



**COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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**COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL** has been successful in receiving funding of \$239,651 under the NSW Government's \$25 million Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program. Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke said this program is a great way for communities to come together. "It's great to see the number of events that council have on offer as it is such a boost for our local tourism and economy," Ms Cooke said. Just some of the events that Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council are delivering include:

- Christmas on Sheridan Gundagai – 9 Dec 2022
  - Lions Club Christmas Carnival & Fireworks Display – 10 Dec 2022
  - Party on Parker Cootamundra – 15 Dec 2022
  - Community Pool Day Cootamundra – 10 Jan 2023
  - Family Multi-sports Day Cootamundra – 20 Jan 2023
  - Coolac Hall Community Day – Jan 2023 exact date TBC
  - Festival of Lights Cootamundra – 24 March 2023
  - Rock the Bidgee Gundagai – March 2023 TBC
  - Wattle Time Fair Cootamundra – TBC
  - Adjungbilly Community Night – TBC
  - Campdraft Youth Clinic Gundagai – TBC
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Mayor Charlie Sheahan, said they are very grateful to the NSW State Government for recognising the importance of community events.

"These wonderful events in our region have a significant impact on the wellbeing of our residents by bringing our communities together," Mr Sheahan said.

The \$25 million Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program is part of the \$200 million Regional Recovery Package, designed to support economic and social recovery across regional NSW that will create new jobs and support community events, shows and festivals to boost tourism. For further information, go to: [nsw.gov.au/CommunityEvents](http://nsw.gov.au/CommunityEvents).

For more information on these events hosted by Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council please visit: What's On Events – Visit Cootamundra or What's on – Visit Gundagai.

**ALL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY:** Please be advised CGRC Administration Offices and Depots in Cootamundra and Gundagai will be closed from 11:00am on Thursday 15 December 2022 for a staff development day. Normal hours will resume Friday 16 December 2022. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR/RECOVER & ASSISTANCE:** Council crews are repairing damaged roads. Motorists are urged to drive to conditions and obey traffic signals in place. If you have been impacted by recent flooding, please visit the CGRC Website. **PAGES DEDICATED** to assistance available: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery-for-primary-producers/> Useful links: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/flood-recovery/>. **COOTAMUNDRA INTEREACH** has offered support for people to go into their centre to apply for grants on their public computers. **RED CROSS COOTAMUNDRA – POP UP SHOP** has been established by the Cootamundra Red Cross at 180 Parker Street, where clothing, cleaning products and food hampers are available to all flood victims. The Pop-Up Shop will be open from 10am to 5pm Weekdays and 10am to 2pm on weekends.



**BLAZE AID** has established a camp at Cootamundra Showgrounds. They are here to assist the whole LGA with flood recovery. Volunteers are welcome. Blaze Aid provide free meals for workers, great facilities, PPE gear and a working atmosphere that promotes friendship. If you would like to volunteer or need assistance, phone Chris on 0418 745 994 or Gary on 0437 611 953. They do more than fencing and are here to assist with clean up around the home or on farm. If you need assistance with clean-up, please give them a call.



ABOVE: The new Burra Road Bridge.



BELOW: Brawlin Road Bridge

**DEMERGER UPDATE – FROM ALLY DENCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** A few weeks ago I visited both Cootamundra and Gundagai and met with staff at both locations, and with all of the councillors.

This was a great opportunity to engage with the community and better understand the challenges and opportunities ahead.

I reiterated to all staff and councillors that this is a complex process, and I reminded all parties that until the demerger occurs the NSW Government expects council to continue to operate in the best interests of all residents and ratepayers.

In the past couple of months our external consultants have been working with the council to garner information that will help inform the Government's approach to the demerger. These consultants have largely finished their on-site work and reports are being finalised.

We will share further information in the coming weeks, and we're committed to providing regular updates in this newsletter.

**MUTTAMA CREEK WATER QUALITY IMPACTED.** Please be advised that the Cootamundra Sewage Treatment Plant and sewage system in Cootamundra has been impacted by the recent flooding events, which has impacted the water quality in Muttama Creek. Residents who source water from the Muttama Creek for consumption are advised to use another source of water.

**2022/23 Christmas & New Year Waste Services**

**Cootamundra Waste Depot**

Christmas Day Sun 25 Dec	CLOSED
Boxing Day Mon 26 Dec	CLOSED
Public Holiday Tue 27 Dec	10:00am – 3:00pm
Wed 28 to Fri 30 Dec	7:30am – 3:30pm
Sat 31 Dec	10:00am – 3:00pm
New Years Day Sun 1 Jan	CLOSED
Public Holiday Mon 2 Jan	10:00am – 3:00pm

**Changes to Gundagai Waste Depot**

Christmas Day Sun 25 Dec	CLOSED
Boxing Day Mon 26 Dec	CLOSED
Public Holiday Tue 27 Dec	CLOSED
Wed 28 Dec	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Thurs 29 Dec	CLOSED
Fri 30 Dec	7:00am – 11:00am
Sat 31 Dec	11:00am – 5:00pm
New Years Day Sun 1 Jan	CLOSED
Public Holiday Mon 2 Jan	7:00am – 1:00pm (normal hours)

**Changes to Stockinbingal Waste Depot**

Christmas Day Sun 25 Dec	CLOSED
Wed 28 Dec	8:30am – 12:00pm
New Years Day Sun 1 Jan	CLOSED

**Changes to Wallendbeen Waste Depot**

Christmas Day Sun 25 Dec	CLOSED
Wed 28 Dec	1:00pm – 4:30pm
New Years Day Sun 1 Jan	CLOSED

All kerbside collection services will be as normal over the Christmas and New Year period. Please have bins placed out for collection the night before collection day as services may commence earlier than normal.

**PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' POLICY:**

In accordance with section 253 of the Local Government Act, Council hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt or amend its Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors policy. This policy is now on Public exhibition and is available to view here: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/connect-with-us/have-your-say/documents-on-public-exhibition/> Council welcomes feedback up until the **3 January 2023**. Please email [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or post your submissions to PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590.

**GUNDAGAI STREET STALL DATES FOR 2023:**

**Organisations seeking a Street Stall Allocation for 2023 are requested to lodge a written application with Gundagai Administration Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 22 December 2022.**

**WEED SPRAYING NOTICE:** Council advises residents that weed spraying will be undertaken. Notification is made in accordance with the Pesticide Regulation 1995. Herbicide application will occur during the months of June 2022 to December 2022 in the towns and village streets and lanes, for the eradication of weeds on the roadside and culverts, as well as weed control in public spaces.

**POSITIONS VACANT:** Your career in local government is now closer than you think. Council is seeking expressions of interest from people who would like to be considered for casual employment. Casual positions are available across a number of departments both indoor and outdoor. Full time positions are being advertised in Cootamundra and Gundagai. **PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THE CGRC WEBSITE FOR ALL POSITIONS VACANT:**

<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/positions-vacant/>

**FROM THE MAYOR:**

We have seen unprecedented weather events over the last month, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to all emergency service personnel, CGRC staff and community members who have supported our community members who were adversely affected by flooding events. I remind all residents that there is assistance for flood victims and urge those who have been impacted to seek that assistance. Council's website has a host of information directing people to the help available. The Red Cross Pop Up Store has been stocked and if you are doing it tough flood impacted or not please pop in and see what's on offer.

The roads in our region have taken a battering and our crews are out repairing, please drive to the conditions, obey the traffic signals and slow down where road workers are working.

We have had meetings with the Office of Local Government (OLG), Ally Dench the Executive Director visited and met with staff and councillors. We do understand that the demerging of Council is a multifaceted route, and with the assistance of consultants, staff and the OLG the process will move along. Our priority is that Council will continue to provide services to our residents and ratepayers, and Council will act within the best interests of all. Councillors focus should be to provide the best possible platform for the new councils after the demerger, and the best future for our communities moving forward.

Until next month, stay safe, stay nice and be kind to each other.

**Charlie Sheahan**  
Mayor



**Youth VOLLEYBALL GALA DAY**  
Round robin style 10minute games

**FREE EVENT**  
**FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH**

**JUNIORS - 12-16 YEARS - 4:00 TO 5:30PM**  
**YOUTH - 17-25 YEARS - 5:30 TO 7:00PM**

8 PER TEAM - 5 TEAMS  
TOP 4 PLAY A SEMI FINAL - WINNING TEAMS PLAY A GRAND FINAL

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