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DISCOVERING OUR LIBRARIES:



At 2 years of age little Scarlett O'Loughlin has discovered the magic of our libraries. Scarlett visits the library with her mum every Friday to borrow books and spend some quality time. Our local libraries have something for everyone they are more than buildings filled with books. They are gateways to knowledge, community hubs, and places of endless discovery. Libraries have

adapted to the digital age, incorporating technology to serve their communities and offer free educational programs, tech and computer help, games, workshops, art and craft sessions and author talks. Libraries foster friendship and social cohesion and are essential for promoting literacy, fostering a love of reading, and providing equal access to information.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK HIGHLIGHTED:

CGRC marked National Road Safety Week 11-18 May with the lighting up in Yellow significant landmarks.

Cootamundra's Cenotaph took on the yellow glow, (below).



The Dad, Dave & Mabel statue in Gundagai's Carberry Park reminded visitors of National Road Safety Week, (below).



WALK TO
SCHOOL
DAY



Pictured above: Cootamundra Youth Council Deputy Mayor, Eliza Cowell and CGRC Councillor Logan Collins were cooking up a storm for the Walk Safely to School initiative. Over 40 students enjoyed a bacon and egg roll before walking to Cootamundra's local schools. The students were accompanied by local police, teachers and parents for the walk to their schools.

STRATEGY IS KEY FOR FUTURE

Council is developing a *Gundagai Housing and Employment Land Strategy* to help shape the town's future growth and prosperity. This important document builds on the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and reflects what Council has heard from the community, alongside demographic analysis, infrastructure need and land use assessments. The strategy will aim to identify opportunities for new housing and employment zones, helping guide Gundagai's growth in a strategic direction that aligns with the needs of the community and will serve as a key foundation for future planning proposals and policy changes. With community consultation sessions now complete, consultants will finalise the draft strategy, which is expected to be released during June for further public comment on the strategy before being presented to Council for adoption in July.

Pictured below Gundagai from the air. The Gundagai Housing and Employment Land Strategy will assist in shaping the towns future growth.



MUTTAMA HALL CENTENARY:

A weekend marking the 100-year centenary of Muttama Hall, has been hailed as a great success. Mayor Abb McAlister congratulated the Muttama Hall s355 committee and all organisers on a fabulous event, that saw huge crowds attend the family fun day on Sunday 18 May.

Mayor McAlister is pictured below making his speech, with the commemorative cake, ready to be sliced for all to enjoy.



JUNE LONG WEEKEND:

The Cootamundra Waste facility will be closed on Monday 9 June 2025. No changes to kerb side garbage collection services. Residents are requested to leave bins out the night before as services may commence earlier than normal.

**Double Demerits
6 – 9 June**

STOP IT... OR COP IT.



HEALTHY WALKING:

Are you visible?
Wear bright/fluoro colours.
Use footpath or nature strip
not the road.
Stav alert.

BE AWARE INCREASED ROADSIDE STOCK GRAZING:

Motorists within the LGA may see large numbers of stock grazing on Council's road network over the coming months. Council has received a number of applications for Roadside Stock Grazing Permits due to the dry conditions reducing feed in paddocks. Motorists are advised to be aware, look out for stock signs and take care when using roads with stock grazing in progress.



RECYCLE RIGHT!

Did you know that everything in your Yellow Bin is hand sorted by the tremendous team from Elouera Recycling. Be considerate, rinse out items where possible, remove lids from bottles and keep your yellow bin free of contamination.



YOUR OPINION COUNTS:

The DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN (INCLUDING THE BUDGET (LTFP), REVENUE POLICY AND 25/26 FEES & CHARGES) are now on public exhibition.

CGRC Mayor Abb McAlister issued a statement last week, encouraging community members to peruse the documents.

"The Operational Plan is Council's roadmap, covering everything we do including future projects and infrastructure, and is part of a suite of documents that form Councils Integrated Planning & Reporting requirements," he said.

The documents can be inspected at Council administration offices, libraries or online at

www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/connect-with-us/have-your-say/documents-on-public-exhibition submissions close at 4pm

Tuesday 17 June 2025 and should be forwarded to CGRC Interim General Manager PO Box 420 Cootamundra NSW 2590 or emailed to mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au please mark Submission Operational Plan in subject line.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: Notice is hereby given of the CGRC Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 June 2025, commencing at 6:00pm in the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper St Cootamundra. Refer to Council's website for business paper.