

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **New Management at Cootamundra's Visitor Information Centre**

Chris Wheatley and Wendy Wilson are the new joint managers of the Cootamundra Visitor Information Centre, located at the Railway Station in Cootamundra.

Both Chris and Wendy have always shared a passion for promoting the Cootamundra Shire and are looking forward to working closely with the Cootamundra Shire Council and Riverina Regional Tourism in developing awareness and promoting Cootamundra's attractions and events.

"We are really looking forward to developing the Visitor Information Centre and promoting our wonderful Shire and region", Ms Wheatley said.

"The Visitor Information Centre is often the first point of contact for a visitor when arriving at a destination and we look forward to providing these visitors with all the friendly and valuable information they need".

The Visitor Information Centre has put a system in place to collect valuable information from visitors, which will be used to help the Shire Council in developing promotional campaigns for Cootamundra.

The Centre is looking forward to helping promote Cootamundra's upcoming major events, including The Wattle Time Art Exhibition, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August; The Cootamundra Agricultural Show, 15<sup>th</sup> October; and The Canola Community Music Festival, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Not only does the Centre house a wide range of tourism brochures, they also stock local and regional produce and products, some of these include Yandilla Mustard Oils, Junee Licorice and Chocolate, Kaybunda Lavender products, Jugiong's Long Track Pantry relishes, and Cootamundra's Billabong Beef Jerky.

They will also be selling hampers of different sizes consisting of local and regional products.

The Visitor Information Centre is open from 10am to 4.30pm during the week and from 10.30am to 4pm on weekends.

There is plenty to do and see all year round in the Cootamundra Shire, check the website [www.cootamundra.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cootamundra.nsw.gov.au) and make the most of your time in the Cootamundra Shire.

July Events throughout the Riverina

Event name	Town	Date	Contact details
Under 13s & 14s Southern Rugby League Country Championships	Leeton	July 2-3	Bruce Staines on 0409 935 775
Temora Aviation Museum Aircraft Showcase Day	Temora	July 2	02 6977 1088
Reserve Forces Day Parade	Wagga Wagga	July 3	Tony Cantwell on 0428 247 003
Naidoc Week	Wagga Wagga	July 3-10	Wagga Wagga City Council 1300 292 442
Bald Archy Exhibition	Griffith	July 7-31	Griffith Regional Art Galley on 02 6962 5991
West Wyalong Winter Wind & Strings School	West Wyalong	July 14-16	Kerrie Johnston on 02 6966 1335
Temora Aviation Museum Aircraft Showcase Day	Temora	July 16	02 6977 1088
Wagga Wagga Swap Meet	Wagga Wagga	July 17	Steve Medlen on 0458 454 477
Coolamon Up-2-Date Art Show	Coolamon	July 22-31	Marilyn Jennings on 02 6927 3390
Gundagai Adelong Race Meeting	Gundagai	July 23	Len Tozer on 02 69440200
Coolamon Endurance Horse Riding Weekend	Coolamon	July 23	Mick Leary on 02 6927 3427
Wagga Wagga Poultry Club's Annual Show	Wagga Wagga	July 24	Charles Hutton on 0408 839 443
Riverina Kyokushin Karate Championships	Griffith	July 24	Frank Cirillo on 02 6962 4631

For further details on any of these festivals and events across the Riverina or for details on attractions and leisure activities throughout the Riverina Region visit the Riverina Regional Tourism website at [www.visitriverina.com.au](http://www.visitriverina.com.au)

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