

FROM A TRAUMATIC START TO A BRIGHT FUTURE!

Halle's story began when the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) ranger at Cootamundra, received a call that a pup had been thrown into the Murrumbidgee River in Gundagai.

The pup's age was estimated to be nine weeks at the time of rescue and had ingested water; her condition was dire.

Now, three months on from her appalling start Halle has been rehomed, she is a happy, lively and confident animal showing great promise as a forever companion animal to the family who have adopted her.

The work undertaken by Council, around abandoned animals reaches far beyond impounding them. (Pictured left)

To read more on Halle's story visit:

www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/2025/03/04/from-a-traumatic-start-to-a-bright-future



ACOLADES FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Bradman Birthplace & Museum has received glowing Google reviews, with a special emphasis on the visitor experience, due to the dedicated volunteers.

Mayor Abb McAlister extended his thanks to all volunteers who give up their time to enhance the regions tourist attractions.



THE HEAVY WORK TO COMMENCE ON HOVELL STAGE ONE:

The commencement of major heavy road works on Cootamundra's heavy vehicle bypass, Hovell Street will start from 10 March 2025 with the closure of Campbell Street, between Sutton and Hovell Streets. (Pictured below).

Identified as a critical thoroughfare for heavy vehicle movements within Cootamundra, and the road surface has deteriorated significantly with the increase of these movements over the years.

To stay up to date with the Hovell Street Upgrade Project please visit the CGRC website link:

www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/hovell-street-upgrade-project-cootamundra



GYC PURSUES NEW MEMBERS:

Gundagai Youth Council (GYC) are currently working on adopting a new promotional tool to attract new members.



GUNDAGAI SENIORS MORNING TEA:

Seniors in Gundagai enjoyed a delightful morning tea at the Gundagai Library on Tuesday 4 March as celebrations for Seniors Week commence.

Over 15 Gundagai citizens, chatted over delicious slices, sandwiches, scones and cream, with CGRC Councillor Penny Nicholson and popular Mayor Abb McAlister. The meet and greet included senior CGRC managers. Pictured below Mayor McAlister addressed the gathering and welcomed all.



COOTAMUNDRA SENIORS HIGH TEA:

The Cootamundra Ex Services Club was the venue for the CGRC Seniors Week High Tea on Wednesday 5 March. Seniors who attended the event, were entertained with music by Jan Hurst, a fun trivia game and a Q & A with Councillors and senior CGRC managers.

Seniors were interested in topics on Cootamundra businesses, tourism, Muttama Creek and Planning and Building.



LITTLE ATHLETICS COOTAMUNDRA DISCUS CAGE OPENING:

The erection of a discus cage at Albert Park Cootamundra was a collaborative effort with CGRC & Cootamundra Little Athletics. The cage will create a safe sporting space for competitors and spectators when the Discus competition takes place.

Local trades were engaged to build the Cage - Chad and Junior Cullen from C&G Engineering and the CGRC Concrete Team from Civil Works extended the concrete base to accommodate the Cage and for the ease of maintenance for the Parks and Gardens Team.

(Pictured top right) Lizzy Cassidy - President of Cootamundra Little Athletics. Chris Carr Cootamundra Resident who holds the Cootamundra Little Athletics u15s Discus record from 1996 (he was 14) the record still stands to this day. Stuart Moorby CGRC Cootamundra Operations Supervisor.



EVERYTHING FREE AT THE LIBRARY!

Tuesday 5 March saw participants at the Gundagai library learn how to access thousands of free audio and eBooks. The participants were taken through online newspapers, magazines, health and medical information, legal information and readers advisory material. They also learnt that, unlike Google, the information sourced from the library online resources is up to date and carefully reviewed giving it a credibility not guaranteed by an ordinary internet search.

Other activities celebrating Seniors Week included workshops on being Tech Savvy in today's environment of smart phones and using Ancestry and Trove sites in the library.



FIRST AVE KERB & GUTTER:

Kerb & Gutter works in Gundagai will ease storm water retention and drainage with the modified road alignment.

ALARMING STATISTICS CALL OUT ROAD SAFETY AT SCHOOL ZONES:

Insurance giant AAMI have recently undertaken a study that has revealed that more than half (56%) of primary school children are now driven or accompanied to and from school by an adult.

AAMI's research revealed alarming insights on dangerous driving behaviours Aussies admit to in and around school zones including:

- 25% admit to speeding through school zones because they didn't notice signs
- 12% admit to speeding through school zones when they don't see any children around
- 12% admit to being distracted by their phone while driving or queuing in a school drop off zone. (Source: Australian Road Safety Foundation)



THE A-Z OF DEMENTIA CARE WORKSHOP:

Are you looking after someone living with dementia either as family member, friend or as a professional caregiver? Join author & educator Isabel Baker for a free seminar on caring for a loved one with dementia. Thursday 20 March, 10.30am. Stephen Ward Rooms.

COOTA CONNECTIONS



Discover everything Cootamundra has to offer!
This is your chance to:

- 🔗 Connect with local services, clubs, and service organisations
- 📖 Learn about opportunities and community resources
- 👤 Find rewarding volunteering opportunities
- 💪 Strengthen community bonds

📅 Wednesday
26th March 2025

🕒 10.00am - 2.00pm

📍 Cootamundra Town Hall
81 Wallendoon Street



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: Notice is hereby given of the CGRC Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 March 2025, commencing at 6:00pm in the Gundagai Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai. Refer to Council's website for business paper.