge Renewal Program: Works are at practical completion on the Burra Road Bridge (Burra Creek) replacement with the bridge itself now complete and open to traffic. Council crews have finished constructing abutments and road approaches with contract sealing crews to seal the length and complete placement of the guardrail. Work has commenced on the Brawlin Road Bridge (Burra Creek) with the temporary side-track now in place ahead of Council's contractor starting work on the bridge itself. **Restart NSW Timber Haulage Projects:** Work has been completed on Nanangroe Road (Adjungbilly) with sealing completed on a 2.5km section north of Threeways Road. Crews have also completed the widening and rehabilitation of an 800m section on Adjungbilly Road (Adjungbilly) to the west of the Adjungbilly School. **General Works:** Bitumen Road patching has been completed where necessary across the whole Local Government Area (LGA). Grass slashing has also been undertaken as required in and around Cootamundra. Work has commenced on Darbalara Road, to the north of Carrs Road (Darbalara) with shoulder widening and batter works underway to improve sight distance and road width for motorists. Kerb and Gutter replacement is complete on the eastern side of Bourke Street, Gundagai with works continuing on the southern side of Hanley Street, Gundagai. Maintenance grading has been completed on Illawong (Coolac), Coggans (Coolac) and Bundarbo (Jugiong) Roads. Crews are moving towards the Nanangroe and Wee Jasper area along with other roads impacted by weather events.

MOTIONS PUT FORWARD: An invitation be extended immediately to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Wendy Tuckerman, MP - to visit and tour the Local Government Area, speaking with Councillors and community members at a grass-roots level, discussing the real issues and concerns affecting the merged Council. Funding options be explored to obtain Electrical Vehicle Charging stations to be installation in Gundagai and Cootamundra and villages. Advice, guidance and strategy be sought from Council's Manager Community and Culture.

All salvageable timber from the dismantling of the historic Gundagai Prince Alfred Bridge be quarantined at the Gundagai Landfill facility until such time that a fitting project or projects are nominated to memorialise the bridge and it is known how the precious timber will be used and how much of the timber is required.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Cootamundra's Bradman Cottage is looking for volunteers. Volunteering can be on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly basis.