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## Griffith Easter Party welcomes a huge program of events in 2023

Griffith Easter Party is just around the corner, with many of your favourite events scheduled to return this year, ensuring a great weekend for the whole family.

The fun kicks off on Thursday 6 April, with canapes, cocktails and live entertainment at Cocoa & Bean, while Griffith Exies will also be offering a great night out - book your place at the bistro for a delicious meal and enjoy the live entertainment.

Good Friday will host the Bacchus on the Lake fun run, and will see the return of Pioneer Park Action Day, one of Griffith's best family days out, where the park comes to life!

Be sure to add this one to your list as it is full of fun kid's activities, market stalls, vintage machinery, demonstrations, entertainment, food and beverages.

Finish your day with a Good Friday feast at the Exies Annual Seafood Buffet where you can indulge in a selection of fresh seafood.

Get your shopping fix at the Banna Avenue Sidewalk Sale on Easter Saturday morning where the main street will be bursting with sales - grab a coffee from one of the many local cafes and pick up a bargain while supporting local retailers.

One of Griffith's most popular events, the Griffith Vintage Festival, will be back on Saturday afternoon featuring live music and an array of local wine and food. Always a hit amongst the locals, the event offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Returning to the program this year on Easter Saturday is Blood, Sweat & Beers, which is set to be bigger and better! Run by local business Grainmother Brewing Supplies, the family friendly event will feature children's entertainment, the best street eats and live music from local bands, as well as showcasing

a variety of craft beers. Held in the Burley Griffin Community Gardens, the event was a huge success in 2022 and is bound to be even more popular this year - be sure to get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Easter Sunday is all about family, wine and food. Kicking off at Piccolo Family Farm, you can explore the producer and artisan market stalls, coffee, food and music. While there make sure you catch a glimpse of their Visitor Experience Centre and cellar door.

You will be spoilt for choice over the whole weekend in finding a winery event or tasting experience at one of the many amazing cellar doors. On Sunday in particular, you will need to book ahead for De Bortoli Wines annual Celebrazione festivities, Berton Wines' Easter Sunday Sessions or a relaxing afternoon in the sun at Yarran Wines Live in the Vines until Sunset!

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said Easter really is a wonderful time in Griffith.

"It is great to see so many events returning this year, and to be welcoming some exciting new activities for the entire family to enjoy this Easter," said Councillor Curran.

"Easter is such a fantastic time in Griffith and I encourage you to make sure you support the local operators and make this an unforgettable Easter for all.

"With so much going on in Griffith, I would like to encourage everyone to book ahead and plan the weekend in advance - check out the program for more information," he added

*Photo: Blood, Sweat & Beers 2022. Courtesy Denny Fachin*



## Groove & Graze a huge success

Griffith got its 'groove' on at Griffith's first Groove & Graze Music Festival held on Saturday 18 March! National and local bands took to the stage in front of more than 900 attendees at the Burley Griffin Community Gardens to celebrate Griffith's newest one-day music & food festival. Made possible through the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW - Community Events Program and Griffith City Council, Griffith Groove & Graze Music Festival was a great day out for the entire family.

Event curator, Pristine Productions, created a fantastic line up featuring Reece Mastin and Mahalia Barnes and The Soulmates, as well as local performances by Lolohea Brothers, Fates Babies, DJ Lady Barber and the Griffith Musicians Club.

Much loved Australian actor, comedian and musician, Marty Fields was Emcee for the evening, keeping the crowd entertained between sets.

Kids were kept busy thanks to Tambourine Art Studio, Dizzy Dilemma and Entertainment Galore, while the unWINE'd Bar and Peeches Coffee Van kept everyone hydrated while 'groovers' had plenty of choices to graze on with OMG Decadent Donuts, Mrs Whippy ice cream, Riverina Cartel Kebab, Reggie's Hospitality and Joze Pizza.

Headline act, Reece Mastin captivated the crowd, while Mahalia Barnes and the Soulmates belted out some classic tunes, getting everyone involved. The night ended with a bang thanks to Griffs Fireworks, who lit up the sky with an incredible display, a fitting end to what was an awesome event.

Griffith Mayor Doug Curran said Griffith Groove and Graze

was an evening we won't soon forget.

"The NSW Government is pleased to support the delivery of community events and festivals that are open for the entire community to attend, providing positive social and economic outcomes for regional communities – this created an opportunity for us to create a new music festival and Griffith Groove and Graze was born," he said.

"It's great to see this event so well supported by the community and witnessing everyone get behind the national and local performers – it was such an incredible family friendly event and I hope we can do it all again in the future."

Mark Macedone from Pristine Productions said it was wonderful to see so many families with young kids come along and enjoy the family friendly event.

"The atmosphere was electric, and I am so proud to have been part of an event which brought together local and national acts on the incredible Stuart McWilliam Stage," he said.

Feedback from the night was overwhelmingly positive with attendees congratulating the organisers, and requesting more events like this be organised in Griffith.

Reece Mastin commented "What a vibe! Thanks for having us guys, we will see you again very soon," while Mahalia Barnes and the Soul Mates stated "Thank you so much for having us! Was a wonderful day to be part of! We hope to get back to the area sooner rather than later."

Council would like to thank everyone who attended for their support, and looks forward to hosting future events.

## Council receives two accolades at IPWEA NSW & ACT State Conference



Griffith City Council was recognised at the 2023 IPWEA NSW & ACT State Conference Engineering Excellence Awards held in Sydney last week, for two Council projects.

The IPWEA NSW & ACT State Awards, held annually, aspires to endorse and recognise excellence of Local Government and Public Works Projects. This is achieved through inspiration, innovation, collaboration, development and completion of projects and technical management by their members.

Council nominated four projects in total, being the Merrigal Street Pedestrian Bridge, Hanwood Shared Pathway, 50m outdoor Pool, and the Cemetery Portable Working Platform, with the Cemetery Platform winning the Workplace Health and Safety Category, and the 50m Pool project taking home the coveted Minister for Local Government's Award for innovation in Local Government Engineering.

In 2016 the Minister for Local Government's Award for Innovation in Local Government Engineering was introduced and has since been endorsed by the Minister for Local Government. All nominated projects are eligible and potential winners of the Minister's Award.

Director Infrastructure and Operations, Mr Phil King said receiving these two awards is an honour and great recognition of the hard work which goes on behind the scenes to ensure Council is delivering high quality infrastructure.

"Winning the Workplace Health and Safety Award for the Cemetery Portable Working Platform is excellent recognition for a staff-initiated solution, manufactured by Council staff to make a workplace task safer," said Mr King.

"There were so many high calibre award nominations to the 2023 Excellence Awards from incredible public spaces, to multi-million dollar airport upgrades, and to have the new Griffith 50m pool recognised as one of the premier project nominations in the engineering excellence awards is fantastic.

"The installation of the Myrtha pool by contractors Hines Constructions during Covid has provided the Griffith community with a FINA compliant, 10 lane 50m pool," he added.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran, said he is delighted to see Council do so well.

"To be considered among the top councils in NSW and have our projects recognised at this level with the Engineering Excellence Awards is a wonderful achievement," Councillor Curran said.

"Our projects benefit the community and these awards acknowledge we are on the right track to further grow our city and provide a great lifestyle."

General Manager Brett Stonestreet congratulated staff on their efforts.

"I am extremely proud of staff as they continue to work tirelessly and go above and beyond for our community," he said.



## Council launches new youth project

Do you want to have a greater say in the events and programs being delivered for young people in Griffith?

Council is launching the exciting new ConnectYOUth2680 project to give local youth a stronger voice.

Council received \$50,000 from the Office of Regional Youth to implement ConnectYOUth2680 and recently appointed Youth Project Officer, Lara Rossetto.

With the new initiative to connect the youth of Griffith now in the recruiting phase, she is calling on young people aged 12 to 24 years to join the innovative committee.

"This is an exciting opportunity to be a voice for young people in our community. Committee members will work towards improving the living standard and experience of Griffith youth," Miss Rossetto said.

"I'll be a part of it, we'll be a team working towards making Griffith a better place to live for residents in our age group.

"All committee members will play pivotal roles in organising exciting events, workshops and projects while also receiving first-hand experience in youth

work."

Register your interest by scanning the QR code below.

Director Economic and Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson said the initiative is an important and powerful way to give the next generation a voice now.

"ConnectYOUth2680 is a unique opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of local government and how you can help shape future decisions," Mrs Donaldson said. "This sort of experience will also be a standout feature on your resume.

"Through community consultation undertaken over the past few years we've heard that youth need greater consideration. This is an opportunity to get involved and make a difference. We need to know what young people like and what they think is missing." To help determine what is needed and how young people aged 12 to 24 feel about Griffith, a survey has been launched - scan the QR code below.

For more information contact Lara at [lara.rossetto@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lara.rossetto@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or 1300 176 077.

## Message from Councillor Croce

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another month, and Easter is almost upon us.

Griffith really springs to life at Easter, with events from Thursday through to Easter Monday. On the front page of this edition, you will see just some of the highlights, but there is so much more happening. Make sure you pick up a program or head to the Visit Griffith website to get all the details. Many events are taking bookings, and it is important to book early so that you don't miss out.

There really is something happening all the time in Griffith. Last weekend saw more than 900 people attend the first Groove and Graze Festival and all the feedback is positive. Supporting local events is important, and helps Council attract further funding the bring events, festivals and activities back to the City. Thank you to everyone who attended, by all accounts it was a great night and I can't wait for the next one.

There have been a large number of sporting events hosted at Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre and Griffith Regional Sports Stadium in recent months. I would like to congratulate the sporting organisations and the staff at these facilities for the work being undertaken to prepare for and host these major events. It is not easy work, but the rewards are well worth it. We are able to showcase our wonderful City, and the incredible facilities we



have been able to provide to grow sport within Griffith.

A few weeks ago, a consultation session was held for the redevelopment of Hanwood Oval. Funding has been secured which will see the construction of a new kiosk and amenities block which is essential to support the growth of sport in Hanwood.

Council staff will be stretching the funds are far as possible to ensure we are delivering quality infrastructure and getting more bang for our buck.

I know a contentious issue across the Local Government Area (LGA), and the wider State for that matter, is the condition of our roads. The weather events experienced across the eastern part of the country saw roads damaged in almost every part of NSW, the likes of which we haven't really experienced before. Council staff are making their way across the LGA, undertaking repairs as quickly as possible.

I completely understand your frustrations, but please be patient, staff are doing the best they can with the available resources and funding.

Until next time,  
**Councillor Simon Croce**



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*Applications close 27 March 2023*

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# Public Notification

## Integrated Development

### (Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979)

**Development Application No:** DA 235/2022

Notice is hereby given that Council has received the following development application:

• DA 235/2022 for a Composting Facility on Lot 2 DP 538925 - 3743 Irrigation Way WIDGELLI

**Applicant:** PSA Consulting (Aust) Pty Ltd T/A PSA Consulting

**Consent Authority:** Griffith City Council

**Determining Authority:** Griffith City Council

**Description of the proposed development:** The proposed development relates to a Composting Facility.

**Type of development:** The proposed development is Integrated Development under the provisions of section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

**Integrated approvals required:** The proposed development requires concurrence from the NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Copies of the Development Application, submitted plans and supporting documentation, relating to the proposed development are available on Council's website and Development Application Tracker. This documentation may be viewed until **Tuesday 11 April 2023**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 requires the disclosure of any political donations and gifts made in the two years prior to the application date. A form is available from Council's Customer Service Centre or Council's website – [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au)

Any interested person may view the submitted application plan and supporting documentation during the exhibition period and make written comment relating to the proposal. Written submissions regarding the proposed development will be received by Council up until **4pm on Tuesday 11 April 2023**. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number. Submissions made on behalf of a company should also include the names and addresses of all company directors. Should the submission be an objection to the proposed development, the grounds of the objection must be specified. Objectors should be aware that submissions will be provided to Council and may be viewed by other persons with an interest in the application.

For further information regarding this proposed development, please contact Council's Development Assessment Planner, Joanne Tarbit on 1300 176 077 or email [Joanne.Tarbit@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Joanne.Tarbit@griffith.nsw.gov.au).

### Construction of NSW Rural Fire Service Kooba Brigade Fire Station

#### Tender 17-22/23

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the construction of NSW Rural Fire Service Kooba Brigade Fire Station at Willbriggie NSW 2680.

**Tenders close on Thursday 13 April 2023 at 2pm.**

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on [www.tenderlink.com.au/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com.au/griffith)

Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service on 1800 233 533. Tenders may be lodged online at [www.tenderlink.com.au/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com.au/griffith), hand delivered to 1 Benerembah Street Griffith NSW 2680 or post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

### Servicing and Maintenance of Reverse Cycle and Evaporative Air Conditioning Units to Council Properties and Amenities

#### Tender No: 19 – 22/23

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the servicing and maintenance of reverse cycle and evaporative air conditioning units to Council properties and amenities.

**Tenders close on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 at 2pm.**

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith)

Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533. Tenders may be lodged by email at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith), hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

### Provision of Plant, Equipment and Truck Hire Hourly Rates

#### Tender No: 18 – 22/23

Griffith City Council invites tenders for inclusion on a proposed panel of preferred suppliers for the provision of a variety of Plant, Equipment and Truck Hire Hourly Rates to the Council.

## Tenders close on Thursday 20 April 2023 at 2pm.

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith) Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533.

Tenders may be lodged by email at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith), hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

*Canvassing of any Council members or officers will disqualify tenderers from the tender process.*

### Notice of Intention to Give Consent to a Lease of a Crown Reserve

Griffith City Council hereby gives twenty eight (28) days' notice of its intention to grant a lease for a term of 20 years over part Crown Reserve 85064 (part Lot 1 DP 1272062) Olympic Street, Griffith to PCYC NSW for construction of an integrated gymnastics and covered outdoor multi-sports competition facility.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Thursday 6 April 2023** and should be addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith or can be submitted via [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

Once the submission period is completed Griffith City Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the lease. For all enquiries contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Ph: 1300 176 077.

### Notice of Temporary Road Closures

Notice is hereby given under Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing of the following roads:

**Gribble Road between Beelbanger Road and McManus Road will be closed on Monday 27 March 2023 between 7am and 5.30pm** while Griffith City Council conduct road works. Detours will be available with access to residents only.

**Banna Lane between Jondaryan Avenue and Kooyoo Street will be closed on Monday 2 April 2023** for Service Stream to conduct works on electrical infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place. Traffic encouraged to use Banna Avenue and Yambil street.

### Notice of Closures

Griffith City Council would like to advise the Offices will be closed from Good Friday, 7 April 2023 through until Tuesday 11 April 2023 for the Easter break. Waste collection and kerbside recycling will remain as normal.

To view the full notice of closure including Council facilities, please visit [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/notice-of-closures](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/notice-of-closures)

## NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979)

<b>DA Number:</b> 89/2022(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> Parisplan Urban & Regional Planning
<b>Address:</b> Lots 946 & 947 DP 751709 & Lot 2 DP 48774 59-61 Twigg Street & 20-22 Mackay Avenue GRIFFITH	
<b>Description:</b> Change of Use of part of a heritage listed building as a beauty salon	

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Planning & Development

Development Applications - Notifications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 176 077. This documentation may be viewed up until **4pm on Friday 14 April 2023**.

**PLEASE NOTE: Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 requires the disclosure of any Political Donations & Gifts made in the two years prior to the application date. A form is available from Council's Customer Service Centre or Council's website [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)**

Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on Friday 14 April 2023**. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number.

Submissions made on behalf of a company should also include the names and addresses of all company directors. If submissions are received raising concerns with the proposed development a report will be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination. As such, copies of all submissions (including the writer's name and address) will form part of Council's Business Paper and be available to the public.

Should you wish to have your contact details withheld it is recommended that you request this in your submission.