

FROM THE MAYOR:

Happy New Year to all residents, we all hope 2024 brings health, and happiness and everything you wish for.

It will be a busy 2024 for CGRC as we work through the demerger process in accordance with the Ministers' instructions. To date: Council is in receipt of a response from the Minister for Local Government to our letter providing a copy of the Barrister's advice suggesting that the State Government is responsible for the funding of the demerger and encouraging the Minister to explore more timely approaches to the demerger of CGRC.

Not surprisingly, the Minister has restated his earlier decision provided to CGRC on 3 October 2023. We continue to develop the Detailed Transition Plan and work toward submitting that Plan early in the New Year. I am pleased to announce that Steve McGrath Interim General Manager has agreed and entered another 12-month contract and will remain as the CGRC Interim General Manager. Steve is currently on leave and will return on the 22 January.

It's business as usual for Council, with our staff doing their very best to provide the services we all enjoy. On that note, I would like to congratulate the staff on the presentation of our parks and gardens during the festive season they all looked magnificent and continue to provide colour and enjoyment for all. Our civil crews have also worked hard to get our roads in good condition considering the weather.

I had the pleasure of attending the annual staff awards and recognition day in December, where staff were recognised for their service to Council and the community. This year staff were encouraged to nominate a peer in the Values Champion Awards, congratulations to all who were recognised by their fellow workmates for the work they do and what they bring to their teams individually.

I do hope that many of you will join us for Australia Day in the Parks. Carberry Park in Gundagai and Albert Park in Cootamundra will come alive on Australia Day 26 January, with music, food and the presentation of Australia Day awards recognising the achievements from residents across both communities. Until next month, stay safe, and be kind to each other.

Charlie Sheahan
Mayor CGRC



COOTAMUNDRA WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE:

Will be open on Australia Day from 10am to 3pm.

ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION:

The Draft Swimming Pool Inspection Policy and Program. If no submissions are received during the exhibition period that would require material alteration to the draft Swimming Pool Inspection Policy and Program, it be adopted.

The Draft Model Contaminated Land Policy. If no submissions are received during the exhibition period that would require material alteration to the Draft Model Contaminated Land Policy, it be adopted.

Both documents are on public exhibition. To make your submission, you are required to do so in writing by **4pm Tuesday 16 January 2024**. 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. These documents can be viewed at [DOCUMENTS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION | Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/DOCUMENTS_ON_PUBLIC_EXHIBITION_Cootamundra_Gundagai_Regional_Council_nsw.gov.au)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY:

Solar Windmills: Wednesday January 17, 10am. \$5

African drumming workshops 19 Jan 10:30am class & 11:30 am Class

Foil Art: Friday January 19, 10am. \$5

Paper Tea Cups: Wednesday January 24, 2pm. \$2.

Bookings required for all programs:
Ph 6940 2200

GUNDAGAI LIBRARY:

Summer Reading - "Book A Minute Challenge" Entry is FREE when you borrow. Draw a clue, find a book within a minute, and WIN a Prize.

Activities are set up in the library all holidays that include Mirror Messages, Puzzle Table, Colouring Station and Lego Play

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

GUNDAGAI

Multi-sports day Gundagai Netball Courts, Wednesday

17 January 2024, 10am-12pm.

African Drum Workshop - Library Friday 19 January 2024 2pm-4pm.

AI Skate Co Scooter and Skate Workshop Gundagai Skate Park Saturday 20 January 2024, 2pm-4:30pm

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

COOTAMUNDRA

Twilight Basketball - Nicholson Park, Wednesday 17, 24 January 2024, 7pm-8pm.

Youth vs. Police CrossFit Competition - ROAR 24/7, Tuesday 16 January 2024, 9am-12pm.

Family Outdoor Movie Night Ft. Shark Tale Albert Park, Friday 19 January 2024 - at dusk.

AI Skate CO Skate/Scooter Workshop & Council Run Scooter Competition - Coota Skate Park, Saturday 20 January 2024 9am-3pm

GUNDAGAI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE:

Will be undergoing renovations. The temporary location is inside the Mirrabooka Building - Library Toolbox Room in Sheridan Street. The centre will continue to service our community and visitors as per usual in this temporary location. Please keep your eye on our Facebook Page for changes in opening hours over this period. All enquires please call the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre on 02 6944 0250. **The toilets at the rear of the centre will remain open during construction.**

GARBAGE SERVICES - AUSTRALIA DAY 26 JANUARY 2024:

There will be NO CHANGES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES in Gundagai and Cootamundra.

Residents are requested to put bins out the night before due to pick up time changes.

THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING January 2024

The ordinary meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23 January 2024** at the Council Chambers, Sheridan 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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO AUSTRALIA DAY



CARBERRY PARK GUNDAGAI

ALBERT PARK COOTAMUNDRA

IN THE PARK

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024

MEET OUR AUSTRALIA DAY
AMBASSADORS

LISTEN TO THEIR
INSPIRING
STORIES

FESTIVITIES FROM 8:00AM



Mark Warren

A dynamic broadcaster MC & Auctioneer. He is a talented voice actor and the head of Warren Media, a multi-skilled creative media agency.



Ethan Butson

A Radiation Oncology Medical Physics Registrar at The Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre, Westmead, NSW & a scientific inventor who aims to develop innovative solutions to medical & scientific problems to aid humanity.

WITH BREAKFAST
CATERED BY LOCAL
LIONS CLUB

ENTERTAINMENT
BY LOCAL TALENT

PRESENTATION OF
AWARDS

&

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Come along &
party at local
swimming pools
from 12 noon!



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

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