



### STORY TIME BRINGS SMILES:

Over 50 people attended the launch of children's book *The Sheepdog Who Was Afraid of Sheep* at the Cootamundra Library. There were plenty of young fans eager to hear the tale of Minky the puppy.  
Author Catherine Rains book is a heartwarming tale of finding your self-belief and courage, even when you're small and scared.  
**Pictured Left:** Author Catherine Rains entertained youngsters with *The Sheepdog Who Was Afraid of Sheep* and Minky the puppy, where smiles and fun were abundant.

### SENIORS ENJOYED A VARIETY OF EVENTS:

Seniors across the region participated in several events held to celebrate the contribution they make to our communities.  
**Pictured right:** It was all glitz and glamour at the Seniors High Tea held in Cootamundra.  
**Pictured below:** Gundagai Seniors enjoyed a luncheon in the Sheridan Room at the old Gundagai Post Office building.



### LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?

Check out our website  
[POSITIONS VACANT | Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.cootamundragundagai.nsw.gov.au)

### YOUTH WEEK/SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM:

**Gundagai-** Painting Workshop 15 April, 1pm-3:30pm, Carberry Park (booking essential).  
Youth Space Opening & Multisport Day, 23 April, 10am-12pm Gundagai Netball Courts.  
**Cootamundra** - Multisport Day, 16 April, 9am-3pm, Cootamundra Stadium.  
Youth Fest (music festival), 18 April, 2pm-8pm, Fisher Park.  
Painting Workshop, 24 April, 2pm-4:30pm, Stephen Ward Room, Cootamundra Library.  
Contact Youth & Inclusion Officer on 1300 459 689 for more information on Youth Councils & activities.



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Adjungbilly motorists using the Hopewood Road causeway will soon see an improvement with works taking place on the causeway.

### THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2024

The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 April 2024 at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre Cooper Street Cootamundra.

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:

I hope everyone had a lovely and safe Easter. Council resolved at the extraordinary meeting held Tuesday 19 March to present Detailed Transitional Plan (DTP) and Financial Sustainability Plan (FSP) to the Minister for Local Government.

These plans were taken to Sydney last week and are the pathways CGRC and the two new Councils will follow to achieve financial sustainability and deliver services expected by our communities.

I urge all residents and ratepayers to read these plans so you are all informed on the implications of the proposed demerger of the current Council to the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils.

I will be attending the Rural and Regional Summit in May along with two fellow councillors, this summit will include a review of the financial model for local government, case studies showcasing excellence in the rural and regional local government sector, panel discussions on the vision for rural and regional NSW, and updates from the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

I had the pleasure of opening the Cootamundra Youth Hub, alongside Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke, this is a fantastic space for the youth of Cootamundra, and I hope that many will take advantage of the Hub, for homework space, catching up with friends and participating in activities.

The Seniors week activities across the region were a great success, all events had a great turn out and we have received loads of positive comments. It is heartwarming to the staff who organise these events to see them well supported and received.

I'd like to remind all that Council and TfNSW are undertaking a lot of road works across the LGA, please respect our road workers, drive to the conditions, and obey all traffic signals and warnings.

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

**Cr Charlie Sheahan,**  
Mayor CGRC  
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Mayor CGRC



## WEED SPRAYING NOTICE:

Council wishes to advise residents across the region that weed spraying will be undertaken during the months of February to June 2024.

Notification is made in accordance with the Pesticide Regulation 1995.

Herbicide application will occur on roadsides, culverts, town & village streets & lanes, & weed control in public spaces.

Motorists are asked to be vigilant & look out for signs & spray vehicles.

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.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION:

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is in receipt of a development application and accompanying documentation for the following development. DA No: 2024/23  
Land Description: Lot A-B DP327881, Lot 1 DP726068, Lot 101 DP1065978 - 34 Hovell Street, Cootamundra.

Applicant: Peter Stanley  
Consent Authority: Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council  
The development application and accompanying documentation are available for public inspection, at the Council Administration Offices or on the NSW Planning Portal between 28th March 2024 and 26th April 2024.

Any person may inspect the development application and documentation and make a written submission on the proposal quoting Council's file reference, DA No. 2024/23 until 5pm on Friday 26th April 2024. 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.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is in receipt of a development application and accompanying documentation for the following development.  
Demolition of buildings and structures and removal of underground fuel storage tank associated with the existing fuel depot, and remediation of contaminated site.

**ANDREW SKEOCH**

**AUTHOR TALK**

Andrew Skeoch is one of Australia's best-known nature sound recordists and the author of *Deep Listening to Nature*.

Cootamundra Library Tuesday 9 April 10:30am FREE Morning tea provided Bookings 6940 2200	Gundagai Library Friday 12 April 10:00am FREE Morning tea provided Bookings 02 6944 0270
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## DEMERGER NEWS:

Council adopted at an extraordinary meeting on 19 March 2024 to lodge Detailed Transition Plan (DTP) and Financial Sustainability Plan (FSP) prepared to demonstrate Councils ability to demerge and form two separate Councils, (Cootamundra Council and Gundagai Council) to the Minister for Local Government the Hon Ron Hoenig MP. Council will develop and deliver a communications plan designed to inform the community of the details within the plans, the financial and social impacts associated with the demerger and to assist the community in understanding the long-term sustainability goals of both new councils following demerger. The DTP and FSP are the pathways CGRC, and the two new Councils will follow to achieve the financial sustainability whilst maintaining the level of services the community expect. The profiles of the proposed new councils (former Shires of Cootamundra and Gundagai) are somewhat different, resulting in the need for different interventions.

- Both Councils support roughly the same asset base with similar overheads. Gundagai has roughly half the rate revenue to that of Cootamundra.
- Substantial infrastructure upgrades such as the Sewage Treatment Plant and Sheridan Street upgrade in Gundagai contributes to increases in operating and maintenance costs.

All residents and rate payers are urged to read the reports. They will be available at the CGRC Administration offices in Cootamundra and Gundagai and on the CGRC website at [Demerger News | Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/Demerger-News-Cootamundra-Gundagai-Regional-Council-nsw.gov.au)

**Road works continue around the LGA. Council urges motorists to drive to the conditions, slow down at work sites. Expect short delays & plan your trip.**

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