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## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS

Two Citizenship Ceremonies were conducted recently where five residents were welcomed and celebrated on receiving their Australian Citizenship. Three Gundagai residents were officially welcomed and enjoyed a morning tea with family, friends and official guests. Pictured top right Mayor Abb McAlister, new citizens Kausalya Lingamanaicker, Thomas Neville, Lien Puddicombe and Member for Riverina Michael McCormack. The afternoon event saw two Cootamundra residents take the pledge and receive their citizenship certificates at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, officiated by Mayor McAlister and assisted by Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke MP. Followed by an afternoon tea enjoyed by family, friends and official guests. Pictured bottom right Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke, new citizens Junie Rendon and Ali Jahan Mahin with CGRC Mayor Abb McAlister.

During the ceremonies, participants took the oath of allegiance, marking the beginning of their journey as Australian citizens. Family members and friends joined in the celebrations, sharing in the pride and excitement of this milestone. The ceremonies also highlighted the importance of community engagement and the shared values that unite residents.



*The Youth Hubs offer comfort, safety and facilities for the regions youth to interact.*

## CGRC YOUTH HUBS PROVIDING CONNECTION, SUPPORT AND FUN FOR LOCAL YOUTH

The CGRC Youth Hubs in Cootamundra and Gundagai offer safe, welcoming spaces where young people can connect, be creative and access support services. Alongside activities like gaming, arts and crafts, and board games, the Hubs provide help with homework, resumes and documents, plus free snacks and drinks. Dignity and blessing bags are also available discreetly. In Cootamundra, community groups regularly run sessions, including Mission Australia (Thursdays 3–5pm), Intereach “Wiggle and Giggle” (Tuesdays 9–11am, plus 3–5pm), and the CGRC Youth Officer (Mondays and Wednesdays 3–5pm). The Gundagai Hub, located near key recreation facilities, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3–5pm. Young people are encouraged to share ideas by emailing [youth@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) or calling 0419 771 385.



**GUNDAGAI LIBRARY** reached the community at the Gundagai Expo, where staff signed up new borrowers, promoted programs, and hosted a Big Book Sale. More than 40 local services were showcased, with the event’s highlight being the cutting of the Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre’s 50th anniversary cake by founding member John Leighton-Jones pictured right with Peggy Elliot. Librarian Cindy Smith is pictured left at the expo highlighting the libraries services.



## DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING

**A Demerger Transition Committee Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 June 2026 commencing at 6:00pm in the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper St Cootamundra. This meeting will be livestreamed. Business papers will be available on Council’s website.**

## Double Demerits 5 - 8 Jun

STOP IT... OR COP IT.



### CURRENT TENDERS, QUOTATIONS:

Council is seeking quotations from suitably qualified contractors & suppliers to provide:

#### **REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS:**

Pavement Stabilisation – RFQ 2026/38

Traffic Management – RFQ2026/39

Vegetation Management –

RFQ2026/40

Supply of Gravel & Gabion Rock – RFQ2026/41

Line Marking – RFQ2026/42

Wet & Dry Plant Hire – RFQ2026/43

#### **TENDER OPEN:**

Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified contractors & suppliers to supply & install sewer pumping station (remove old pumping station) Middleton Dr, Gundagai – RFQ2026/11

Submissions for the above must be made through the Vendor Panel Portal at VendorPanel Public Tenders.

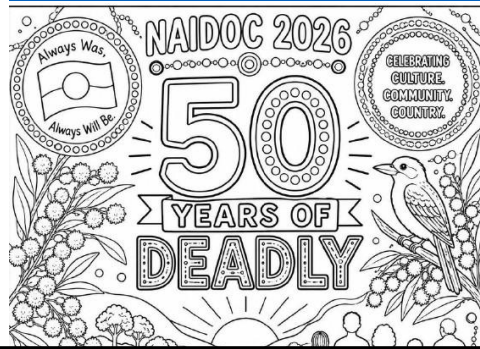
[www.vendorpanel.com.au/publictenders.aspx](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/publictenders.aspx)

### LOCAL 2026 NAIDOC COLOURING COMPETITION:

Open to all youth! Prizes for the most colourful and creative. Youngsters may need help with the writing part!

The Cootamundry Community Indigenous Corporation is conducting a special colouring competition to download the picture click on the link below: Entries to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council Administration offices by 4pm 26 June 2026 Prizes will be awarded at the Cootamundra NAIDOC flag raising ceremony.

[www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/naidoc-week/](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/naidoc-week/)



### HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER:

CGRC is inviting residents to help shape the future of the Community Newsletter. Each month, the newsletter is shared online, through social media and email—but it's also delivered to homes and roadside mailboxes across the region.

With rising costs, Council is now asking: is the printed delivery still important to you? If you value receiving the newsletter in your mailbox, or believe it's time to go fully digital, CGRC wants to hear from you. Your feedback will help guide how this much-loved source of local news is delivered in the future.

[www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/community-engagement/](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/community-engagement/) or call 1300 459 689 or email [mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au) (use **newsletter feedback** in subject line) or call into the Administration Offices and register your feedback.

## ★ COOTAMUNDRA BUSINESS AWARDS 2026

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026

6.30PM - 9.30PM

COOTAMUNDRA EX-SERVICES CLUB



### 2026 BUSINESS AWARDS:

Tickets are now on sale for the 2026 Business Awards.

#### **Cootamundra**

Friday 19 June 2026 – 6.30pm – 9.30pm at Cootamundra Ex Services Club. Tickets (\$60 each).

[www.stickytickets.com.au/n1vqrg/cootamundra\\_business\\_awards\\_2026.aspx](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/n1vqrg/cootamundra_business_awards_2026.aspx). Includes three course meal.

#### **Gundagai**

Friday 26 June 2026 – 6pm – 10pm at Gundagai Services Club

Tickets – Early bird \$60 available until 7 June, general admission \$65 for tickets purchased after 7 June.

[www.stickytickets.com.au/0vt7tb/gundagai\\_business\\_awards\\_2026.aspx](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/0vt7tb/gundagai_business_awards_2026.aspx)

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### Business Awards

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GUNDAGAI DISTRICT SERVICES CLUB



### ADOPT A PET – ANIMAL REHOMING:

Companion animals currently looking for a *forever* home include:

**Tiger & Timmy – Male Cats:**

**Ruby – Female Jack**

**Russell/Chihuahua Cross**

**Poppy – Female Jack Russell Cross**

**Blitz – Male American**

**Staffordshire Terrier**

For more information visit:

[www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/your-services/companion-animals/animal-rehoming](http://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/your-services/companion-animals/animal-rehoming)

Animals currently impounded

**Eva a tabby female cat & Oliver a male kitten.**

For more information about impounded animals please call 1300 459 689.

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given of the CGRC Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at 6pm Tuesday 23 June 2026 at the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper Street, Cootamundra. Refer to Council's website for business paper.

## 2026 KINGS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND

### COOTAMUNDRA WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY & GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES

Public Holiday Monday 8 June 2026: Closed

#### NO CHANGE TO GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES:

Please leave bins out the night before as collection times may vary.

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