



**AUSTRALIA DAY IN THE PARKS:**

Inspiring speakers, and recognition of the achievements local residents bring to our communities were some of the attractions at Australia Day celebrations in Carberry Park Gundagai and Albert Park Cootamundra on 26 January. Blessed with fine weather, the event saw hundreds enjoy breakfast supplied by local Lions Clubs, free entertainment by local talent and in the case of Cootamundra the welcoming of a new Australian resident. Where a Citizenship ceremony was incorporated within the Australia Day celebrations. Gundagai's Australia Day ambassador Mr Mark Warren (*pictured left*) captivated the audience with his speech. Whilst in Cootamundra ambassador Ethan Butson inspired young and not so young with his message. Councillor Abb McAlister and CGRC Mayor Charlie Sheahan presented Australia Day awards respectfully to Gundagai Citizen of the Year, Marie Lindley, Gundagai Young Citizen of the Year, Kali Hutchinson, Gundagai Sportsperson of the Year, Craig Bond. Cootamundra Citizen of the Year, Margery Blackney, Cootamundra Young Citizen of the Year, Kyle Collins, Cootamundra Sportsperson of the Year, Alexis Phillips (*pictured below*). Certificates were presented to all who were nominated these included: Cootamundra Rodeo Committee, Bob Holder, Joel Pearson, Maci Wilkinson, Maureen Simpfendorfer, Michael Axsentieff, Tayla Collins, Will Ellis, Anne Tickner, Archie Wheaton, Bongongo Public School, Gundagai Racing Club, Jan Reardon, Mavis Turner



**TWILIGHT BASKETBALL:**

Council and Cootamundra Police have been working together to bring Twilight Basketball to our courts. It has been great to see so many youth and families in our community getting together. (*Pictured below*).



Join  
**OUR TEAM**

- SENIOR BUILDING SURVEYOR - COOTAMUNDRA**
- ADMINISTRATION OFFICER - FINANCE**
- COMMUNITY RECOVERY OFFICER - 12 MONTH CONTRACT**

Applications, addressed to the General Manager should be submitted by **5pm on Friday 9 February 2024** by post to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, delivered to Council's offices at Cootamundra or Gundagai or by email to [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

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[cgrc.nsw.gov.au](http://cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

*You're Invited!*  
**SENIORS WEEK HIGH TEA**

Theme: Glitz & Glamour  
Come in your best clothing!  
March 20th 2024  
10am - 1pm

Cootamundra Ex-Services Club, Auditorium  
Guest speakers, entertainment and seniors information stalls  
\$5  
RSVP & Tickets - 6th March at the CGRC (Council) Front Counter Wallendoon St, Cootamundra



**THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2024**

The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper St Cootamundra. Starting at and livestreamed from 6pm. Please refer to Council's website for meeting agenda.



## FROM THE MAYOR:

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all who received awards at our Annual Australia Day in the Park celebrations.

In Gundagai

Citizen of the Year– Marie Lindley

Young Citizen of the Year – Kali Hutchinson

Sportsperson of the Year – Craig Bond

Recognition Certificate – Bongongo Public School

Community Award – Gundagai Racing Club

In Cootamundra

Citizen of the Year– Margery Blackney

Young Citizen of the Year - Kyle Collins

Sportsperson of the Year – Alexis Phillips

Community Award – Coota Rodeo Club

We also had the honour of presenting certificates

to all who were nominated. It was my very great

pleasure to attend the Australia Day in the Park in

Cootamundra, whilst Councillor Abb McAlister

undertook those duties in Gundagai.

We were blessed in both locations with lovely

weather and were entertained by local talent and

our Australia Day Ambassadors. My sincerest

thanks go to all who attended in both locations.

Your support of these events is heartwarming and

shows that we recognise the achievements local

people bring to our communities to make them

the great places they are. Thank you to all who do

so much in our communities.

Council hosted a Round Table conference in

Gundagai on Monday 29 January to discuss the

Financial Sustainability of Merged Councils, it was

very well supported with all 47 delegates from

NSW State Government, surrounding merged

councils, Hilltops, Snowy Valley, Snowy Monaro,

and Federation attending. Chaired by Mick Veitch

from Council House, delegates were able to listen

to presentations from Mr. Brett Whitworth

Deputy Secretary NSW Office of Local

Government, Darriea Turley AM, President Local

Government NSW, Peter Tegart Always Thinking,

Dr Amanda Cohn NSW Greens Spokesperson for

Local Government, Jed Lawton United Services

Union. Delegates had the opportunity for a Q & A

session, and open forum. A full report on this

conference will come later. In short, the

consensus was that these forcibly merged

councils are not working and there is a need to

pursue a demerger process. CGRC is continuing to

work through the pathway set down by the

Minister for Local Government and more will

come on our progress soon.

Until next time, stay safe, stay nice and

be kind to each other.

**Cr Charlie Sheahan,**

**Mayor CGRC**



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## GUNDAGAI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE:

Is currently undergoing renovations. and has relocated to 245 Sheridan Street (inside the Mirrabooka Building - Library Toolbox Room). The VIC will be in this location until renovations are completed. The centre will still service the community and visitors as usual. Please keep your eye the VIC Facebook page for changes in opening hours over this period. If you have any questions regarding the move or our services, please call the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre on 02 6944 0250. The toilets at the rear of the centre will remain open during construction.

## GUNDAGAI DRUM MUSTER:

Drum Muster in Gundagai will be by appointment only. Drums will be accepted on the last Thursday of every month at CGRC Gundagai Depot from 12.30pm – 3.30pm.

## KERB AND GUTTERING COOTAMUNDRA:

Work will continue in Hurley/Ursula Streets Cootamundra from Monday 29 January 2024. Please drive to conditions in this area and beware of road workers.

## OLYMPIC HIGHWAY ROAD WORKS NEAR WALLEDBEEN:

Olympic Highway culvert replacement works will commence 5 February north of Wallendbeen and continue for 6-7 weeks. The Wallendbeen rest area will be closed to all traffic until 9 February. Work schedules weather dependent.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – LEASE OF THE GUNDAGAI GYM COMPLEX:

CGRC invites submissions from interested persons regarding the lease of the Gundagai Gym Complex. The results from the EOI process will be put forward to Council for consideration. For more information, please see website for Lease Agreement. EOI submissions closes Monday 19th February at 5pm.

EOI are to be submitted in writing to: Attention Manager Regional Services. PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590 or emailed to: [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

Mark Attention Manager Regional Services Gundagai in subject line.

## ANNUAL STATE ROAD NETWORK RESEALING PROGRAM:

Is underway on Olympic Highway and Burley Griffin Way. Works performed under full traffic management. Expect short delays. Expected to be finished by the end of next week.

## FLUSHING OF TOWN WATER MAINS – COOTAMUNDRA:

To keep your water at the highest quality, CGRC will be flushing water mains in Cootamundra during February 2024. Apologies for any inconvenience caused whilst this vital work is being carried out.

## COOTAMUNDRA & GUNDAGAI YOUTH COUNCILS:

Young people are encouraged to be a part of the 2024 Youth Councils in Cootamundra and Gundagai. Check out our website Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council | ([nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au)) or pop into Council administration offices for a form or call the Youth and Inclusion Officer 1300 459 689 or email

[youth@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@cgrc.nsw.gov.au)

## COOTAMUNDRA LIBRARY RENOVATIONS:

Commencing in March, the Cootamundra Library will be closed for several weeks whilst furniture, carpets, and circulation desk are replaced. The building will be painted, the lights replaced, and new IT systems are installed. The library will be offering a home delivery service to enable patrons to access the collection.

Library items available by free home delivery: Mon, Tues, Wed, Friday. The returns chute will be open. Services by appointment. Phone 69 402 200 or 0417 902 494 or Facebook messenger or email [cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cootamundra.library@cgrc.nsw.gov.au).

## SCAM WARNING:

Council advises it does not send information regarding rates or water charges via text message.

If you receive one, please contact Council immediately on 1300 459 689.

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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