



COOTAMUNDRA-  
GUNDAGAI  
REGIONAL  
COUNCIL

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## ANZAC DAY

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Kids help out!

Above: A lovely morning with children from Cootamundra Primary School and Elouera Special School, planting out at Livvi's Place Albert Park Cootamundra. The all inclusive playspace that will encourage all to meet, play, and have fun together.



Above: Seniors were entertained at morning tea events during Seniors Week. Pictured is Cr David Graham & Gerrard Spicer at the Gundagai morning. Mayor Charlie Sheahan and Lola Bell at the Cootamundra morning. All enjoyed a delicious array of treats and were able to meet Councillors and senior staff.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER:

I am very proud to be selected by your Council as its Interim General Manager. My role will be to work with Councillors in providing strong management and leadership to the Council and staff.



My tenure with the Council will be dependent on the appointment of a new General Manager which is expected to be by the end of July this year.

I am an experienced local Government Manager with 10 years' experience as GM for Wollondilly Shire Council and recently as Acting General Manager at Wingecarribee Shire Council.

I have qualifications in Engineering and Business and bring to this position a wealth of experience of 45 years in Local Government, State Government and Private Enterprise.

If you see me in the street or at a function, please come up and say hi as I would love to meet locals and experience the beauty of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Region.

Kindest regards,

Les McMahon

CGRC Interim General Manager



Unique Gift For  
Bradman Birthplace  
Museum

Above: A genuine piece of history has been donated to Cootamundra's Bradman's Birthplace Museum. A signed bat by cricketing legend Sir Donald Bradman, was handed over by Sydney man Matthew Donnellan. The piece is extremely unique, as the bat has also been signed by English bowler Harold Larwood. The Don's adversary during the 1932-33 Test Series, commonly known as the "Bodyline Series". Larwood emigrated to Australia in 1950. Members of the Bradman Birthplace Museum volunteers and CGRC mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan were on hand to take delivery of the large, framed bat, that contains pictures of the pair and memorabilia.



**WINNER WINNER EASTER EGG DINNER!**  
Easter Colouring Competition @ Gundagai:  
Congratulations to: Peter Marshall, Valerie Marshall and Emma Lucas - joint winners preschool section. Riley John Smith - winner primary category. Skye Somerville - runner up primary category. Ashleigh Mulloy - winner youth category. Margaret Harker - winner adult category. Thanks to the interim General Manager Les McMahon for judging our prize winners.

**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/>

**2022 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING:** The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at the Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai, commencing, and livestreamed from 6pm. Meeting agenda on CGRC website.

## FROM THE MAYOR:

I do hope residents enjoyed a happy and safe Easter holidays. We've had a busy and rewarding month, with some exciting events taking place. It was my pleasure to meet and discuss issues with Seniors at Councils morning teas held at the end of March. The seniors expo held in Cootamundra had a great turn out and was a positive experience for all who attended. A big thank you to Intereach and the teams involved in arranging these events to celebrate our seniors.

I had the privilege of a guided tour of the Livvi's Place Albert Park playspace which is currently under construction in Cootamundra. We expect to open the playspace soon, which will be an event not to be missed. The area is a testament to the knowledge and experience of CGRC staff and contractors and is bringing to life the expectations of the community members (which included the young), who were involved in the consultation process in 2020, of an all-inclusive playspace. It will be an area that offers relaxation areas, challenging play for all ages and abilities and will encourage all to experience nature and play together.

A very generous gift of a signed cricket bat by the great Sir Donald Bradman, was also a highlight during April. The bat will make a great addition to the collection held in the Bradman Birthplace Museum, and we are all very grateful to the family who made this donation.

We welcome Les McMahon who has stepped into the role of Interim General Manager, Les comes to us with many years experience and we wish him well during his time with CGRC.

I'm pleased to report that the Dog on the Tuckerbox development is progressing through the planning stages.

Crown Lands have contracted a company to do the interpretive design for the old Prince Alfred viaduct, so exciting things happening with both these historic and significant sites in Gundagai.

Gundagai's new pre-school is progressing and will be a great asset for the community into the future and huge congratulations to the committee that has driven this project. The Youth Council's in Gundagai and Cootamundra have done an amazing job with the range of activities held during Youth Week, providing great entertainment for the youth of our region. I congratulate them and all involved. I would like to encourage all young people to become apart of these groups.

Regards,  
Cr Charlie Sheahan,  
Mayor,  
Cootamundra-Gundagai  
Regional Council.



**A WELCOME ADDITION:** Fisher Park in Cootamundra now has a Unisex Referees Room, to cater for the growing number of female referees. The dressing shed has been completed in time for the 2022 season. *Pictured above.*

## INQUIZATIVES

TRIVIA NIGHT & MINI GAMES

FREE TRIVIA NIGHT FOR YOUTH AGED 13+

FRIDAY MAY 20TH ARRIVE @ 5:30/5:45 KICK OFF @ 6PM

GUNDAGAI SERVICES CLUB

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FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

Fatality  
Free  
Friday

Mayor Charlie Sheahan,  
Deputy Mayor Leigh Bowden,  
Cr Les Boyd, Cr Logan Collins, Cr Trevor Glover,  
Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly,  
Cr Abb McAlister, Cr Penny Nicholson,  
Visit <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/>

Author Event

## Brigid Holder

Monday 23 May

6:30pm

Amy Heap from Riverina Regional Library will be hosting a Q&A session with Brigid.

Fourteen incredibly strong women who have experienced domestic violence share their story and way forward.

Lucky door prize of a \$50 voucher from Jak and Jill will be drawn on the night

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The inspiring story of a remarkable young woman, life with her students and their adventures in remote Australia.



## Outback Teacher

### BOOK LAUNCH

Wednesday May 4  
12.30pm

Cootamundra Library

Refreshments provided  
Lucky door prizes  
Books on sale

Bookings: ph 6940 2200

Sally Gare  
with Freda Marnie

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

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