

GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL **MAYORAL MINUTE**

MM01

SUBJECT: FESTIVAL OF GARDENS - COUNCILLOR APPRECIATION
FROM: John Dal Broi, Mayor

SUMMARY

The recent 2014 Festival of Gardens was a most successful festival which encompassed a variety of events prior to and over the official Festival weekend. The delivery of these events in a safe and enjoyable manner required the dedication and commitment from staff from a number of departments of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff involved in the organisation and delivery of activities related to the 2014 Festival of Gardens be recognised by Council for ensuring such a successful event.

BACKGROUND

The annual Festival of Gardens continues to not only be a major tourism attraction, but also a significant community event that generates additional economic benefits to the City. The various events planned and delivered before and over the Festival weekend are diverse and attract local community members as well as tourists from all over Australia. Visitors Centre staff are the primary organisers of the events and are on the front-line of providing an enjoyable visitor experience. It should be noted that staff from all directorates were involved in the preparation and delivery of the events including overall City presentation, Citrus Sculptures, Paella by the Sculptures, Garden Tours, Festival Dinner and road and waste management associated with these events.

OPTIONS

Nil

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

a) Policy Implications

Not Applicable

b) Financial Implications

Not Applicable

c) Legal/Statutory Implications

Not Applicable

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

STRATEGIC LINKS

a) Growth Strategy Plan

Not Applicable

b) Corporate/Business Plan

Growing Griffith 2030:

D1 - Develop Griffith as a centre of choice for trade, business, health, recreation and employment.

D9 - Establish social and commercial infrastructure for the betterment of community well-being and natural resource management.

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MM02

SUBJECT: 2014 TIDY TOWNS AWARDS CEREMONY - NUNDLE
FROM: John Dal Broi, Mayor

SUMMARY

Council has been advised that it has been selected as a finalist for the 2014 Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Program through Keep NSW Beautiful Council. The award presentation weekend is being held in Nundle, NSW from the 7-9 November 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate Councillor Pat Cox and the General Manager (or delegate) to attend the Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Program Award Presentation from the 7-9 November 2014 in Nundle.

BACKGROUND

This year Council hosted the Tidy Towns Assessor Peter Ryall from 7-8 August for the Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Program through Keep NSW Beautiful Council. The work our community has undertaken to enhance the environmental, economic and social sustainability of Griffith has impressed both the Tidy Towns Assessors and this years judging panel and as a result Griffith has 6 projects in the running for the awards as well as Griffith in the Overall Category, with notification being received that Griffith has been selected as a finalist in the overall town competition, category awards or both.

OPTIONS

- (a) That Council be represented at the Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Program Award Presentation from the 7-9 November 2014 in Nundle as per the recommendation above.
- (b) That Council note the report and not be represented.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

a) Policy Implications

GC-CP-407 - Councillor Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

b) Financial Implications

Full Weekend Registration - \$200 per delegate.
Accommodation costs as per policy - \$200 per delegate per night.
Meal costs as per policy - \$120 per day per delegate per day.
Travel – To be coordinated with nominated attendees.

c) Legal/Statutory Implications

Not Applicable

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

STRATEGIC LINKS

a) Growth Strategy Plan

Not Applicable

b) Corporate/Business Plan

Growing Griffith 2030: D9 - Establish social and commercial infrastructure for the betterment of community well-being and natural resource management.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Letter from Keep NSW Beautiful dated 15 October 2014

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Cr. John Dal Broi
PO Box 485
Griffith
2680 NSW



15 October 2014

RE: 2014 TIDY TOWNS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AWARDS FINALIST

Dear John

Keep NSW Beautiful is pleased to advise you that at least one town, or project, in your local area has been selected as a finalist in this year's Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Program.

The work your community has undertaken to enhance the environmental, economic and social sustainability of this town impressed both the Tidy Towns Assessors and this year's judging panel.

The award presented may be from the overall town competition, category awards, or possibly both.

This year the awards weekend will be hosted by last year's winning town, Nundle, from 7-9 November. We would love to have you come along and celebrate the achievements of your town. It's also a great opportunity to network and see just why Nundle won the converted title last year. Registration forms can be obtained from our website if you still need to register.

Both Keep NSW Beautiful and the Nundle Tidy Towns Committee look forward to welcoming you to their beautiful town to celebrate your town's hard work and achievements.

Kind regards

Lyndall Holstein
Programs Manager

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MM03

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK
FROM: John Dal Broi, Mayor

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Murrumbidgee Medicare Local Limited for Council to write a letter to the Minister for Health expressing support for the establishment of a Primary Health Network covering south-west NSW with the same footprint as the current Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

RECOMMENDATION

Council write to the Minister for Health, Peter Dutton, supporting the establishment of a Primary Health Network covering south-west NSW with the same footprint as the current Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from Nancye Piercy, Chief Executive Officer, Murrumbidgee Medicare Local, to write a letter of support for the establishment of a Primary Health Network covering south-west NSW.

Late last year the Minister for Health, Peter Dutton, commissioned a review of Medicare Locals to consider all aspects of their structure, operation and functions, and to provide advice on future directions.

The Horvath Report "Review of Medicare Locals" was completed on 4 March 2014 and released by the Minister on 12 May 2014. The Government's response to the Review was included in the 2014-15 Budget that included the cessation of Commonwealth funding to 61 Medicare Locals on 30 June 2015 and the establishment of new Primary Health Networks (PHNs) from 1 July 2015.

Information from the Department of Health indicates that there will be fewer Primary Health Networks and they will cover a 'cluster of Local Health Districts'. The PHNs will be supported by local GP-led Clinical Councils and associated Community Advisory Committees, they will be clinically focused and work to improve frontline health care through primary, community and secondary health sector integration.

OPTIONS

Council could resolve to note the report.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

a) Policy Implications

Not Applicable

b) Financial Implications

Not Applicable

c) Legal/Statutory Implications

Not Applicable

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

STRATEGIC LINKS

a) Growth Strategy Plan

Not Applicable

b) Corporate/Business Plan

Growing Griffith 2030: C4 - To advocate on behalf of the community with State and Federal authorities.

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Email from Murrumbidgee Medicare Local
- (b) MML Media Release dated 22 October 2014

(a) Email from Murrumbidgee Medicare Local

From: Cate Creswick
Sent: Wednesday, 22 October 2014 4:24 PM
Subject: Establishment of Primary Health Networks

Please see the below email from the Chief Executive Officer:

Dear Stakeholder Reference Group members,

Please see attached a copy of the media release I issued this morning. I think it will bring you up to date.

Could I please encourage you to write to the Minister for Health, Peter Dutton, with copies to your local member, to express your support for the establishment of a Primary Health Network covering south-west NSW with the same footprint as the current Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

Letters can be addressed to:

The Hon Peter Dutton
Minister for Health
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Please contact me if you would like any additional information. Regards

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Lobbying for good health

Last night the Murrumbidgee Medicare Local (MML) Board resolved to continue to lobby the Minister for Health, Peter Dutton, to review the area covered by the proposed Western NSW Primary Health Network announced last week.

“As it stands the Western NSW PHN, with its huge geographical area and diverse population groups and needs, will work against the objectives of the primary health network model” Chief Executive Officer of the MML Nancye Piercy said.

“In determining the boundaries for the new PHNs, the factors considered included population size, alignment with Local Health Districts, State borders, patient flow, stakeholder input and administrative efficiencies” Mrs Piercy said.

“There is no patient flow between the Riverina/Murrumbidgee and the western and far western areas of the State and it is inevitable there will be a loss of connection with communities, medical practitioners, other health professionals and stakeholders” Mrs Piercy continued.

“We believe there will be a need for multiple community committees and clinical advisory committees to achieve local engagement which will result in fragmentation and siloing.

“We are also concerned there will be limited ability to maximise efficiencies as sub-offices will need to be established to cover such an expansive region which will negate the savings attributed to structural changes”

“I understand the Far West Medicare Local Board has made the decision to proactively work towards an amalgamation with the Western Medicare Local to form the Western NSW PHN, but do not support the inclusion of the Murrumbidgee Medicare Local in this PHN” Mrs Piercy said.

The message coming from government is that the reform is necessary because Medicare Locals have created massive costly bureaucracies and are not providing frontline health services to their communities.

“We contest this statement, as the MML has 106 of its 126 staff, and around 100 contracted health care providers, currently delivering direct frontline primary health services across our area” Mrs Piercy stated.

The MML will be encouraging all our stakeholders including community members, local government, GPs and other health service providers to lobby government to establish a Primary Health Network covering the Riverina /Murrumbidgee area that is aligned with the MLHD footprint. This PHN would be supported by GP led Clinical Councils and Community Advisory Committees to facilitate ongoing local engagement and patient-centred decision making across an area of 123,000 square kms, 28 LGAs and a population of 290,000 people. The precedent for smaller PHNs has been set with

Nepean PHN with a population of 351,000 and Gippsland Victoria with 260,000.

“We know from our existing work with GPs, allied health and the local health district that a strong primary care sector, working closely with specialists and hospitals, is the most effective way to keep people healthy and out of hospital. Aligning to district boundaries is an effective way of reducing service duplication and concentrating funding and effort on keeping people healthy

“The MML is respected throughout the health care industry as a high performing Primary Health organisation. Over the past 20 years the Riverina Division of General Practice and Primary Health and Murrumbidgee Medicare Local have achieved all the requirements of government and, given a chance to establish a primary health network aligned with the MLHD, can implement the current government’s health reforms at the highest level” Mrs Piercy concluded.