



YOUR NEW CGRC COUNCILLORS.
The new CGRC Council was sworn in at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council held in Cootamundra on Tuesday 15 October 2024. *Pictured left to right:* Councillors Les Cooper, Danyal Syed, Ethan Ryan, Gil Kelly, Abb McAlister (Mayor), David Graham, Logan Collins. *Front:* Rosalind Wight (Deputy Mayor) and Councillor Penny Nicholson.

CGRC WAS SUCCESSFUL IN RECEIVING THE 2024 NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD (NEDA) FOR EXCELLENCE – REGIONS UNDER 15,000 RESIDENTS.

CGRC was nominated in conjunction with the Tilma Group (the consulting company that assisted with the Project's delivery). Council's journey with agritourism development began in 2018 with a Rural Land Issues Paper identifying agritourism as a growth opportunity for our region. In 2020, regional tourism development consultancy Tilma Group were contracted to develop an Agritourism Strategy for Council. Council applied for funding to deliver one of the strategy's priorities: an agritourism development program. The program's purpose was to help farmers develop new agritourism offerings, and improve existing ones, to grow visitation to our region to experience agritourism. Funded through the **Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant Program**. The award recognised agritourism development initiatives that Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's economic development team have undertaken since 2020. Tilma Group delivered two projects for the Council: an agritourism development plan in 2020, and a farmer mentoring program in 2024.

Agritourism Development Program



8000 TONNES RESCUED FROM LANDFILL:

Council recently engaged a contractor to crush 8,000 tonnes of old concrete, bricks & tiles. This material has been recycled into another usable product. The crushed concrete is being used by Council to upgrade the internal roads inside the landfill site & is available to the public for purchase.

Pictured below: Recycling concrete, bricks & tiles at the Cootamundra landfill has been utilised for another use, saving 8000 tonnes of material entering landfill.



ROADS READY FOR RESEALING:

Pictured below: Kilrush Road and Adams Street Cootamundra have been prepared for resealing and patching. Motorists are requested to obey traffic signals, expect minor delays and drive to conditions.



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Notice is hereby given of the CGRC **Ordinary Council Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday 26 November 2024**, commencing at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers, Sheridan Street, Gundagai. Ordinary Council Meeting **Tuesday 10 December 2024** in the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre Cooper Street Cootamundra. Refer to Council's website for business paper.

FROM THE MAYORS DESK

As Mayor for this new term of Council, I would like to congratulate all who stood for election. To serve as a representative for our local communities is truly an honour and I believe, a privilege.

We do cope with the flak and the negativity dished out on Council, it comes with the job, however, to be a part of the decision making that contributes to creating a better place to live certainly outweighs unconstructive criticism.

I hope with the page turning on a new Council, the new faces and those who are experienced in local government, we will see a united and respectful Council, that will work hard to continue the great work that has been achieved. We do face challenges, the financial situation, attracting staff and the demerger issue. We are not alone; many local councils are facing the same challenges. We will continue to work on these issues to achieve a better outcome for all.

We get to make a difference every day and we will strive to being open and transparent, be innovative, listen to our communities and be open to ideas. My commitment is to work in the best interest of Council and our communities.

I look forward to working with each member of the new Council and extend my sincere appreciation to those in the community who supported my re-election to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

Cr Abb McAlister

Mayor

Cootamundra-Gundagai

Regional Council



SLOW DOWN AROUND HORSES COLOURING COMPETITION:

Children across the LGA aged between 3 & 12 years are encouraged to enter the Slow Down Around Horses colouring competition. Great prizes to be won. Entries can be collected from Administration offices, Libraries or downloaded at

<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/slow-down-around-horses/>

Competition closes 25 November 2025.

Are you between 3 & 12 years?
Colour me in to win a prize.
Drop me in to the
Administration Offices for
judging by Mayor McAlister
before 5pm 29 November 2024.

When I'm on the road please:
Slow down & allow plenty of
room.
Never blow the horn or rev the
engine.

Loud noises and
sudden movements
can scare me!

YOUR COUNCIL

Cr Abb McAlister (Mayor), Cr Rosalind Wight (Deputy Mayor), Cr Les Cooper, Cr Danyal Syed, Cr Ethan Ryan, Cr Gil Kelly, Cr David Graham, Cr Logan Collins, Cr Penny Nicholson.

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or like the Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CootamundraGundagaiRC/>

Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

NOMINATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN

Do you know someone worthy of an award?

Please consider nominating them for

* Citizen of the Year

*Young Citizen of the Year

*Sportsperson / Sports Achievement

Visit the CGRC Website:

<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/australia-day-2025-nominations/>

Or call into CGRC Administration Offices in Cootamundra or Gundagai

Sparkling Streets
Christmas Party

Enjoy the Sparkling Streets Christmas Party, a festive celebration filled with activities for everyone! Join us for
Late Night Shopping | Live Music | Dancing Groups | Local Market Stalls | Raffles
Kids Rides | Food stalls
Bring your friends and family to celebrate the holiday spirit with us!

Thursday 19th December
5.00pm - 9.00pm
Parker Street
Cootamundra

Story Nights Festival Proudly funded by

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LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?
SEEKING AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?
WHAT TO BE PART OF A TEAM
ENVIRONMENT THAT MAKES A
DIFFERENCE?

Keep checking the CGRC Website for
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<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/positions-vacant/>

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