



### KINDY KITS PROMOTE RECYCLING

Riverina Eastern Regional Organisations of Council (REROC) are encouraging the future generation to REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE as they send out over 1600 Kindy Kit library bags to kindergarten students across the region.

The Kindy Kits library bags contain special little goodies, with bookmarks, colouring in cartoons featuring Recycle Roo and the Compost Doctor aimed at promoting class discussions on waste avoidance, resource recovery and promoting the reduce, reuse, recycle message. Pamphlets are included to show what items should be disposed of in green, red, and yellow bins.

CGRC mayor Cr Charlie Sheahan is thrilled and excited to see the Kindy Kit library bags go out again this year.

“This initiative is so important because not only does it teach the younger generation to reduce, re-use and recycle, they are also a practical resource that children can use on a daily basis, with a fun re-useable bag to carry their library books,” Cr Sheahan said.



### GUNDAGAI VIC REFURB UNDERWAY:

The refurbishment and renovations of the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre (VIC) are well underway.

The \$450,000 project has been funded by The NSW State Governments Stronger Country Community Fund Round 5 and the Council Implementation SCF Fund.

When completed the VIC will see new a Changing Places toilet facility installed.

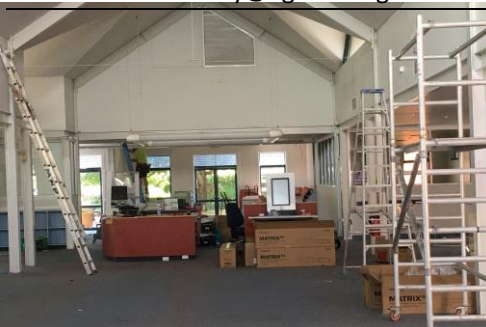
The VIC will be upgraded to meet modern day needs, expanding the existing display areas for visitors to enjoy the range of local products on sale. Electrical and plumbing upgrades will be incorporated in the refurb.

### COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY RENOVATIONS:

The Cootamundra Library is closed for refurbishment, which will see a pleasant experience for patrons on completion. The interior has been stripped in readiness for new painting, furniture, computers, and new carpets. (pictured below).

During the renovations call into the Stephen Ward Rooms for book pickups & returns. Limited browsing, printing, copying & scanning.

Services by appointment.  
Phone 69 402 200 or 0417 902 494 or Facebook messenger or email [cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov](mailto:cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov).



## Seniors This week is for you

**Saturday 9 March 1pm** - The Kapooka Army Band is providing a free concert at Mirrabooka following the Gundagai Producers Market starting at 9am in Carberry Park

**Monday 11 March 10am** - South Gundagai Cemetery History tour followed by Morning tea at the Gundagai Library

**Tuesday 12 March 10am** - Basic Android mobile phone workshop in Gundagai library.  
**2pm** - Basic iPhone mobile phone workshop in Gundagai library

**Wednesday 13 March 10am** Bus Tour starting at Cootamundra Town Hall and Morning Tea at Bradman's Birthplace

**Wednesday 13 March 2.45pm** - NSW Premier's Senior's Gala Concert will be live streamed at the Gundagai District Services Club

**Thursday 14 March 11.30am** - Seniors Lunch and Entertainment at the Sheridan Room Gundagai including, Guest Speaker Catherine Pratt MLHD

**Friday 15 March 10am** - Bus trip from Gundagai to Cootamundra for Croquet

**Tuesday 19 March 2pm** - Trove Family History at the Gundagai Library

**Wednesday 20 March** at 10am Seniors High Tea at Cootamundra Ex-serviceman's Club

**Thursday 21 March 10am** - Morning Tea with the Councilors and Senior Staff at the CGRC Gundagai Council Chambers

**Friday 22 March 10.30am** - Author talk and morning tea - Dr Anne Ring at the Gundagai Library

**BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED FOR SOME EVENTS: CALL 1300 459 689**

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### THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2024

The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at the Council Chambers, Sheridan St Gundagai. Starting at and livestreamed from 6pm. Please refer to Council's website for meeting agenda.

## FROM THE MAYOR:

I'm delighted to see the renovations on the Cootamundra Library and Gundagai Visitor Information Centre taking place. These renovations and refurbishments will bring much needed upgrades to both buildings, seeing them fit for the future demands of our respective communities. Both buildings are high traffic areas with many demands on the infrastructure and changing needs of users. I am really looking forward to seeing these renovations completed and applaud the staff in both centres for the inconvenience and extra work entailed in the moving to temporary premises and the associated extra demands that places on them during the disruption to normal services.

I raised at the February Ordinary Council meeting the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for 2021/2022 financial year. A copy of the report will be posted to Councils website, and I proposed that Council write to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the NSW Minister for Local Government seeking that they urgently seek to address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform, budgetary provision, and appropriate funding. The pressure on councils to continue to provide services of appropriate standard to our communities is now extraordinary. The unrelenting growth of cost shifting to councils, coupled with rate pegging, is increasingly eroding any possibility of financially sustainable local government, and risking the capacity of councils to deliver tailored, grassroots services to their communities and properly deliver and maintain vital local infrastructure. Alarming, the latest research commissioned by Local Government NSW (LGNSW) shows that the increase in cost shifting has been accelerated by various NSW Government policies. I believe our communities deserve better and this must stop. Prior to the most recent state election the then Minns Opposition wrote to LGNSW acknowledging that cost shifting had undermined the financial sustainability of the local government sector.

Demerger situation: The NSW Minister for Local Government announced a Government Bill proposing amendments to the Local Government Act on Tuesday 6 February 2024 around demergers. The Bill would propose the repealing of section 218CC of the Act; and the introduction of a new section of the Act, 218CD, which will require a constitutional referendum; preparation of a Business Plan demonstrating the financial viability and sustainability of the demerged councils including demonstrating that the demerger is able to be funded by the councils (i.e., State will not pay). A briefing from the office of Local Government indicated that CGRC would not be required to undertake a constitutional referendum. It was also indicated that CGRC is still required to take the pathway that the Minister had previously advised in October 2023, i.e., progress under the process of sections 212 and 204 of the Act. Effectively, no change to the current CGRC pathway including the need to go through a third Boundaries Commission process. It's business as usual and I will update more as information comes to hand.

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

**Charlie Sheahan**



**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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## YOUTH WEEK/SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

### Gundagai

Trivia Night 12<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm-8pm, Gundagai District Services Club (booking essential)

Gundagai Painting Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1pm-3:30pm, Carberry Park (booking essential)

Gundagai Youth Space Opening & Multisport Day, 23rd April, 10am-12pm Gundagai Netball Courts

### Cootamundra

Cootamundra Multisport Day, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 9am-3pm, Cootamundra Stadium

Cootamundra Youth Fest (music festival), 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm-8pm, Fisher Park,

Cootamundra Painting Workshop, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm-4:30pm, Stephen Wards Room, Cootamundra Library

Contact Youth & Inclusion Officer on 1300 459 689 for more information on Youth Councils & activities.

## ANNIE PYERS DRIVE GUNDAGAI

Major road works at the Dog on the Tuckerbox precinct at Gundagai is currently underway. Annie Pyers Drive works are steadily progressing with the first concrete pour completed. This section is expected to open to traffic in 1 to 2 weeks pending strength testing of the concrete. The next stage will commence once this stage opens to traffic. The next stage for completion will be parallel to this stage. Traffic control will remain in place and drivers are urged to take extreme care and obey traffic signals.

