



### DE-AMALGAMATION:

**OUR** community has consistently told Council that they wish to de-amalgamate and move back to two separate Councils for Gundagai and Cootamundra and the NSW Government has now provided a pathway for it to happen.

A detailed implementation plan (the Plan) to guide the establishment of two new sustainable local government areas is available for review and a summary is available on our website: <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/demerger-news/>

Council invites all community members and rate payers to make the Minister for Local Government aware of your support for de-amalgamation:

- via the online submission form at this website: <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/programs-and-initiatives/cootamundra-gundagai-regional-council-de-amalgamation/>
- by sending a completed submission form or other written submission, via:  
mail to: C/- Office of Local Government, Locked Bag 3015, Nowra, NSW 2541; or email to: [cgrcproposal@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cgrcproposal@olg.nsw.gov.au)

**Submissions are due by 10 May 2024.**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Information regarding the demerger is available at <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/demerger-news/> This link will lead you to the Demerger Transition Plan [CGRC-Demerger-TP-draft-5 OLG final.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/CGRC-Demerger-TP-draft-5_OLG_final.pdf) Financial Sustainability Plan [CGRC-Financial-Sustainability-Plan-final OLG-Mar-2024.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/CGRC-Financial-Sustainability-Plan-final_OLG-Mar-2024.pdf) and Task Schedule.

These documents were presented to the Minister for Local Government the Hon Ron Hoeing MP in accordance with his directive.

### YOUR DEMERGER QUESTIONS ANSWERED:

Council has developed an easy to understand Frequently Asked Questions document available at [De-amalgamation-FAQs.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/De-amalgamation-FAQs.pdf) or available for collection at CGRC Administration offices in Wallendoon Street Cootamundra, and Sheridan Street Gundagai.

**Submissions are due 10 May 2024. Council encourages community members to have their say.**



### YOUTH WEEK:

**WHAT** a great turn out for Youth Week and school holiday activities, which saw a large variety of activities for the region's youngsters during April.

The Youth Music Festival held in Cootamundra with a bus coming from Hilltops Council to enjoy the festivities. Dippin' Dots, Lions club hotdogs, Mission Australia with temporary tattoos, Sno cones and Finding Fred facepainting, were appreciated by over 100 participants. The events all free and funded by The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Youth Week Funding.

The painting workshop held in Cootamundra, hosted by Star Art's Megan Holt ran a canvas painting workshop where 20 of our Youth were able to take home their amazing artworks. This was funded by the Office of Regional NSW School Break Program. *(Pictured above)*

### TEMPORARY BUS ZONE GUNDAGAI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE:

**THE** establishment of an additional temporary bus parking zone beside the existing amenities block has been implemented for the duration of the Gundagai VIC building works. The building works are expected to be completed by August. The new parking conditions will be in place until the refurbished Visitor Information Centre is opened to the public.

### COMPANION ANIMAL AUDIT:

**CGRC** will be undertaking an audit of the NSW Companion Animal Register of cats that are not desexed, not registered and require an annual permit. The NSW Government introduced in July 2020, annual permits for non-desexed cats as part of its commitment to promoting responsible pet ownership and improving animal welfare standards. This requires owners of non-desexed cats to pay an annual fee in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration. The annual permit is \$92 **plus** their registration fee \$65. The registration remains a one of payment however the permit must be paid yearly. In NSW, all cats and dogs, must be registered by 6 months of age, this includes all working dogs.

### THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2024

The ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at the Council Chambers, Sheridan St 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.

**FROM THE MAYOR:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all who were nominated and to award winners at this year's Cootamundra Sports Foundation Awards night. It was my great pleasure to present awards to those who have shown great sportsmanship, achievements in their chosen sport and contributions to sporting clubs. Well done to all involved.

The de-amalgamation/demerger is a topic that is relevant at present, I urge all residents/ratepayers to check out the Demerger News on Council's website, links are provided to the Office of Local Government, Demerger Transition Plans, Financial Sustainability Plan and Task Schedules that were presented to the Minister for Local Government. Submissions or comments concerning the Proposal may be submitted to the Minister:

- by mail C/- Office of Local Government, Locked Bag 3015, Nowra, NSW 2541.
- by email to [cgrcproposal@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cgrcproposal@olg.nsw.gov.au); or
- online via the Office of Local Government website:

Any submissions must be lodged by close of business Friday, 10 May 2024.

As the cooler weather approaches, I take this opportunity to remind residents of their obligations and responsibilities regarding backyard burning, firepits and roadside firewood collection. The collection of firewood from the regions roadsides and Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) is prohibited and can attract hefty fines. Anyone caught removing timber or disturbing vegetation (dead or alive) from a TSR can be fined up to \$5,500 under the Local Land Services Act 2013.AA Prohibited items, such as tyres, plastic, treated timber, paint and solvents are not to be burnt. Take into consideration alternative ways to dispose of vegetation, and the impact smoke may have on your neighbours and traffic. This includes considering the wind, weather, length of burn and material burnt. Consider what you are burning - items particularly treated pine can be hazardous to health. Council does have the ability to regulate fire the provisions of the Clean Air Regulations (under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997) should a fire cause air pollution or contain prohibited item.

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

**Charlie Sheahan**

Mayor Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.



**A MESSAGE FROM MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT:**

**MURRUMBIDGEE** Local Health District is inviting stakeholders and the community to provide feedback on the draft Health Services Plan for Cootamundra Health Service.

A Health Services Plan outlines the health services required to meet the community's health needs now and into the future and makes recommendations about the best way to deliver these services.

Communities play a critical role in the process of developing a Health Services Plan and MLHD thanks the community for their positive response. The Draft Plan and summary document will be on display for 6 weeks, from 13 May-23 June 2024.

It will be available for review and feedback online on MLHD's website, and paper copies will also be available to view at the Hospital, HealthOne, Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council and Cootamundra Library. Written feedback can also be provided anonymously, with collection boxes provided at these locations.

Residents of Cootamundra and surrounding areas are encouraged to provide feedback about the Plan for their Health Service, and their future health needs, during the public exhibition period.

There will be opportunities for the community to discuss the draft plan at street stalls planned for 28 and 29 May outside the Outback Bakery in Wallendoon Street.

View the draft Plan and provide feedback here:

<https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/your-opinion>

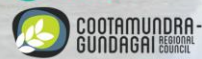
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**Tickets: ph 6940 2200  
Morning tea provided**

## Coota Connections Expo

After the success of the 2023 Coota Connections Expo, CGRC invites you to be a part of this upcoming event by having a display table.

This event aims to connect community, link people with local and outreach services, clubs and opportunities; provide community information and to increase volunteering and participation.

The expo will be free to attend for all.

One table space will be allocated to each organisation.

If you would like to be part of this expo, please RSVP by Friday 17th May 2024 via the QR Code or link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/241011528930851>

For further enquiries contact Leah or Destini at CGRC on 1300 459 689

**THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2024  
10.00AM - 2.00PM**

**COOTAMUNDRA TOWN HALL**



**COOTAMUNDRA WATER MAIN REHABILITATION:**

**CGRC** wishes to inform all customers that the water mains rehabilitation project will commence shortly in Ursula Street, Adam Street, Queen Street, and Hay Street. CGRC has engaged a contractor to undertake the project.

**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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