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## **LIBRARIANS ON TOUR**

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council hosted librarians from across the region last week as members of the Riverina Regional Library (RRL) group went on tour.

Riverina Regional Library (RRL) is the largest regional library service in NSW. RRL consists of 22 branch libraries and one mobile library funded by 10 Local Government areas.

The branch meeting tour included librarians and library staff from the majority of the branch members along with new additions Berrigan, Finley, Barooga and Tocumwal libraries. Gathering in Wagga the group boarded a bus and headed off to Tumut for a tour of the library and morning tea.

The group made their way to Cootamundra for lunch and a special presentation by guest speaker Ellana Kalounisiga, who spoke about her involvement in Fiji and about growing up in Cootamundra. Ellana spoke about how she ended up living and raising a young family in Fiji. Ellana's passion about her volunteer work in Fiji was evident in her insightful speech. Ellana and her husband Knox still run several businesses in Fiji. Her final message to the group was to embrace our differences and treat others with kindness.

The group were able to view the new renovations recently completed at the Cootamundra War Memorial Library.

The tour headed off to Junee where renovations to the Junee library have completed. The tour finished up back in Wagga.

All participants agree that the branch meetings are a valuable resource for idea sharing and collaboration with each other and makes their membership of RRL a rewarding and inciteful experience.

### **Photo and caption:**

Library staff members from across the region gathered at Cootamundra Library to listen to guest speaker Ellana Kalounisiga and inspect the recently completed renovations.



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