

APRIL 2025

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES COVERED:

CGRC has a host of school holiday activities planned to keep the youngsters busy over the coming school holiday period.

The Gundagai Library has an Easter Egg Challenge on Tuesday 15 April and Karaoke at the library outdoor space on Wednesday 23 April. Phone 69440270 for info and bookings. The Cootamundra Library will host Easter themed craft activities from 14 to 24 April, Plush Bunnies, Sock Bunnies, Animal Bag Tags and Dolly Peg Fans will keep the kids entertained.

Check out the library Facebook pages for more information on these fun events.

or call the Cootamundra Library on 6940 2200.

The Glow Roller Disco will be held in Gundagai on Tuesday 15 April and in Cootamundra on Wednesday 16 April. Participants will experience the nostalgic culture of roller discos in a supervised and supportive space. Games and activities keep participants entertained and challenged.

Basic coaching can be provided to get participants rolling. This event is free to all youngsters aged 12 and over.

(Pictured top right) CGRC Youth & Inclusion Officer Destini Warren has the disco ball ready for the Glow Roller Disco School Holiday Event.



NEW GOAL POSTS MAKE SCORING SAFER:

Cootamundra's Fisher Park has had new goal posts installed in time for the 2025 football season. *(Pictured right).*

The new goal posts are considered much safer than the posts that were replaced, due to weight and construction. The old posts presented a challenge for Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's (CGRC) Parks and Gardens team each year at the of the start and end of the Rugby League football season where they had to be installed or removed. The old posts were extremely heavy and rigid in structure, requiring several members of staff and machinery to remove. CGRC's Acting Manager Regional Services, Mr Steve Lowe said the new posts were far more efficient and safer.

"These new goal posts will save our team a lot of time each year as they can be erected and dismantled by two people and limited machinery. Our priority is safety, the man handling of the substantial weight and inflexibility of the old posts always presented a risk to our teams, involving a larger number of staff and more specialised equipment needed to undertake the task each year. As well as saving on time and resources, I'm now more confident my team are safer whilst providing this service to our local sporting clubs," Mr Lowe said.



WATER MAIN FLUSHING GUNDAGAI:

Gundagai residents are advised that routine water main flushing is underway. This biannual program maintains water quality, remove stagnant water & addresses water quality complaints.

During this process customers may experience an increase in water turbidity for a short duration.

Apologies for inconvenience.



Youth Week

NSW GOVERNMENT

GLOW ROLLER DISCO

GUNDAGAI

TIME: 7:30PM-9:30PM

DATE: TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

LOCATION: GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL MPC

COOTAMUNDRA

TIME: 7:30PM-9:30PM

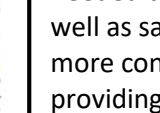
DATE: WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

LOCATION: COOTA SPORTS STADIUM

THIS IS A FREE EVENT – OVER 12'S

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WORK ETHIC & EMPATHY ENSURE CEMETERIES ARE NOT DARK AND DREARY PLACES:

A visit to a local cemetery for most is a time of sadness and reflection. For some it is the discovery of their past, or a trip down a historical pathway that tells a story of a person, community and a time long ago.

For the people who carry out work at a cemetery it is a place of reverence. A place they prepare to accommodate the final resting place of a loved one, a valued friend or cherished family member. It is a place they respect and strive to present as a picturesque and peaceful space to encourage memories and contemplation.

The Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's (CGRC) cemeteries attendants' teams are small and manage to maintain Council's 15 cemeteries, across a broad region, all differing in environment, size and historical significance and are the resting places for pioneers, bush rangers and local heroes.

The work undertaken is more than mowing the grass, it is work that must be undertaken with empathy, respect and a work ethic that considers those who visit and reside in these sacred grounds. They are people who can work to a schedule, they must be flexible and be able to accommodate the different needs of a grieving family.

They are understanding, their work can be labour intensive, with many out of hours work carried out. Their work ethic and compassion directly influence the experience visitors to the cemetery have. They battle the weather, a changing environment and available resources. These unsung CGRC team members are often a source of information that is vital to visitors looking for a loved one's resting place or a historian piecing together a heritage project.

Environmental heritage is an important factor in managing cemeteries, with projects currently underway in Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen where funding sources are being investigated to restore the native vegetation and enhance the ecological significance of these village burial grounds. The teams are sensitive to the natural environment, whilst respecting the need of those to place markers commemorating a loved one.

Next time you visit a cemetery, tip your hat and give a nod to the lone worker who puts great effort into maintaining an area that commands respect, reflection and reverence.

(Pictured top right). The keeping of the regions 15 cemeteries is more than mowing. The often-lone attendants may be happy on their machines, attempting to keep these reverent sites pristine. Gundagai attendant Andrew Wiengold (top far right) and Cootamundra attendant Nathan Campbell (top right), have a huge responsibility and treat their tasks with respect, empathy and are often the source of historical knowledge and family connections. The teams' efforts attract the attention of the public and accolades for their work are received regularly.



2025 COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRY AUDIT:

CGRC Rangers are working on updating the NSW Companion Animal Register for 2025. Cat and dog owners are required under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 to ensure their animals are identified (microchipped) and registered. **Microchipping is not the same as registration.**

Pet registration is important as owners are complying with the law but also contributing to a safer and more pet friendly community. Registered pets are more easily identified if they are lost. Funds collected from registration fees are put towards community facilities and animal welfare services.

Community members may receive a letter in the upcoming months regarding this audit. The letter may request that they microchip and register their companion animals, or they will need to notify CGRC if an animal is no longer at the property or any changed details. Registration can be paid at the CGRC Admin offices in Cootamundra or Gundagai. Our Rangers thank you for your support of this audit.

EXPO HAILED A SUCCESS:

The Coota Connections Expo held on Wednesday 26 March, has received positive feedback from participants and visitors. Over 50 stalls including local, state and federal government agencies with information on a range of topics, activities & special interest.



ANNUAL FUNDING ROUND NOW OPEN:

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) is now calling on community groups, organisations and individuals to apply for funding from annual funding support program.

The annual funding support program enables local sporting clubs, community groups and individuals to apply for CGRC funding through the provision of financial, and in kind, support. The program assists Council with budgeting and ensures all applications are treated fairly and have a clear vision for the support required. Applications for the 2025/26 financial year will close at 5pm 30 May 2025. Applications must be submitted on the Community Donation Application Form, available on Council's website at [Community Donation Applications | Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.cootamundra-gundagai.nsw.gov.au/community-donation-applications) or available at Council's Administration offices in Cootamundra and Gundagai.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: Notice is hereby given of the CGRC Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 22 April 2025, commencing at 6:00pm in the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper Street Cootamundra.**
Refer to Council's website for business paper.