

# The Cootamundra Electorate



Cootamundra was recreated for the 2015 state election, (the above map contains the original boundary lines pre merger,) combining the western part of the abolished district of Burrinjuck with the eastern part of the abolished district of Murrumbidgee. The seat of Cootamundra was held by the Labor party between 1973 and 1988 by Terry Sheahan. Alby Schultz held the seat for the Liberal Party from 1988 -1998 before Katrina held the seat from 1999-2017.  
53,428 people are enrolled to vote in the March 23

2019 election.  
In 2015 Katrina Hodgkinson received 31,080 votes claiming victory while Labor's Charlie Sheahan received 12,253 votes to come in second place.  
The Greens received 1,642 while the no land tax party received 1,118 votes.  
The Christian Democrats Philip Langfield received 1,072.  
It was a different story in the 2017 by-election with The then new Nationals candidate Steph Cooke receiving

21,094. This was a cut in the vote for the National Party down from 65.9% in 2015 or nearly 2 in every 3 voting adults to 46.2% to just under one in every 2 voting adults. Charlie Sheahan received 10,930 while new comer Matthew Stadtmiller received 10,621.  
Philip Langfield received 1,273. Jeff Paslow 1,238 while Jim Saleam received 453.  
1057 people recorded informal votes across the electorate which accounted for 2.27% of those voting.

## The 'Dare To Dream Down The Track' 'Jugiong Small School's Writers Days

This exciting event has been generously sponsored by the regional Country Arts Grant Program and the Harden Country Life Education Foundation. The Writers days run in conjunction with the Jugiong Writers Festival with 250 students from 10 small schools in the Jugiong area, participating in the 2 day event. It will offer students from Brungle, Binalong, Bongongo, Jugiong, Harden Murrumburrah, Trinity Murrumburrah, Wombat, Wallendbeen and Stockinbingal Public Schools the opportunity to work first hand with a variety of presenters and with peers from other schools to explore and enhance their skills in creative writing, story telling, bush poetry, cartooning and collage making.

March 7th Harden Schools Writers Day  
Numbers of students : 120 (yr3-6)  
Schools involved: Harden Murrumburrah PS and Trinity Murrumburrah  
Venue: Harden Murrumburrah PS  
Time 9.30- 3.15 pm

Theme: 'Dare To Dream Down The Track' focus on writing for the future  
Proposed Sessions: Jane Carroll- Author/ writing  
Anne Glover-Poetry, Penny Lucas- Text features  
Brian Allen – Cartooning  
Sally Keatinge- 'In My Footsteps' focus writing character descriptions of people who may have walked in these shoes ( collection of a variety of shoes)  
After school- Jane Carroll to run writing workshop for teachers from Harden Murrumburrah P.S and H.S and Trinity Catholic School 3.30- 4.30

Freda Marnie-Author to work with Year 11/ 12 students  
Harden Murrumburrah H.S Early April

Jugiong Small Schools Day Friday 8 March  
Numbers of students : 130 (K-yr6)  
Schools involved: Jugiong Binalong Wombat Stockinbingal Bongongo Brungle Wallendbeen

Approx- 130 students (K-yr 6)  
Venue: Jugiong PS  
Time 9.15- 3.00 pm  
Them: 'Dare to Dream Down the Track' focus on how stories were told in the past  
Proposed sessions:

Jane Carroll- Author/ writing  
Brian Allen- Bush poetry/ cartooning  
Jenny Beath-Wiradjuri story teller  
Alison Guy- Art teacher / helpers- 'Putting myself in the picture- collage  
Freda Marnie- Diary writing  
Tracey Rainie & Sally Keatinge- In my footsteps- focus writing character descriptions of people who may have walked in these shoes ( collection of old shoes)