

DEMERGER UPDATE:

Demerger planning at Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is continuing, with Council meeting the NSW Office of Local Government to progress the Proclamation that will formally establish the new Cootamundra & Gundagai councils. The Proclamation will set out arrangements for assets, contracts, staffing & financial sustainability. Proposed Special Rate Variations identified in Council’s Financial Sustainability Plan cannot be included & may require a separate approval process, potentially involving the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal of NSW. The Demerger Transition Committee has concentrated on governance, administrative arrangements & major software systems, & on establishing an independent

DEMERGER TRANSITION DISPUTES RESOLUTION PANEL (DTRP).

The Panel will comprise a Chair & two members & will make binding decisions if Councillors are unable to reach agreement on a demerger-related matter, with Council agreeing to accept the outcome. Expressions of Interest are now open for suitably qualified, independent panel members with local government experience to join the panel. Further information on joining the panel & all demerger updates are available on Council’s website at www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/demerger-news

BUSES, BLUEY, BINGO & KOALA HIT THE MARK!

Two fantastic mornings were spent in Cootamundra and Gundagai for Bus Awareness Week, as little ones, preschoolers and students from EA Southee Public School joined CGRC staff for a hands-on “Be Bus Aware” safety event.



Fresh from story time at the library, the children climbed aboard the buses with curiosity and excitement, learning about buckling up, blind spots and staying safe around large vehicles. For some, it was their very first time on a bus an experience they won’t soon forget. Adults also gained valuable insight, seeing first-hand the driver’s limited visibility around a bus and the importance of road awareness.

Special thanks to Bill Imrie and Mick Eccleston for generously providing their time and vehicles, With laughter, learning, a visit from the Gundagai Koala and Cootamundra Bluey and Bingo, plenty of smiles all round, the event was more than just a fun day out, it was a powerful reminder that when a community comes together to educate and protect its youngest members, we help build a safer future for everyone.



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

Prairie ground cherry is a declared biosecurity threat and Priority Weed in NSW, with eradication targeted in the Riverina. Most infestations occur in the Murray region, with others in the Central West, Riverina (Gundagai) and Western regions. It forms dense infestations in pastures, crops and roadsides, reducing fodder and displacing desirable species. If you see or suspect Prairie ground cherry is on your property please contact CGRC Biosecurity officers on 1300 459 689.



DEMERGER TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING

A Demerger Transition Committee Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 commencing at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers, Gundagai. This meeting will be livestreamed. Business papers will be available on Council’s website.

**ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION:
NOTICE TEMPORARY SPEED**

ADJUSTMENTS: Adjungbilly Area.
Council hereby gives notice under Section 116 Roads Act that Council is intending on installing a **temporary speed restriction** in the Gobarralong/Adjungbilly Roads area. The proposal includes a speed reduction to 80km/h from the Murrumbidgee River to Adjungbilly Village, 1750m of 60km/h within Adjungbilly Village, 80km/h along the sealed section of Nanangroe Road and 60km/h along the northern 675m of Red Hill Road. This temporary speed restriction is to ensure safety during a major project within the area and will be in force for 2 years. If you would like to make a submission regarding the proposal, please email mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au by close of business on **20 Mar 2026**.

DRAFT ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2026/2030:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council the resolution was passed to place the Draft Road Safety Action Plan 2026/2030 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Submissions/comments are invited, and should be lodged to: The Interim General Manager, CGRC, PO Box 420 Cootamundra 2590 or via email to: mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au by closing date **31 Mar 2026**.

TO VIEW ALL ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION VISIT

www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/connect-with-us/have-your-say/documents-on-public-exhibition

COOTA CONNECTIONS EXPO 2026

Join us to learn about the programs, organisation and opportunities available in our local area.



Tuesday 14th April 2026
10.00am - 2.00pm

Seniors & Community Organisations

- Health & Aged Care
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Social clubs & support groups
- Volunteering opportunities
- Home, safety & lifestyle services
- Disability Services

Wednesday 15th April 2026
10.00am - 2.00pm

Youth & Family Services

- Parenting Support
- Youth Programs
- Education & Training
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Sporting & Activity groups
- Disability Services

Cootamundra Civic Hall
Cooper Street, Cootamundra

For further information please contact
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YOUR NEW CAREER COULD BE HERE!

Council is currently seeking applications for the following positions:

**Plant Operator Gundagai
Ranger/Regulatory Officer
Cootamundra**

**Parks & Gardens Attendant
Cootamundra**

Applications, addressed to the Interim General Manager should be submitted by **5.00 pm on Friday 13 March 2026** by post to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, PO Box 420, Cootamundra NSW 2590, delivered to Council's offices in Cootamundra, Gundagai or by email to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

**REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP
EXPLORED COOTAMUNDRA:**

Cootamundra recently hosted the Southern NSW Regional Heritage Group Quarterly Meeting at the Cootamundra Library's Stephen Ward Rooms, welcoming 34 representatives, many volunteers from museums across the region including West Wyalong, Temora, Junee, Holbrook, Griffith, Lockhart, Wagga & Parkes.

The meeting focused on disaster preparedness, succession planning & preserving local knowledge, as well as sustainable approaches to research requests. An update was provided on Lockhart Council's Museum Trail Project, aimed at strengthening collaboration & visitor engagement across Riverina museums, & discussions were held around potential heritage tours. A highlight of the day was an engaging presentation by local identity Betti Punnett on the establishment of the Cootamundra Heritage Centre. Many delegates stayed to explore local attractions, providing a welcome boost to the town's visitor economy & showcasing Cootamundra's rich heritage.



Ride like everything's out to get you.

The wombat looks harmless in the scrub. But on the road, it's a barricade on legs. Lurking around the bend. Ready to take you down.

You never know what's waiting around a corner. So Start wide. And intend to finish tight. See our cornering tips at nsw.gov.au/motorcycle-safety/cornering



ROSE GARDEN SIGNAGE RENEWED:

Visitors to the Gallipoli Rose Garden in Albert Park will notice newly installed signage by the Parks & Gardens team.

Replacing the old, weathered sign, the new installation commemorates the Centenary of Gallipoli and enhances this significant local tribute space.



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given of the CGRC Ordinary Council Meeting to be held Tuesday 24 March 2026 commencing at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai. Refer to Council's website for business paper.