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YOUNGSTERS SUPPORTED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:

The July school holidays saw a host of activities held to entertain the youngsters. Winter Picnic in the Park brought families out to Jubilee Park in Cootamundra and Carberry Park in Gundagai for a sausage sizzle, hot chocolate, and fun games. These events had the support of Mission Australia and the NSW Police. It was a beautiful day in both locations with a great turn out of people. NAIDOC Week falling within the holiday period was an opportunity to learn about the Wiradjuri language, take part in weaving and poster design workshops, storytelling and totem animals.

The libraries were busy with art and craft workshops and kids' karaoke. *Pictured left:* Five-year-old Alice Hobbs proudly displays her Clay Wonderland Snow Globe made during a school holiday activity in the Cootamundra Library.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS:

Flag raising ceremonies marking NAIDOC Week were held in Cootamundra and Gundagai. Over 40 people attended the Flag Raising Ceremony, didgeridoo performance and morning tea in Cootamundra, whilst 30 people celebrated the Smoking Ceremony, Flag Raising and were treated to a lunch in Gundagai.

Pictured top left: Mayor Abb McAlister and Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke MP, watch on as MAWANG Elder Aunty Sony conducts the Welcome to Country in Gundagai.

Pictured bottom left: Mayor Abb McAlister and CAWP's Peter Beath conduct the Flag Raising ceremony in Cootamundra.



FESTIVAL FUN IN SEPTEMBER:

There will be nights of fun and connection with the legendary Cootamundra Wattle Time Festival of Lights event on Saturday 6 September and the Festival of Gundagai on Friday 19 September.

Both events will be held in the town's main streets and will feature music, market stalls and spectacular light shows which include projections onto buildings and other displays. Entertainment includes popular band Stripped Back, market stalls from the Country Makers Markets, amusement rides and other interacting activities.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LG WEEK OPEN DAYS

CELEBRATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

COOTAMUNDRA

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, DISPLAYS
& SAMPLE BAGS**

10.30AM TO 12.30PM

**MAX WITTERON GARDENS
WALLEDOON STREET.**

GUNDAGAI

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, DISPLAYS
& SAMPLE BAGS**

10.30AM TO 12.30PM

**ADMINISTRATION CENTRE
SHERIDAN STREET.**



KEYS TO DOG ON TUCKERBOX KIOSK MARKS A NEW ERA FOR THE ICONIC SITE:

Above: CGRC Mayor Abb McAlister, is pictured with Dog on the Tuckerbox Developments representatives handing over the keys to the kiosk which the company will operate during the redevelopment of the site.



DEMERGER OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL:

The Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig MP has announced that the demerger of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, (CGRC), will go ahead and has said the path is now clear for Council to commence the detailed transition work to initiate the dissolution of the Cootamundra-Gundagai and establish two new councils. CGRC Interim General Manager, Mr Roger Bailey said it will be business as usual whilst the intricacies of dividing the current structure into two separate identities is carried out.

"This decision now allows Council to implement the plans that have been sitting in the background for the demerger.

There still is a lot of work to be done, and business will carry on as normal whilst we start on the division of assets, departments and systems," Mr Bailey added.

Minister for Local Government

Ron Hoenig MP is **pictured right** on Thursday

17 July making his announcement that the demerger of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will go ahead.



MULTIPATCHER WILL BRING SAVINGS:

CGRC has taken delivery on a new Jet patcher/ Multi patcher that will bring savings and faster road repairs to the LGA road surfaces.

The unit will be used for pothole and road surface repairs. The unit has the capacity to blow water and debris out of the pothole, fill the area with emulsion and stone and then patch and re-sheet the repair with a smooth tar finish from the rear of the machine. The unit can undertake shoulder repairs and maintenance (edge breaks). The machine brings big advantages in productivity as it can do all the repairs and maintenance with only 1 operator (plus traffic controllers) and has a wider scope of road repairs than the previous Jet patcher unit.

FLOOD WARNING REVIEW AN OPPORTUNITY:

Cootamundra residents interested in the review of the Flood Warning System for Cootamundra are encouraged to attend a community consultation drop-in session to be held in the Stephen Ward rooms on Wednesday 13 August from 3pm to 6pm.

The review aims to increase the effectiveness of the flood warning system and help reduce the risk to life and property within the Cootamundra township.

The drop-in session will enable residents and businesses to give some feedback on flood experience and recommend improvements to the existing flood warning system.

For those who cannot make the drop-in sessions, your experiences are important. An online community feedback portal is available on the CGRC website:

Visit: www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/flood-warning-review & take part in the Online Community Feedback Portal. The portal asks for your experiences during flood events.



Above: Muttama Creek flooded in 2022. The flood warning review for Muttama Creek in Cootamundra will ask for community feedback on flooding events in 2022 & 2023

RECYCLING RIGHT!

DO YOU NEED TO DISPOSE OF:

PAINT?

BATTERIES – CAR & HOUSEHOLD?

ELECTRONICS & SMOKE DETECTORS?

GAS BOTTLES?

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS?

MOTOR & OTHER OILS?

FLUORO GLOBES & TUBES?



Community
Recycling Centres

CRC are located at the
Cootamundra & Gundagai
Waste Transfer Stations

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING: Notice is hereby given of the CGRC Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on

Tuesday 26 August 2025, commencing at 6:00pm in the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre, Cooper Street Cootamundra.

Refer to Council's website for business paper.