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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK:

Thankyou to all who attended the Local Government Week morning tea, Meet and Greet, held in Cootamundra and Gundagai. This was an opportunity for residents young and old to come along and find out more about what is happening in Local Government and ask questions directly to Councillors and staff. Council appreciates any feedback from our communities.

Pictured top right: CGRC mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan Cootamundra Public School Leadership Group School Captains Charles Bassingthwaite & Ivy Bateup, CGRC Interim GM Les McMahon Vice Captains Emme Piffero & Darcy Thompson at the Cootamundra event. Left The magnificent morning tea, with visitors and staff at the Gundagai event.



Wendy Tuckerman
Minister for Local Government

MEDIA RELEASE

Minister Tuckerman address [here](#)
Wednesday, 24 August 2022

COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI COUNCIL TO DEMERGE

Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman has today made the decision to demerge Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

Mrs Tuckerman said she considered the recent reports published by the Local Government Boundaries Commission, which examined the demerger proposal under Section 218CC of the Local Government Act 1993.

"This is a complex decision which I've made after considering both the report and dissenting report," Mrs Tuckerman said.

Mrs Tuckerman said her decision was based on the merits of the proposal put forward by Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and the subsequent recommendations and examination by the independent Boundaries Commission.

"There are countless examples across the state of amalgamated councils performing strongly by lowering costs and delivering better infrastructure and services for residents," Mrs Tuckerman said.

"It is disappointing that Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has not been able to achieve this outcome.

"I'd like to thank Cootamundra-Gundagai councillors and staff for serving their communities. I will make a further announcement on next steps and transitional arrangements in due course"

"Finally, I'd also like to acknowledge the Local Council Boundaries Commission for its work"

Mrs Tuckerman said it is anticipated council elections for the de-amalgamated shires will be held in line with the local government general elections in September 2024.

Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman MP Media Release above. Received late Wednesday afternoon. The Minister will provide further information to Council about the process for de-amalgamation and reconstitution of the former areas of Cootamundra and Gundagai. (See mayor comments)

GUNDAGAI FLOODING EVENT: CGRC teams were kept busy with flooding of Council road networks and infrastructure during August. A major flooding event in Gundagai over the weekend of 6 & 7 August saw low lying areas around Gundagai inundated with flood waters. Many bridges, causeways and roads were impassable for a number of days. Road closure barriers being erected and monitoring of roads kept the teams occupied during the heavy rain and subsequent flooding of Muttama Creek, other tributaries and the Murrumbidgee River. On Saturday 6 August an Emergency Operations Centre was established at the Gundagai Council Chambers with Emergency Service personnel, which included, Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and CGRC staff to liaise with local SES and respond to the unfolding flood event.

In the days after the flooding, teams needed to access damage, clear debris from roads, bridges and fields and clean up. Gundagai's Anzac Park was completely submerged with damage occurring to stock and equipment within the dressing sheds and kiosk areas. If your property has been affected by the recent flooding Resilience NSW has issued some useful websites that may assist for further information. These can be viewed on Council's website by following this link:

<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/2022/08/10/disaster-assistance/>

PRIMARY PRODUCERS: Have you been impacted by recent flood events? Resilience NSW would like to hear from you. Complete the Natural Disaster Damage Survey: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/emergency/community/primary-industries-natural-disaster-damage-survey or search Resilience NSW.

FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR: Gundagai sporting fields are closed until crews can get machinery onto grounds for clean-up. Riverside Caravan Park is closed for repairs and clean-up. Gundagai RV sites are closed as sites are waterlogged.

Council crews are repairing damaged roads due to recent flood events. Motorists are urged to drive to conditions, obey traffic signals that may be in place. Please don't drive around road closed signs, there could be damage to the road surface that is hidden under water.



Gobarralong Bridge, Left: Before peak flood waters completely submerge the bridge pictured right. If It's Flooded Forget It!!

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL: The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at the Gundagai Council Chambers, Sheridan St. Gundagai starting at and livestreamed from 6pm. Please refer to Council's website for meeting agenda.

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL:

Council is in receipt of a development application and accompanying documentation for the following development. DA No:2022/108 Land

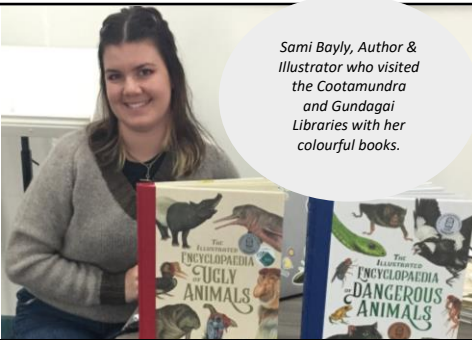
Description: Lot 4 Sec C DP4840 85 Gundagai Road, Cootamundra. Applicant: R.J. Sinclair Pty Limited Consent Authority: Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. Description of Development: Construction and operation of an Unmanned Service Station and continued use of site as transport depot. The proposed development is Integrated Development under Section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and the following approvals are required from those relevant approval bodies specified: *consent under Roads Act 1993 – s.138 *concurrence under SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021, s2.122 traffic generating development. The development application and accompanying documentation are available for public inspection, at the Council Administration Offices or on Council's website: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/development-applications-on-public-exhibition/> between **18 August 2022 and 23 September 2022**. Any person may inspect the development application and documentation and make a written submission on the proposal quoting Council's file reference, DA No. 2022/108 until 5pm on Friday 23 September 2022. All correspondence should be addressed to the General Manager of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and the above DA Reference number shall be included on such correspondence. If a submission is made by way of objection, the reasons for the objection must be outlined in the submission. It should be noted that information included in submissions received regarding the proposal may be used in public reports and can be accessed under the Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA), 2009. Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act, 1979 and the Local Government and the Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act, 2008 requires the disclosure of any reportable political donations or gifts by a person or persons who makes a relevant planning application to Council or submission on a relevant planning application to Council.

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COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY NEWS:

Free technology help service: Help with your tablet or phone, or basic computer use. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment: ph 69402200.



Sami Bayly, Author & Illustrator who visited the Cootamundra and Gundagai Libraries with her colourful books.

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO

The newly formed Cootamundra Community Services Network is planning an Expo as part of the Wattle Time Fair on Saturday 17 September in Albert Park Cootamundra from 11am to 5pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity for your group to recruit volunteers and showcase your group/service. Entry is free. One table and three chairs will be provided for set up. If you are interested or require further information please contact James Tonson at CGRC via email james.tonson@cgrc.nsw.gov.au or Business Cootamundra at business@cootamundra.com or call into the office at 169a Parker Street Cootamundra.

WANT TO THROW A PIE AT THE MAYOR?

Cootamundra Youth Council are auctioning the rights to throw pies at the Mayor, some councillors and other local personalities at the Wattle Time Fair on Saturday Sept 17th. All proceeds to the local Red Cross Food Bank. The auction is now live at tinyurl.com/coota-pie-throw. The public will also be able to throw pies or wet sponges at their friends or youth councillors throughout the day.

ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION: At the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 23 August 2022, Council endorsed recommendations to place on public exhibition two reports for a period of 28 days:

1. The Liquid Trade Waste Policy.
2. Proposed Sherwood Forest Masterplan: These documents can be viewed at Council's administration offices or on Council's website at DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION | Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council (nsw.gov.au). Written submissions must be received by **Tuesday 20 September 2022** addressed to the General Manager, CGRC, PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590 or via email at mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM:

Provides funding to community groups across NSW to undertake projects to address specific road safety issues. The program supports the implementation of small scale, local projects to increase road safety awareness and promote safer road use. Grants of up to \$5,000 and \$30,000 are available for road safety projects that involve education and/or community engagement activities. Applications open Thursday 4 August and close 4pm Tuesday 20 September 2022. Eligibility and selection criteria apply. Visit the Community Road Safety Grants page for more information.

CGRC TENDERS: Jubilee Park Stage 3 - Lighting & Electrical – Design & Construct and Stage 5 – Water Feature Supply & Installation – Design & Construct both close at 2pm Friday 2 September 2022. All Tenders can be viewed at and submissions should be made through the <https://www.vendorpanel.com/> Portal at VendorPanel Public Tenders. We welcome current and potential contractors to register with VendorPanel <https://www.vendorpanel.com/>. Please direct any queries to Council's Procurement Officer, on 1300 459 689.

FROM THE MAYOR:

Our Council is to demerge. The decision from the Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman, arrived late on the afternoon of Wednesday 24 August. It is still not clear how the demerge model will be put in place and we will await further information from the Minister who will advise on the transitional arrangements that will apply to the current Council. I am pleased that the Minister has stated that the NSW Government is required to fund the cost of the de-amalgamation and reconstitution of the former areas of Cootamundra and Gundagai with the new councils responsible for ongoing and operational costs.

I urge residents across both communities to be patient, show some compassion and empathy to the staff of CGRC as we all work our way through the demerging of two wonderful communities. There have been great relationships formed and exceptional skills shared. These I am sure will continue into the future.

For now it's business as usual. Your current Councillors and staff will continue to serve our communities as best we can whilst the transition takes place.

I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors and staff for the work we have all put in, under uncertain times.

For now stay safe, stay nice and be kind to each other.

Charlie Sheahan
Mayor



Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

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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