



COOTAMUNDRA-  
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## **FOOTBRIDGES SET FOR REPAIR:**

Footbridges in Cootamundra, smashed in flooding events are to be repaired after approval has been given by NSW Government's Resilience NSW.

The footbridges were badly damaged in the October 2022 flooding event that saw Muttama Creek break its banks and severely flood the town.

Assessments on the damage to bridges and costings had to be submitted by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) to Resilience NSW for flood repair funds to be allocated.

Council has been notified that the funds are now available for the repair on footbridges to begin, and contractors have been advised to start the work as soon as materials and time permits.

The cleaning of debris and fabrication of new handrails will commence soon, with construction, concreting and fencing works to commence early May. Completion time will be approximately four weeks. (Weather permitting).



Above: Footbridges damaged in flooding event will be repaired, after funds from Resilience NSW have approved. The new bridges should be in operation by mid-June.

## **OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEMERGER UPDATE: - FROM Brett Whitworth Deputy Secretary, Local Government.**

Since the State Election I have met and talked several times with the new Minister for Local Government, Ron Hoenig to discuss key issues facing the local government sector, including the demerger of Cootamundra-Gundagai council.

I've briefed the Minister on the legal process needed to implement the roadmap the Office of Local Government has developed.

Discussions about the demerger will continue with the Minister, including what legislative changes may be required and the need for these to occur as soon as possible. We'll keep the community informed about our progress.

Under the roadmap a transition manager would be put in place later this year to oversee the creation of the two new councils, which would commence operations before the local government elections in September 2024.

Information about the demerger process, including the roadmap and frequently asked questions, can be found at

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/>

Brett Whitworth, Deputy Secretary, Local Government

## **FREE WOMEN'S WELL BEING WORKSHOPS @ COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY.**

Friday 5 May & Friday 26 May 10am – 3pm. Create an Essential Oil Roller bottle of supportive oils uniquely inspired by you. Learn crystal meditations, self care strategies & wellbeing techniques. Create Essential Oil infused bath salts and learn the value of using for yourself. Bookings essential: Ph 69402200



Photo courtesy Cootamundra Times

## **REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN:**

The region came out in force on Tuesday 25 April 2023 to commemorate Anzac Day. Ceremonies in local villages, and in Gundagai and Cootamundra were swelling with participants and onlookers.

Above: The 7<sup>th</sup> Light Horse - Gundagai Troop created a magnificent spectacle as they lead the march in Gundagai.

Left: CGRC Mayor Charlie Sheahan laid wreaths at the Cootamundra ceremony, where hundreds turned out to pay their respects to all servicemen and women.

**OLYMPIC HIGHWAY ROAD WORKS:** Council wishes to advise of Shoulder Widening and Culvert Replacement works commencing Mid-May on Olympic Highway just south of Cootamundra, finishing just north of Wallendbeen. These works will continue to the end of 2023. Works are to widen narrow culverts and shoulders as a safety improvement for motorists along this area, resulting from safety surveys performed by TfNSW. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council are coordinating and overseeing works on behalf of TfNSW. Works are fully funded by TfNSW. Motorists are asked to remain vigilant to workers along the roadside where short delays are expected. Traffic will be under full traffic management in work areas. Please contact Council on 1300 459 689 for more information.

## **THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2023**

The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 at the Gundagai Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai. Starting at and livestreamed from 6pm. Please refer to Council's website for meeting agenda. Members of the public may address Council on matters related to associated agenda item only, as part of the Public Forum.



## FROM THE MAYOR:

As we enter another month, I would like to extend my congratulations to our local RSL Sub Branches and all who took part in Anzac Day commemorations. It was heartening to see so many at the marches and paying homage to those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice to their country. I was honoured along with my fellow Councillors to lay wreaths and participate in this annual event to mark a significant occasion in our nation's history.

Some good news for Cootamundra residents, Resilience NSW have given the go ahead for the repair of footbridges within the town to be repaired after flooding events. I do understand the frustration many have felt at the time it has taken to get these bridges back into service. However there is a process to be followed and assessments completed to allow funds for the repairs to be released. The good news is that repairs will start this month and should be completed by mid-June, weather permitting.

Our operational staff in Cootamundra have undertaken some training with our Road Safety Officer Kylie Grybaitis, identifying blind spots when driving a truck. The afternoon saw life size cut-outs of people placed in strategic positions around a Council truck. This training will be extended to Gundagai operational staff in the near future (pictured right).

The message to all be aware that trucks have blind spots, and one rule to remember if you can't see their mirrors they can't see you. I urge all motorists to keep this in mind particularly when driving, parking or walking near heavy vehicles. On the road safety front, I'd like to remind residents, to Be Bus Aware. Now that school has returned local children will again be catching buses for their journeys to and from school. Please slow down to 40km/h when you see bus lights flashing. Be aware of children crossing roads and slow down around schools and bus stops.

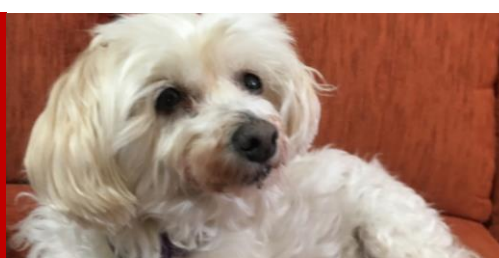
I would also like to congratulate our staff who installed shade sails at various parks in Gundagai. The new sails in Carberry Park look amazing and have added to the serviceability of that space.

Until next month please stay safe, be kind to each other and enjoy what our region has to offer.

Charlie Sheahan Mayor.



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Above: This is Minnie, and she has been microchipped. If Minnie gets lost or goes wandering, she can be safely returned to her home, because her details have been updated. ARE YOURS?? Call into the Council Offices for help...



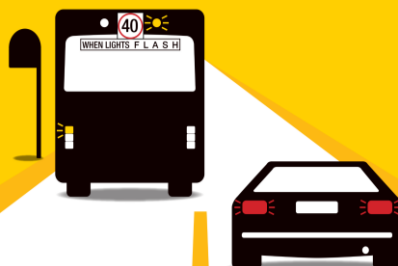
## MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE INVITED:

To attend Council meetings and, with the prior approval of the Chair, may address Council in the Public Forum Session on specific topics listed on the Council meeting agenda. People wishing to address Council are asked to submit a Speaker Registration Form well in advance of the meeting. Council meetings are to be conducted in accordance with the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Code of Meeting Practice, the Code.

Amongst other things, the Code specifies that no more than two (2) speakers are permitted to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business on the agenda. If there are more than two (2) speakers proposed on any one topic a process will need to be applied to ensure proceeding are orderly.

## BE BUS AWARE

# Slow down to 40 when lights flash



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## ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION:

**COOTAMUNDRA FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY:** Council resolved at the Ordinary meeting held 28 March 2023 to place on public exhibition the Cootamundra Floodplain Risk Management Study for a period of 34 days. To make your submission, you are required to do so in writing by **4pm Monday 1 May 2023**. A community meeting will be held Tuesday 9 May 2023. After this meeting a further opportunity to provide submissions will be available. Documents for the Cootamundra Floodplain Risk Management Study are available at Council administration centres, website <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/connect-with-us/have-yoursay/documents-on-public-exhibition/>. All submissions may be: Delivered to the administration centres at Cootamundra or Gundagai, or posted to The General Manager, Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590. Or emailed to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

## TENDERS YANNAWAH 2A FIRE STATION:

CGRC on behalf of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is seeking quotations on a Gable shed 15m x 9.8m x 5m (approximately) with a kitchenette, toilet, meeting room, water tanks, an on-site septic system (OSSM) on a concrete slab for the Yannawah 2A Fire Station. The approved DA submission is included in relevant attachments. Design must include drawings and details sufficient for a construction certificate application. Quotations must be in accordance with this Specification. Please ensure your written quotation is lodged via Vendor Panel, prior to the deadline, Thursday 4 May 2023, 5pm local time. For more information visit: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/current-tenders-eoi-rfq/>.

## COUNCIL IS NOW HIRING.

**WATER & SEWER OPERATOR – FULL TIME POSITION BASED IN COOTAMUNDRA:**

**PARKS & GARDENS ATTENDANT FULL TIME POSITION IN GUNDAGAI:**

For more information on these positions and position descriptions please visit **POSITIONS VACANT | Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council (nsw.gov.au)**. Or call 1300 459 689.

Mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan, Deputy Mayor Cr Leigh Bowden, Cr Abb McAlister, Cr David Graham, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr Penny Nicholson, Cr Logan Collins, Cr Trevor Glover, Cr Les Boyd.  
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