

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from the Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi



It has been a big few weeks for Council, with many events and activities underway.

Firstly I would like to thank all of those involved in the hugely successful A Taste of Italy Griffith held last weekend. It was wonderful to see so many come out in support of all things Italian. The organisers did a spectacular job across several events, the highlights being the Italian Festival on Saturday and the Griffith Festa del Salsicce e Salami.

Council held the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday and approved the anticipated Draft Housing Strategy for public exhibition. You can read more details on the Strategy below, but I would encourage you to head to the Council website at griffith.nsw.gov.au to review the document and have your say.

I would like to remind residents that Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7pm. You are welcome to attend these meetings or you can listen in via the recording which is loaded to the Council website each Wednesday following the meeting.

Enticknap Park was officially opened last Thursday, with more than 100 people attending. The park is now a fantastic place for family and friends to gather with accessible undercover BBQs and interactive play equipment for all ages. Feedback received on the day was extremely positive and it was great to see so many

children taking advantage of the equipment. Thank you and congratulations to the staff involved with this park.

Work is progressing on the many projects happening across the LGA, including the Southern Industrial Link, Yambil Street Upgrade, pathways in Hanwood, Yenda and Yoogali, Memorial Park Upgrade, renovations at Griffith City Library and Griffith Regional Theatre, Collina Detention Works and much more.

I understand that there is some frustration within the community regarding some of these works but I can assure you the short term inconvenience will be well worth the long term gains.

I am happy to report that work to refurbish the amenities block in

Memorial Park has just wrapped up. As we head into the warmer months, with quite a few outdoor events planned in the park, this is fantastic news. The community stage at the other end of the park is taking shape which will only further enhance that space.

Thanks to those residents who took the time to nominate projects for Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. As with everything we do at Council, the input we receive from the Griffith community is vital as we work towards building a better City.

The entire community is encouraged to continue to become involved in the City of Griffith's decision-making processes to ensure we continue

to progress and grow in line with your expectations - we already have more than 20 committees or working groups in place that are made up of interested locals who represent the community and provide important feedback to Council on a whole host of issues, but we know that we can always do better.

With this in mind we are working on a new plan to encourage greater interaction and participation - watch this space!

Regards,
 Mayor John Dal Broi

Draft Griffith Housing Strategy on Public Exhibition



Grant funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund has enabled Griffith City Council to commission a detailed analysis of the current state of housing availability in Griffith and prepare a Draft Griffith Housing Strategy.

The Draft Griffith Housing Strategy prepared by Judith Stubbs & Associates for Griffith City Council is now on public exhibition and available on Councils website at griffith.nsw.gov.au

Projections by .id Consulting show an increase in the number of dwellings required in Griffith LGA from 10,410 in 2016 to 12,154 in 2036, an increase of 1,744 dwellings.

The broad breakdown of household types required is 929 smaller households (one and two people) and 585 larger/family households. Griffith LGA is undersupplied with smaller dwellings and we require a larger supply of one and two bedroom strata dwellings.

There are three main strategies that are likely to be most effective in increasing the supply of affordable housing in the local context:

1. Ensuring that there is a clear planning framework that supports the Housing Strategy.
2. Ensuring that there are no unnecessary impediments in local planning instruments to effectively facilitate an increased supply of lower cost and affordable housing types through the

market in well-located areas. Griffith City Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) is currently being reviewed to coincide with fundamental changes suggested in the Draft Strategy. The Draft Strategy assessed various Griffith precincts and suggested the following changes; replacing density controls with Floor Space Ratio's and Height Controls, amendments to the 50m2 of private open space per ground floor dwelling requirement, updating the car parking requirements for strata dwellings and suggested re-zoning.

3. The direct creation of affordable housing for very low and low income renters, and for some low income purchasers, through partnerships on land owned by Council and other public authorities.

Shireen Donaldson, Director Economic & Organisational Development noted that the implementation of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2019 will provide valuable economic and social benefits to our community.

"The Housing Strategy will also be useful in providing Council with direction for addressing the rental shortage," said Mrs Donaldson. "The shortage is constraining local businesses as they are finding it difficult to recruit staff due to affordability and accessibility issues."

Council welcomes feedback from the community and encourages any enquiries to contact Council's Economic Development team on 6962 8100.



Inaugural charity event raises funds for youth

When KFC Griffith held its inaugural Eat with Confidence charity evening recently, Griffith City Council Mayor John Dal Broi was there to thank members of the community for their support.

Over \$5,000 was raised on the night for the KFC Youth Foundation, bringing KFC Griffith's total raised so far this year to a massive \$15,000.

Councillor Dal Broi was thrilled to be invited to present a "big cheque" on behalf of Griffith to the KFC Youth Foundation.

"The KFC Youth Foundation, as well as our local youth support services, assist in helping all of our youth to thrive," Cr Dal Broi said.

"I was extremely happy to be part of such a worthwhile event and I thank KFC for inviting me to represent our generous

community. "I commend everyone involved in this initiative, it is wonderful to see big business giving back."

The charity event, held on Monday 19 August 2019, in the Griffith KFC Restaurant provided a platform for local youth community service providers to share their mission, stories and how they contribute to supporting and developing Griffith's youth.

Fresh, hand-prepared chicken, generously donated by Baiada was served on the night.

To become a sponsor or get involved in this great cause, or for more information contact Adrian Mitropoulos Franchisee, KFC Griffith.

Memorial park amenities now open

Council is pleased to advise the new toilet and shower facilities at Memorial Park are now open and fully operational.

Work on the stage is progressing well and should be finalised over the next week, however the temporary fencing will remain in place until the pavement works have concluded. The stage is scheduled to be finalised on 9 September, just in time for the warmer weather!

Council would like to thank the community for their patience during the construction phase.





Has rubbish got you down in the dumps?

Dump it for free on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility and the Yenda Waste Management Facility between 8am and 5pm.

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immunisation clinic



Griffith City Council will be conducting an Immunisation Clinic for children on Thursday 5 September, 2019 at the Senior Citizens Centre 47 Canal Street, Griffith between 3pm and 4pm.

Visitors to the clinic are requested to bring with them their children's blue health record book and Medicare Card.



POSITIONS VACANT

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Then join our team and make a difference to your community. Griffith City Council offers the chance to work in a stable and secure environment while providing excellent opportunities to develop your skills and career potential. Council is proactive and passionate about creating ongoing opportunities for our growing population. Council is seeking applications from enthusiastic motivated individuals for the following positions:

Plumber - Licensed (Permanent)

The purpose of the Plumber - Licensed is to work as an individual or in a team environment to construct, operate and maintain Council's water supply and wastewater systems to relevant standards and in a safe, economical and proficient manner using the equipment and materials supplied.

The successful applicant will require an Advance Plumbing and Drainage Certificate of Competency, a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card) and hold a current Class "C" driver licence. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application.

Hours of work are 38 hours per week with a commencement annual salary range from \$67,437.76 to \$74,183.20 (Grade 12) and a rostered day off once per fortnight. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Crombie on 6962 8100.

Compliance Coordinator (Permanent)

The Compliance Coordinator oversees and coordinates Council's enforcement and regulatory responsibility and ensures that all regulatory requirements under relevant legislation are met within the Griffith Local Government Area.

The successful applicant will require a Certificate IV Local Government Compliance (or other relevant qualification) OR demonstrated extensive job related experience in compliance or law enforcement with the ability to supervise and coordinate team members and resources. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application.

Hours of work are 38 hours per week with a commencement annual salary range from \$85,583.16 to \$94,143.92 (Grade 17) and a rostered day off once per month. If you have any questions, please contact Carel Potgieter on 6962 8100.

Project Administration Support Officer (3 year term appointment)

The Project Support Officer will provide high level administrative services to Project Managers of Council. This role involves documenting activities associated with projects, assisting with community engagement and creating communication products in relation to Council projects.

The successful applicant will require Certificate IV qualifications or substantial job-related experience in high level administration, excellent time management and organisations skills as well as high level written and verbal skills. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application.

Hours of work are 35 hours per week with a commencement annual salary range from

\$61,400.04 to \$67,541.76 (Grade 10) and a rostered day off once per month. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Austin on 6962 8100.

Applications for these positions close 9am Monday 16 September 2019.

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Workforce Planning Administrator on 6962 8100. Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply.

Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Draft Griffith Housing Strategy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 August 2019, Council resolved to place the Draft Griffith Housing Strategy on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document.

The Draft Housing Strategy, as prepared by Judith Stubbs & Associates, may be viewed on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au or at the Council Chambers located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith and the Griffith City Library.

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Housing Strategy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email to admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm Friday 11 October 2019.

Draft Cemetery Management Plan

The Draft Cemetery Management Plan 2019 is currently on Public Exhibition.

The Draft Cemetery Management Plan 2019 may be viewed at the Council Chambers located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au. Anyone wishing to make comment on the above policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council.

Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm Friday 25 October 2019.

Draft Frost Control Fan Policy (CS-CP-309)

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 August 2019, it was resolved that the draft Frost Control Fan Policy (CS-CP-309) be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this policy.

The draft policy may be viewed at the Council Chambers 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and at griffith.nsw.gov.au. Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680. Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm Friday 20 September 2019.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, No 33, Section 122, for the temporary closing of **Bromley Road and Butler Road between Bromley Road and Snaidero Road.**

Bromley Road and Butler Road will remain closed until the end of December 2019 for the construction of Bromley Road and Kidman Way intersection as part of Stage 6A Griffith Southern Industrial Link by Griffith City Council. During the road closure motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

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