

A photograph of a festive night scene in Cootamundra. In the foreground, a large group of people are seated on white plastic chairs, facing away from the camera towards a brightly lit area. The background is filled with warm, golden string lights that create a bokeh effect. A street lamp is visible on the left, and the sky is a deep twilight blue with some clouds. The overall atmosphere is warm and celebratory.

Cootamundra

New Resident Guide

Welcome to Cootamundra

Cootamundra, nestled in the South West Slopes region of New South Wales, Australia, is a picturesque and charming rural town that embodies the essence of country living. Steeped in history and brimming with community spirit, it is a place where tradition meets progress, creating a vibrant and harmonious environment for residents and visitors alike.

Renowned for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, Cootamundra offers an ideal escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. Its close-knit community prides itself on fostering connections and celebrating local achievements, making it a hub of inclusivity and friendliness. Whether you're exploring the streets lined with historic buildings or enjoying the lively festivals and markets, the town exudes a sense of belonging.

Cootamundra is a treasure trove of natural beauty, surrounded by rolling hills, fertile farmland, and vibrant gardens that change with the seasons. It offers a serene lifestyle where outdoor enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the region's picturesque landscapes, while families can enjoy the town's well-maintained parks and recreational spaces.

Rich in cultural heritage, Cootamundra proudly showcases its historical significance. From being the birthplace of cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman to preserving its railway history and connection to Australia's pioneering days, the town embraces its past while looking to the future.

Adding to its charm are the vibrant local events that bring the community together. Signature celebrations like the annual Wattle Time Festival highlight the town's unique identity, blending culture, creativity, and community pride into unforgettable experiences.

Cootamundra is not just a destination—it's a way of life. Whether you're visiting, relocating, or simply passing through, it promises a warm welcome, a touch of history, and a sense of tranquility that only a rural town can offer.



Humble beginnings

The traditional custodians of the land where present-day Cootamundra stands are the Wiradjuri people, one of the largest Aboriginal groups in New South Wales. The name "Cootamundra" is believed to derive from the Wiradjuri language word guudhamang, meaning "turtle," reflecting the area's rich cultural and natural heritage. This deep connection to the land remains an essential part of the town's identity.

Cootamundra's modern history began in 1830 when it was established as a livestock station during the early days of European settlement. The town was officially proclaimed on August 9, 1861, marking its incorporation as a township. Shortly thereafter, in early 1862, the first settlers began purchasing their lots, laying the foundations for the community that would grow over the coming decades. By 1884, Cootamundra had achieved the status of a municipality, and in 1975, it was incorporated as part of a shire, reflecting its growing importance within the region.

During the gold rush of the 1860s, Cootamundra, like many towns in the Riverina, attracted settlers seeking their fortunes in the nearby goldfields. However, as the local deposits were depleted, the town transitioned into a quieter, yet prosperous, agricultural hub. This shift marked the beginning of Cootamundra's enduring legacy as a center for farming and rural industry, renowned for its high-quality wool, grain, and livestock production.

Cootamundra holds a special place in Australia's history, being considered one of the oldest towns in the country. Its longevity and evolving character reflect the resilience and adaptability of its community, from the traditional custodians of the Wiradjuri people to the settlers and modern-day residents who continue to shape its story. Today, it stands as a vibrant town that celebrates both its ancient heritage and its contributions to Australia's development as a thriving agricultural region.



Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri people, the Traditional Custodians of this Land. As a community, we pay our respects to elders past and present and to future generations. We also acknowledge and recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of all Aboriginal people of this Land

MWANG NGANGAANHA-GU NGURAMBUNG-GU - TOGETHER CARING FOR COUNTRY.

A collaboration between the Cootamundra Development Corporation and the Cootamundra Aboriginal Working Party (CAWP) and funded by Eastern Riverina Arts, this mural demonstrates the journey of Country around Cootamundra with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Gudhamanghuray and Wiradjuri symbols depict the connections made between people and Country and how our custodianship continues for the areas of cultural significance in our community.

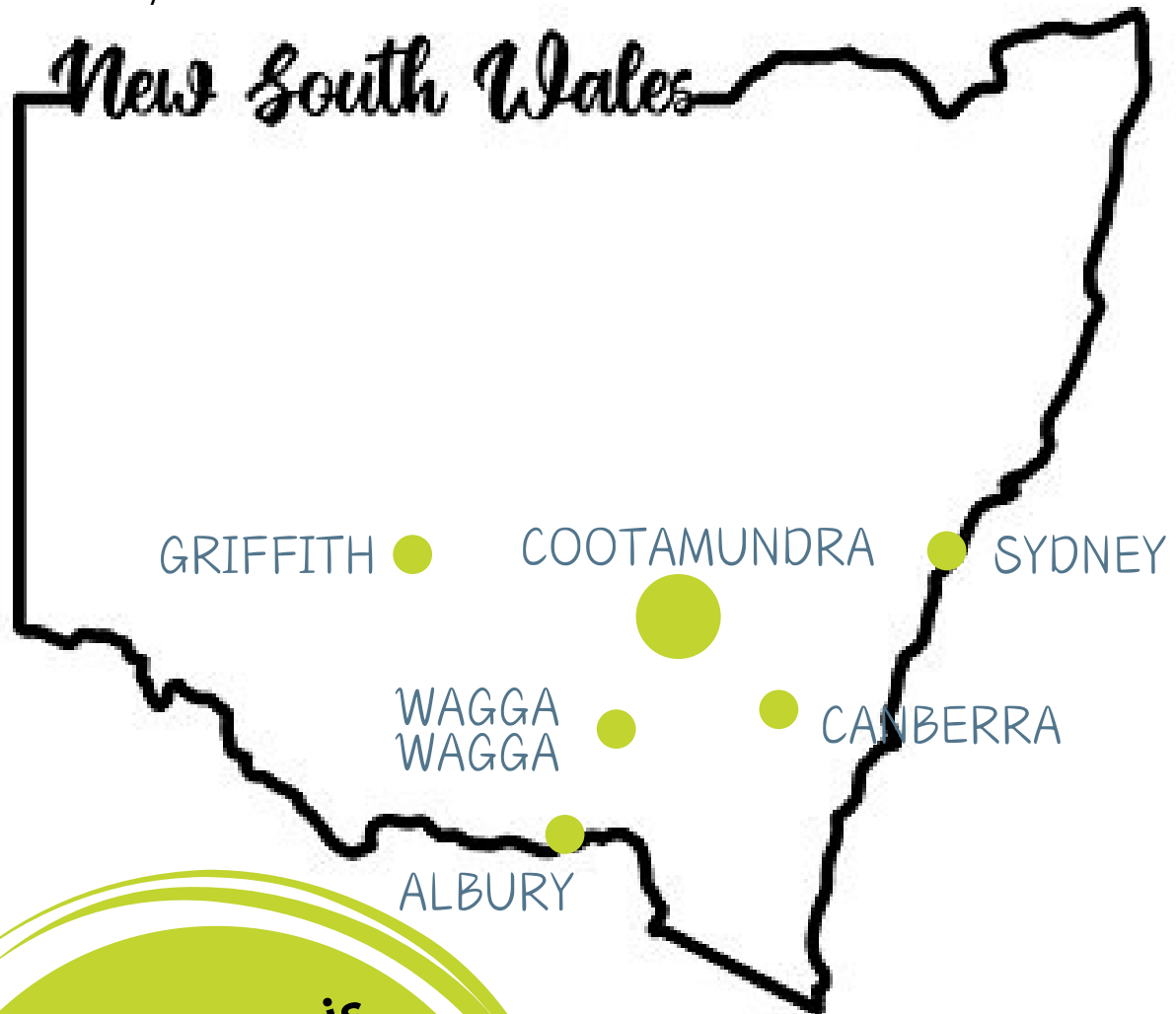
The mural was beautifully painted by the Cootamundra Aboriginal Working Party and community members including Peter Beath, Leigh Bowden, Anissa Jones, Pauline Hancock, Kieran Hearne, Peter Hearne, Joy Horton, Murray Izzard, Amanda Levett, the Magrath Family, the Sannazaro Family, Jason Manning and Colina Meadows.

It is a wonderful addition to our Main Street and an example of true community collaboration.

Visit Cootamundra Cootamundra Development Corporation Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Eastern Riverina Arts.



Experience the best of both worlds in Cootamundra, where you can embrace a peaceful rural lifestyle without sacrificing essential amenities. From schools, medical facilities, supermarkets, to recreational activities, everything you need is easily accessible. For specialised services, the major cities: Wagga Wagga, Canberra and Sydney are conveniently close.



Cootamundra is accessible by road, rail, and bus from both regional centers and capital cities.

Canberra - 173 klms

Sydney - 379klms

Melbourne - 561 Klms

Orange - 208klms

Hunter Valley -

South Coast - 369klms

Blue Mountains - 306 klms

Snowy Mountains - 150klms

CLOSEST AIRPORT

Wagga Wagga 97 klms

Flights to and from
Melbourne & Sydney &
chartered flights .



COOTAMUNDRA TRAIN STATION

Daily XPT service to and from
Sydney & Melbourne (stopping
in Wagga)

COOTAMUNDRA BUS SERVICES

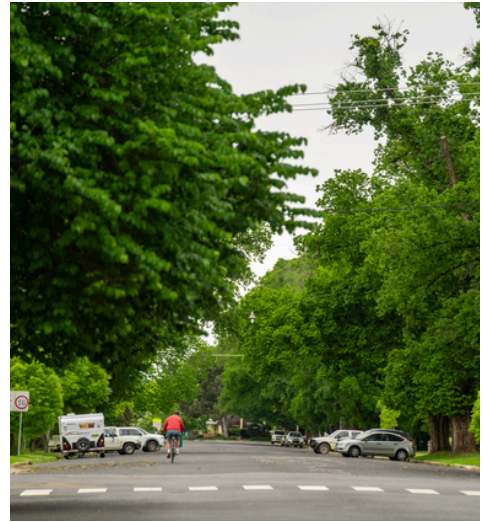
Daily bus service to and from
Canberra

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Climate



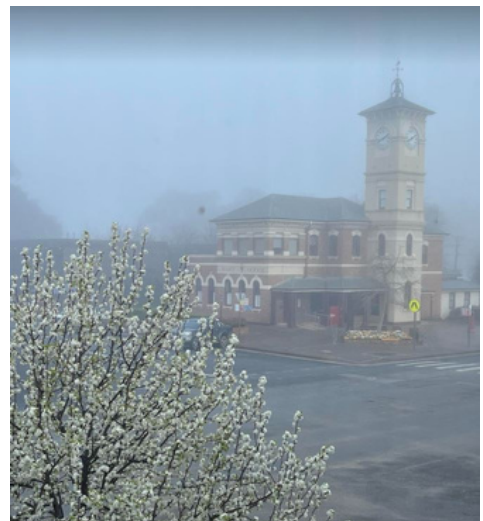
Spring (Sept - Nov)
Averages:
High - 19° Low 6.7°



Summer (Dec-Feb)
Averages:
High - 30.6° Low 14°



Autumn (March - May)
Averages:
High - 22.4° Low 7.8°



Winter (June - Aug)
Averages:
High - 10.3° Low 1.6°

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- 1 Bradman's Birthplace Museum
- 2 Captains' Walk
- 3 Post Office
- 4 The Arts Centre
- 5 Heritage Centre
- 6 Mountain Blue Track
- 7 Main (Parker) Street
- 8 Swimming Pool
- 9 Bird Walk
- 10 Country Club Golf Course
- 11 Pioneer Park
- 12 Off-Leash Dog Park
- 13 Caravan Park
- 14 Salesyards
- 15 Train Station
- 16 Library
- 17 Mowles
- 18 Hotels
- 19 Church
- 20 Toilet
- 21 Fuel
- 22 Caravan Dump Port
- 23 Taxi Rank
- 24 Hospital

June 53km
Wagga 94km

ABOUT COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council was formed by Proclamation of the NSW Government on 12 May 2016. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 11,500 people, including residents of Cootamundra and Gundagai, as well as the villages of Adjunbilly, Coolac, Muttama, Nangus, Stockinbingal, Tumblong and Wallendbeen.

Council is focused on ensuring that the community benefits from this amalgamation, with our highest priority being to continue delivering quality local services that our communities value and rely on. It is the aim of the administration to build a united team and a united community that is inclusive, forward-thinking and lays the foundations for a strong and effective local government.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Council Meetings are held at 6pm on the second last Tuesday of each month, alternating between the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre in Cooper Street, Cootamundra and at the Council Chambers, 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai. Meeting Agendas and Tabled Documents are made available online prior to the meeting. Members of the general public are invited to attend Council meetings and, with the prior approval of the Chair, may address Council in the Public Forum Session on specific topics. People wishing to address Council are asked to submit a Speaker Registration Form to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

COUNCILLORS:

Mayor: Abb McAlister

Deputy Mayor: Cr Rosalind Wight	Cr Gil Kelly
Cr Les Cooper	Cr Penny Nicholson
Cr Danyal Syed	Cr Logan Collins
Cr Ethan Ryan	Cr David Graham



WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO?

Council provides a range of services and support to the community including:

- Strategic land and town planning
- Waste management and recycling
- Pet registration and control
- Pest and weed management
- Building and development supervision
- Local road and streetscape maintenance
- Emergency and disaster planning
- Food and public health services
- Economic development
- Servicing of libraries, community centres, sporting facilities
- Maintenance of parks, pools and sporting fields
- Tourism services and many more.

CONTACT US

Cootamundra Office

Phone: 1300 459 689

Open: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday

Address: 81 Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra,
NSW 2590

Postal Address: PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW
2590

Email: mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

Fax: (02) 6940 2127

TAX INVOICES & STATEMENTS:

Please send to: Accounts@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

REMITTANCE ADVICES:

Please send to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

AFTER HOURS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT:

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Gundagai Office

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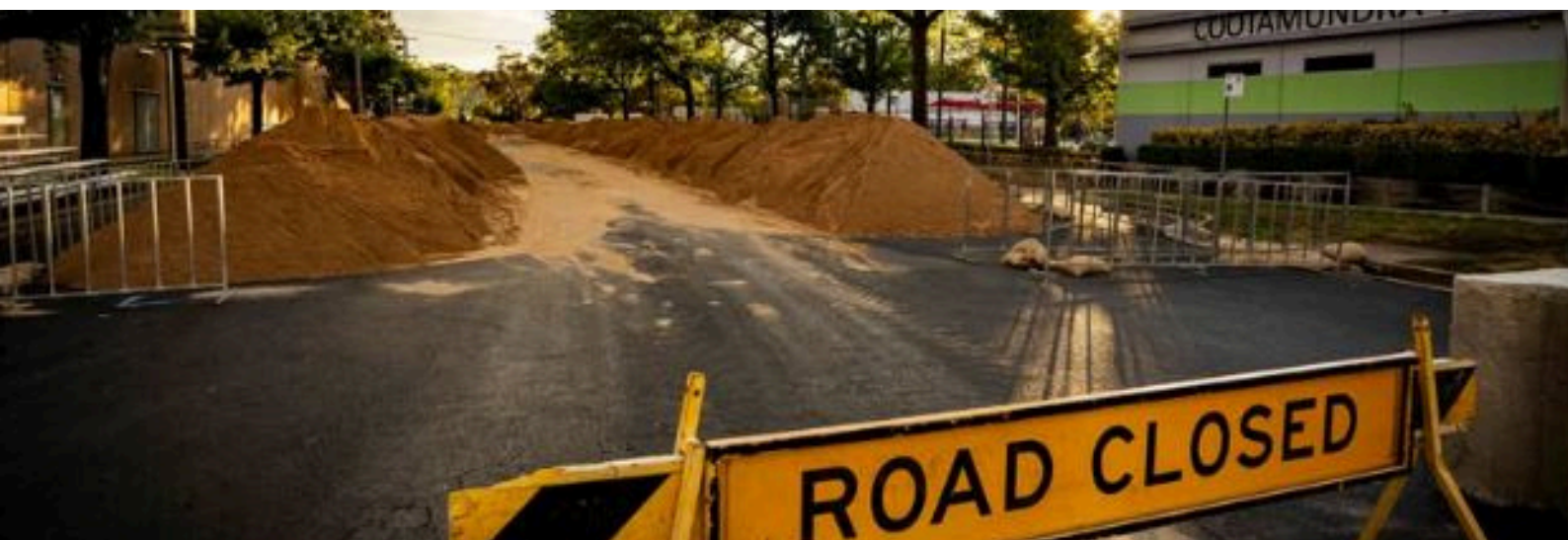
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COUNCILLORS

The Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is represented by nine elected Councillors. Annually, one Councillor is elected as Mayor by the Council.

In September 2024, the current Council was elected for a four-year term. For further details on our Councillors and contact information, visit our website.

<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/about-council/councillors/>

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings provide the public with an opportunity to see how local decisions are made and observe Council's democratic processes. These meetings are open to the public and occur on a monthly basis (on the fourth Tuesday of the month), alternating between the Cootamundra and Gundagai Council Chambers to accommodate citizens from different areas of the Shire.

It's important to note that certain sections of the meeting may be closed to the public to facilitate confidential discussions, as required by the Local Government Act 1989.

You can also tune in to our Council meetings live on our website.

<https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/business-papers-and-minutes/>

OUR PLACE OUR FUTURE - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The Cootamundra-Gundagai Community Strategic Plan 2022 is a reflection of the ideals, priorities, and values of our community. It is a collaborative effort that blends community feedback with necessary actions. The plan serves as a guide for Council's actions over the course of a decade. To ensure it is in line with community needs, the plan is evaluated every four years, coinciding with Council elections.

The document is available via the webpage at [Our Place... Our Future 2022- 2023](#)



Shopping

In the heart of Cootamundra, nestled along Parker, Wallendoon and Murray Streets, lies a shopping experience unlike any other. These charming streets are lined with unique boutiques and shops, each offering more than just products—they provide a genuine sense of connection and community. Shopping here is as much about the experience as it is about the treasures you find.

What truly sets these shops apart is their unwavering dedication to exceptional customer service. From the moment you step through the door, you're greeted with warm smiles and an unmistakable sense of hospitality. The shopkeepers, often the owners themselves, take the time to make every customer feel valued, offering personalized attention and thoughtful recommendations. They pride themselves on getting to know you, understanding your needs, and ensuring your visit is as enjoyable as it is productive.

If you're on the hunt for something specific and can't find it on the shelves, there's no need to worry. The retailers in Cootamundra go above and beyond to fulfill your request. They draw on their deep networks of suppliers, artisans, and fellow shopkeepers to track down that perfect item, whether it's a rare collectible, a locally made craft, or a specialty product. Their dedication to customer satisfaction transforms a simple shopping trip into an extraordinary journey of discovery.

Shopping in Cootamundra is about creating lasting memories and forming meaningful connections. The boutiques and shops offer a haven of charm and tranquility, a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

With their combination of personalized service, unique offerings, and heartfelt hospitality, the shops along Parker and Wallendoon Streets embody the very best of Cootamundra. They're not just places to shop—they're spaces to connect, explore, and savor the spirit of this delightful rural town.



Events

Let Your Rural Spirit Play in Cootamundra!

Cootamundra is a hub of activity, with a dynamic calendar of ever-changing events that cater to all interests.

From sports and festivals to exhibitions, food and wine events, and a diverse range of community groups, Cootamundra has something for everyone.

Don't miss out on anything that is happening!

Head on over to www.visitcootamundra.com.au/events to stay updated with all that's happening in the Cootamundra region.

Our Facebook pages What's On Cootamundra and Coota Local will also keep you up to date with what is happening in our local area.



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Sporting

Cootamundra boasts well-equipped sporting facilities and grounds to accommodate the increasing number of sports groups in the area.

Sports groups in Cootamundra include rugby league, rugby union, Australian Rules Football, soccer, touch football, cricket, squash, tennis, Little Athletics, swimming, golf, croquet, table tennis, volleyball, cycling, basketball, netball, dancing, and lawn bowls.

Cootamundra also is home to three dance studios, offering everything from tiny-tots dancing to ballet.

With three gyms offering a range of options from Crossfit, Body Pump, and Pilates to private sessions, we have a variety of fitness opportunities available.

Cootamundra Pool & Sports Stadium

Summer Fun - dive into summer at the 50-metre outdoor pool, perfect for cooling off with a splash or getting in some laps. Younger visitors can enjoy the shallow children's pool, while the exciting splash pad play area, complete with interactive water games, guarantees hours of fun for the kids.

Surrounded by spacious lawns, the pool complex offers plenty of shaded areas for relaxation, as well as BBQ facilities and a kiosk for your convenience—an ideal setting for a summer day out.

Winter Warmth - when the weather cools, the heated indoor swimming pool offers a cozy spot to swim and stay active. A variety of aquatic programs are available year-round, catering to all ages and fitness levels.

Indoor Sports and Recreation - the indoor stadium is a versatile hub for sports and recreation, supporting a wide range of programs and activities throughout the year.

Climbing Adventures - Experience the thrill of climbing at Coota Indoor Rock Climb. With an 8-metre-high wall, a twin-point auto belay system, and nine climbing lanes, it's perfect for all skill levels. Beginners will enjoy the easy routes, while experienced climbers can tackle more challenging terrains, making it an exciting activity for everyone.



Community Groups

Cootamundra is fortunate to have a vibrant range of community and social groups catering to diverse interests, from engaging educational discussions to relaxed coffee meetups. There's truly something for everyone to enjoy.

To stay informed about what's happening, visit www.visitcootamundra.com.au and bookmark the Events Calendar. Updated regularly, the calendar is your go-to resource for discovering upcoming events and activities hosted by community groups.

Explore the Arts

Cootamundra is a thriving hub for creativity, offering a rich and diverse arts scene that invites exploration and inspiration. At the heart of it all is The Arts Centre Cootamundra (TACC), a vibrant, community-run space that showcases the region's talent through captivating exhibitions, live performances, and engaging workshops. From cabaret shows to art classes, there's always something happening to spark your creativity.

For film enthusiasts, TACC also hosts regular movie screenings, featuring everything from art-house gems to family-friendly blockbusters, ensuring entertainment for all ages.

Whether you're an artist, an art lover, or simply curious, Cootamundra offers endless opportunities to connect with the arts and immerse yourself in its dynamic cultural scene.

www.theartscentrecootamundra.org.au



Schooling

COOTAMUNDRA EA SOUTHEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

We provide a quality education by establishing a stimulating learning environment where children are known, valued and cared for. Our belief is that learning best occurs when home and school work in partnership and share common expectations for the children.

<https://easouthee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/#>



COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL

The school has an established reputation of academic, sporting and cultural success and enjoys close ties with the community.

Cootamundra High offers a broad curriculum incorporating an extensive and free VET program within the school and in conjunction with the local TAFE facilities. www.cootamundra.schools.nsw.gov.au



COOTAMUNDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Cootamundra Public School's vision is to ensure that students realise their potential through a focus on achievement, striving for personal best and positive relationships. Students are supported by expert teachers working together to ensure learning is relevant and engaging. The school is committed to increasing the level of student proficiency in literacy and numeracy with specific programs.

www.cootamundra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au



SACRED HEART CENTRAL SCHOOL

Sacred Heart is a place where everyone in the community is encouraged to learn, to grow and to work towards their best selves. Our school motto 'Faith and Knowledge' challenges us to be a community that serves others, provides academic excellence, and nurtures relationships. We adhere to a vision of Learn, Lead, and Live as a way of life for our entire community. The school caters for students in Kindergarten – Year 10

www.sh-coota.nsw.edu.au



Village Schooling

STOCKINBINGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

The welcoming, friendly, inclusive nature of the school is a standout feature that allows students to develop as strong, confident individuals in a safe, accepting environment. Stockinbingal Public School is very well resourced, with Interactive White Boards in all classes, a high ratio of computers to students and wireless access throughout.

<https://stockinbin-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



WALLENDREEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

The school aims to provide an education that develops its students' intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs. Its motto, "From Small Beginnings", reflects the belief that students from Wallendreen Public School will go forth and achieve well after attending the school.

<https://wallendree-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



Special Schooling

ELOUERA SPECIAL SCHOOL

The Elouera Special School is an educational centre of excellence providing individualised supports to students with a disability from Kinder to Year 12. Built on large grounds with room to expand, we have developed facilities that are second to none in the region.

Elouera provides individual tailored programs to all of its students in the Junior, Middle and Senior class rooms, Elouera Special school caters for students from Kinder Early Stage 1 to Year 12 Stage 6 Life Skills Curriculum and is fully registered with NESA. <https://elouera-association.com/special-school.htm>



Medical Services

COOTAMUNDRA FAMILY MEDICAL CENTRE

When choosing healthcare for you and your family, nothing is more important than being able to trust the medical advice and service you are given and knowing you are receiving the highest standard of care. We offer:

- Quality Healthcare
- Highly Qualified Professionals
- Integrity & Respect
- Delivered With Kindness
- Most Affordable Care
- Emergency & Urgent Care

148 Parker Street, Cootamundra

02 59377307

info@cootamundrafamilymedical.com.au

COOTAMUNDRA MEDICAL CENTRE

Our aim is to give our patients the highest possible quality of care, by ensuring excellence in all aspects of our practice. We endeavour to provide patients with the best and most current treatments, methods, materials and equipment within our resource capabilities to ensure that the patients receive the high quality of service they have come to expect.

118-132 Mackay Street Cootamundra

02 69420222

<https://www.hotdoc.com.au/medical-centres/cootamundra-NSW-2590/cootamundra-medical-centre/doctors>

COUNTRY MED GROUP

We offer a close and personalised health care experience. We are able to offer many services to our patients depending on their needs. Apart of having well experienced Lady Doctors, we have a friendly and dedicated team. We also provide Allied Health services which are all Bulk Billed including 2 in-house highly experienced psychologist and 1 Audiologist.

42 Cooper Street, Cootamundra

02 69421011

admin@countrymedgroup.com.au



Cootamundra Hospital

The Cootamundra Health Service provides a 24-hour accident and emergency and includes a 30-bed hospital with 27 hospital beds and 3 maternity beds, as well as a range of allied health and general practice services.

148 Mackay Street, Cootamundra, NSW 2590
phone (02) 6942 0444

No referral required.

Virtual care (telehealth) is available at this service. Please call to book an appointment.
accessible

Wheelchair accessible

24-hour emergency

Source: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/nsw-health/service-directory/cootamundra-health-service>



Aged Care

ADINA CARE COOTAMUNDRA

Since 1986, Adina Care has been dedicated to offering exceptional residential aged care to older members of the Cootamundra community and surrounding regions. As a community owned not-for-profit organisation, we devote all of our resources to the care of our residents across high care, respite care and dementia care.

Adina Care is dedicated to providing an exceptional resident experience. They believe in enhancing the quality of life for residents entrusted into their care and retain a higher staff to resident ratio than many similar facilities – including having a Registered Nurse on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Adina Care also provides resident centred care, meaning their team is committed to providing the care that the resident request, prioritising individual wants and needs. The Adina Care team understand that being at home means feeling like you are part of a community. Their resident lifestyle program offers a wide range of social activities that includes entertainment, outings and regular visits from children from the local schools.

VISIT:

121 Mackay St Cootamundra NSW 2590

Phone 02 69401600 Email: info@adinacae.com.au

WEB: <https://www.adinacare.com.au>



SOUTHERN CROSS CARE COOTAMUNDRA

Southern Cross Care offers private suites, garden views, a comprehensive range of services and the reassurance of round-the-clock care.

The light-filled, private single suites are decorated and furnished to create an environment that delivers maximum comfort, convenience and privacy.

Featuring private ensuite bathrooms and garden views, our suites create a peaceful, private oasis for you to enjoy. Relax in style, enjoy breakfast in bed or keep the curtains closed and sleep in. It's up to you.

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02 69422300

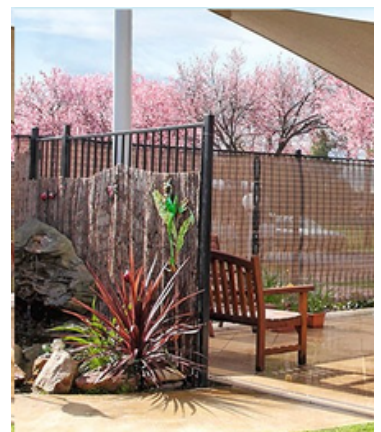
EMAIL:

enquiries@sccliving.org.au

VISIT:

14 Scott St Cootamundra NSW 2590

WEB: <https://www.sccliving.org.au>



Real Estate

In Cootamundra, the market is thriving, attracting investors with its promising growth, profitability and affordability and profitability.

The area boasts employment options, a growing community, and convenient access to necessary services, in nearby major towns such as Wagga Wagga and Canberra, making it an appealing choice for those looking for stable investment returns.

The Domain Rent Report for the June quarter of 2023 highlights a substantial rise in median rents within the Cootamundra-Gundagai council region, surging by an impressive 22.6% to reach \$380.

Cootamundra has seen an annual compound growth rate of 9.5% for houses. If you are looking for an investment property, consider houses in Cootamundra rent out for \$385 PW with an annual rental yield of 5.0% and units rent for \$285 PW with a rental yield of 4.9%.

Median prices

To buy:

2 bedroom house - \$282 000

3 bedroom house - \$385 000

4 bedroom house - \$560 000

Real Estate Agents

Flemings Property Services

222 Parker Street

Cootamundra

Ph: 6942 2480

www.flemingspropertyservices.com

Landmark Real Estate

23 Barnes Street

Cootamundra

Ph: 6942 2122

www.landmark.com.au

Ron Loiterton Real Estate Agents

207 Parker Street

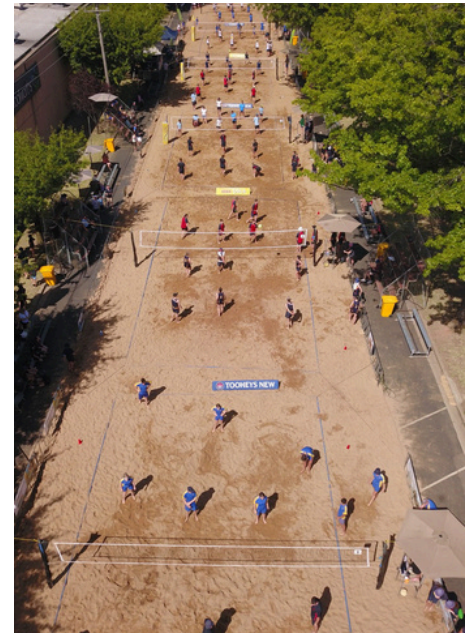
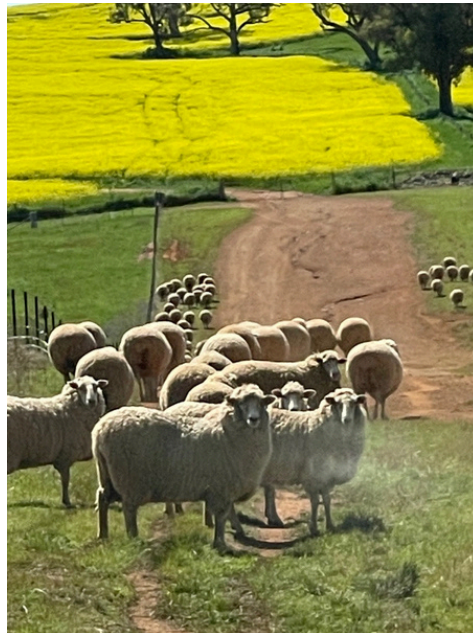
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www.visitcootamundra.com.au

www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au

or feel free to reach out to our Tourism & Economic
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Leah Sutherland

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