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GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's heavy vehicle apprentice mechanics had the opportunity to work together. The girls were given the task checking out plant and the replacing large mower blades on one of Council's mowers. Third year apprentice Grace Neale (pictured left) and first year apprentice Tiara Foster said it was great to work together and have another female with the same interests. Grace is based at the Cootamundra depot, whilst Tiara is based in Gundagai.



ARE YOU RECYCLING CORRECTLY, BEING GREEN EFFICIENTLY?

Did you know that waste put into the Yellow Bin, is recycled locally at the Cootamundra Waste & Recycling Facility and is undertaken by the Elouera Association? The contents from Cootamundra & Gundagai are processed at the plant where some 5000 tonnes of material per year is predominately hand sorted. The Material Recovery Facilities (MFR) are social Enterprises that employ people with a disability who have employment as one of their goals in their NDIS Plan. The MFR in Cootamundra processes comingled materials that are dropped into hoppers that feed up a bouncing belt. The materials are sent along a sorting belt where employees select the items, they are sorting for the day dropping them down chutes to cages ready for processing. Please ensure that the correct items are placed in the yellow bin and are clean. This process will assist greatly in ensuring that the recycling process is efficient, safe and is not contaminated.



KEEPING KIDS SAFE:

Animal Awareness Programs presented by the CGRC Ranger Tara Robinson has seen important lessons learnt by young children across the LGA. Tara is pictured with children from Cootamundra Primary School, practicing "being a rock" if they are ever attacked by a dog.



The Animal Awareness Programs are offered to local schools, teaching children how to BE ANIMAL SAFE and teaching children what to do in certain situations such as animal attacks.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GLOW ROLLER DISCOS SHINE:

The Glow Roller Discos were held at Gundagai High School MPC on Tuesday 15 April and Cootamundra Sports Stadium on Wednesday 16 April. A school holiday activity that proved to be a popular event for local youth. The night featured a colourful lineup of light up skates and disco lighting. The event saw approximately 50 youngsters booging the night away, playing limbo, ghostbusters and other fun activities. Positive feedback will hopefully see the event return in the future.

Pictured below the group from Cootamundra.



NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK & FATALITY FREE FRIDAY.

CGRC will light up the Cootamundra Cenotaph and the Dad, Dave, Mum and Mable statues in Gundagai in yellow to highlight National Road Safety Week.

National Road Safety Week is an annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week from 11 to 18 May highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

Following National Road Safety week, Council will light up the Cootamundra Cenotaph in orange to remind residents of the Australian Road Safety Foundation's initiative. The initiative is about putting a stop to road trauma and creating a Fatality Free Future. And it starts with a simple but powerful choice: yours. We all have the power to make roads safer. To hold ourselves and others accountable. To act with care, caution, and responsibility.

The statistics are alarming, emphasising road safety is everyone's responsibility:

- 1306 people were killed on Australian Roads in 2024, a 3.8% increase on the year before.
- More than half of those killed were not drivers.
- Almost 2 in 3 deaths occurred in rural or remote areas.
- More than 2 in 5 workplace fatalities were from vehicle incidents.
- 410 of those deaths were in the 40-64-year age range.

Don't let road trauma be the moment time stops for you

It's time for change - road safety needs you

Fatality
Free
Friday

30 MAY 2025



MUTTAMA CREEK MASTERPLAN:

The Muttama Creek Masterplan is currently being compiled. For information scan the QR Code. Cootamundra residents will soon receive a mail out explaining the process.



HOVELL STREET MAJOR UPGRADE:

Work on Cootamundra's heavy vehicle bypass Hovell Street continues with the removal and installing of new kerb and guttering along the section from Cowcumbra to Campbell Street. Affected residents and businesses along the street are being kept informed of any disruptions.

Residents are reminded to obey traffic signals in the area and drive to the conditions. To follow the progress of this project, scan the QR Code below or follow this link:

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



CARRS ROAD BRIDGE:

Rock has been removed from underneath the bridge at the request of NSW Fisheries. This opens the fish passage for fish to safely navigate along Blind Creek. The works have stabilised the banks downstream of the bridge to prevent further erosion having an impact on the bridge.

Pictured left.

HILLAS CREEK BRIDGE:

Railings on the bridge have been installed. Council will construct the approaches to the bridge. The western side of the bridge will be able to be completed without any impact to traffic, however the Eastern Side will require construction traffic lights to be in place which may create delays by up to 5 minutes. Variable Message signs will be in place notifying traffic before the impact to traffic occurs.

Pictured right.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY DONATION FUNDING ROUND:

Community groups, organisations & individuals are invited to apply for funding from annual funding support program. Applications close 5pm 30 May 2025. For more information

www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/community-donation-applications

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: Notice is hereby given of the CGRC Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on **Tuesday 27 May 2025, commencing at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers, Sheridan Street Gundagai.**

Refer to Council's website for business paper.