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COUNCIL CATCH-UP

First Community Opinion Group (COG) Meeting



Consultation for 2023 will kick off on 7 February with the first Community Opinion Group (COG) Meeting at the new Griffith Regional Sports Centre.

The newly refurbished Stadium will be the first stop on the quarterly meeting calendar and locals are invited to come along and connect with Councillors and senior staff from 7pm.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran will chair the meeting where Council will present an update on previous COG items including the Yenda Oval Kiosk and Hanwood Sports Complex grant applications. The Agenda will include items as raised by residents.

Councillor Curran said these COG Meetings demonstrate Council's ongoing commitment to open and transparent consultation with the community.

"Last year the three COG Meetings were all

very well attended," said Councillor Curran. "This time we are starting in Griffith and will continue throughout the year at our villages."

"It will also be a chance for those who haven't seen the stadium, to look inside."

Membership to the COG is open to all members of the community. Community members wishing to have Agenda items added to the first COG Meeting Agenda, should head to <https://forms.griffith.nsw.gov.au/Forms/COGS> and fill out the submission form by close of business on Thursday, 26 January 2023.

COG Meetings for 2023 will be held in Griffith – 7 February, Yoogali – 2 May, Hanwood – 1 August and Yenda – 31 October. For those who can't make the COG Meeting, the monthly Council Café will be held on Thursday 16 February 2023 at Griffin Plaza from 10am to 11.30am.

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Lake Wyangan flood pump and pipeline

Griffith City Council will reallocate funds in the 2022/23 budget to address unprecedented water levels at Lake Wyangan following last year's floods.

The water level in Lake Wyangan has reached a record height due to continual rainfall events in 2022 and additional runoff from the catchment to the north. This has resulted in flooding of two residential houses, Jones Road causeway and associated buildings and infrastructure around the foreshore of the North Lake.

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2023, Council resolved to divert funds from the Lake Wyangan foreshore improvements fund into a new Lake Wyangan Flood Pump and Pipeline Project. This will enable water to be pumped out of Lake Wyangan into the drainage channel along Slopes Road that eventually drains into Barren Box Storage and Wetlands system.

Griffith Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glen Andrezza said this action would allow Council to reduce

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Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Celebrate Australia Day 26 January 2023

- Official awards & citizenship ceremony, 10am
Griffith Regional Theatre
- Survival Day event, 11am – 5pm
Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre



Don't miss Unlemon – a meandering tale of citrus



'Unlemon - a meandering tale of citrus' is now showing at Griffith Regional Art Gallery until Sunday 19 February 2023. Featuring the work of South Australian artist, Alison Mitchell, this exhibition of over 40 still-life oil paintings unfolds the story of citrus. From its origins approximately 20 million years ago on the Gondwana supercontinent, through its trade routes from China and Persia to the Mediterranean and the Americas, and on to its uses in medicine and culinary practices, the humble citrus is elevated in this exquisite exhibition.

Art Gallery Coordinator, Ray Wholohan said Alison's exhibition begins with a reimagining of seventeenth century Dutch art where paintings of citrus with peels unfurling evoked representations of wealth, exoticism, trade and expansion.

"The exhibition continues in the still life genre, exploring citrus' symbiotic relationship with us humans, in both its global success and the disease that threatens to devastate the species," said Mr Wholohan.

"Underpinning this is the crucial role played by Australia's own native citrus."

South Australian artist Alison Mitchell was born in Malaysia and her family moved to Mount Gambier in the mid-sixties where she spent her primary and secondary school years – enjoying all the swimming, sport, horse and bike-riding that a country childhood allows. It was probably the gardening and botanising of her parents though that gently influenced the direction her art would take.

For all enquiries please contact Griffith Regional Art Gallery on 6962 8338.

Green light given to Lake Wyangan flood pump and pipeline (cont.)

the water level from around the inundated homes, the Jones Road Causeway and infrastructure on the foreshore of the North Lake.

"Given that Lake Wyangan, both North and South Lakes, are closed catchments there is no natural drainage outlet to allow any water out of the Lakes," he said.

"After investigating suitable options, we've determined that the only way of extracting water is by mechanically pumping the water to another location using a new pipeline."

On 4 August 2022 and 14 September 2022 the Griffith Local Government Area, along with numerous other Local Government Areas, was declared a disaster on the basis of severe weather and flooding. Given the emergency nature of the flooding situation and the urgent need to take action to address several issues at Lake Wyangan, the Extraordinary Council Meeting was called in order to deal with the matter.

"In late 2022 we already

took steps to pump approximately 1,000 ML water into Tharbogang Wetland and water is also currently being pumped into Campbell Wetland," Councillor Andrezza said.

"Murrumbidgee Irrigation have given permission for Council to pump water for a limited period out of Lake Wyangan up to the drain which discharges into Barren Box Swamp.

"Once water has been pumped out, Jones Road will then be assessed to determine the scope and cost of repairs with a view to resuming access to the Lake via Jones Road.

The proposed pump will provide an output of approximately 20 ML per day when operated for 24 hours per day. Around 4,000 ML is needed to be extracted out of Lake Wyangan so it is anticipated it will take approximately six and half months of continual pumping to reduce the water level to enable Jones Road causeway to be exposed.



Lake Wyangan now on Red Alert

Council wishes to advise that Lake Wyangan (North) is now on red alert.

A sample taken on January 4, 2023, was 0.0660 mm3/litre, which is considered a "green alert." However, on January 9 and 12, 2023, testing revealed a total BGA count of more than 10mm3/litre, indicating a red alert.

A Red Alert level warning indicates that people should not undertake recreational activities where they may be

coming into direct contact with the water such as swimming, as well as domestic uses including showering and washing. Contact with the water may also pose a threat to livestock and pets.

Sampling will be carried out weekly until two consecutive results are below 10 mm3/litre biovolume.

Council will provide updates via the website: <https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/lake-wyangan-water-quality>



COUNCILCAFE

Bringing Council to You

Council Cafe
Thursday 16 February
at Griffin Plaza from
10am - 11.30am

Griffith City Library courtyard gets a colourful revamp



The Griffith City Library courtyard has undergone a transformation, with members invited to check out the newly revamped space.

Thanks to new seating, umbrellas and turf, it is now a bright and funky outdoor area where visitors can sit and read, enjoy a coffee or have lunch this summer.

Griffith City Library Acting Manager, Chris Robson, said thanks to Council's Urban Design team, the space was now more inviting.

"We have introduced some

outdoor furniture to bring a bit of life and colour to our previously underutilised courtyard space," Mr Robson said.

"I think everyone will agree it's now an area that more people can enjoy."

If you haven't visited the Griffith City Library lately, you should to find out what else is new.

You can also see what's on at your library online at <https://www.wrl.nsw.gov.au/whatson/> For more information call the Library on 6962 8300.

Message from Cr. Chris Sutton

Happy New Year to all our Griffith residents, as well as the many visitors who may be here over this holiday period.

2022 was a year filled with plenty of ups and downs. Let's hope 2023 is a year of progress and prosperity for our City. We got off to a good start last week when Sam Faraway MLC visited Griffith. I was with him when he announced more than \$6 million in emergency fast tracked payments for six councils across Murray, including Griffith, to help them get on with repairing their roads after the floods. This money is in addition to funding to fill potholes that was announced back in October 2022.

I know that roads are a big issue for motorists so it's wonderful to see this money being made available. It's going to be a massive effort to get our roads back up to scratch, but at least this is a start.

Speaking of issues, locals will have the chance to bring to Council's attention any others when the first Community Opinion Group (COG) Meeting is held at the newly refurbished Griffith Regional Sports Centre on February 7. If you have anything you'd like to let us know about, we'd love to see you there. I know that quite a few people will be interested to hear updates from previous COGs, so make sure you get along.

Council recognises that our wonderful City is built by amazing people who are deserving of recognition for



their contributions. That's why I urge you to attend the Australia Day awards ceremony on Thursday 26 January at the Theatre. This is an important part of Australia Day as well as welcoming our new citizens. Another fantastic way to mark the day is by attending the second Survival Day event at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre. This free event is hosted in partnership with Council and the Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council and is a celebration of Wiradjuri culture.

If you didn't attend last year's I recommend you do this year, it's a real opportunity for us all to learn and foster understanding. Finally, if you are looking for a way to cool down and keep the kids happy, Council is presenting a Dive in Movie experience at the Pool this Saturday 21 January 2023. This is another free event proudly presented by Griffith City Council and the Australia Day Council. The movie will be DC League of Super Pets and it starts at 6pm.

Until next time,
Councillor Chris Sutton

GRIFFITH AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY

LIVE Outdoor Music by Local DJ

2 pm - 6 pm

Free entry from 6pm via the side gates

followed by....

**DIVE IN
MOVIE
NIGHT**

**DC League of
Superpets**

6.30 pm - 9 pm

Limited food will be provided

BYO snacks & drinks

No alcohol or glass permitted

All are welcome to bring pool floaties, camp chairs and picnic mats



**WE ARE
HIRING**
Join Our Team!



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We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Swimming Coordinator

(Permanent part-time - Readvertised)

Swimming Instructor (No AUSTSWIM)
(Casual)

Applications close 23 January 2023

Mechanic

(Permanent)

Electrical Technician

(Permanent)

Customer Service Officer - GRALC

(Part Time - (Readvertised))

Applications close 6 February 2023

Apply online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs

Public Notification

Classification of Land

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council resolved to classify Lot 7302 DP 1153284, Mallee Street, Hanwood as operational land.

The land is being purchased for the construction of a levy bank.

Submissions should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au or via Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Thursday 9 February 2023**.

Please note any submissions may be included in the Council Business Paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 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:

Walla Avenue between Mansell Road and Bromley Road and Thorne Road between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue will remain closed until Friday 30 June 2023, with Walla Ave anticipated to be opening to traffic by end of June 2023. Walla Avenue and Thorne Road will be closed for the Construction of Stage 5b, 5a and 4b of the Great Southern Industrial Link Project by Griffith City Council. Detours around the site and access for heavy vehicles will be provided.

Bromley Road and Butler Road between Bromley Road and Snaidero Road will remain closed until the end of June 2023 for the construction of the remaining section of Bromley Road and extension of Thorne Road between Bromley Road and Walla Avenue, Upgrade of Thorne Road between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue and the construction of the roundabout at Thorne Road and Murrumbidgee Avenue intersection. During the road closure motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Yambil Street will be closed until 28 February 2023. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available.

Banna Lane between Kooyoo Street and Jondaryan Avenue will be closed from 13 December 2022 until 28 February 2023. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available.

Mallee Street, Hanwood between Kidman Way and Wattle Street. Mallee Street will be closed from Wednesday 18 January until 17 April 2023 for Griffith City Council to conduct works on drainage infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

Notice of Closure – Australia Day

The Griffith City Council offices Griffith City Library, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Griffith Regional Sports Centre, Griffith Saleyards and Council Depot will be closed on Thursday, 26 January 2023 for the Australia Day public holiday and will re-open on Friday, 27 January 2023.

The following facilities will be open:

- Griffith Pioneer Park Museum – 10am to 4pm
- Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony - Griffith Regional Theatre - 10am – All Welcome
- Griffith Tourism Hub – 10am to 3pm
- Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre – 11am to 5pm – Free pool admission and BBQ.

The emergency after hours numbers are 6964 1160 or 6969 4832.

For all fire emergencies telephone 000. For emergencies relating to dog attacks and stock on roadways call the Ranger on 0408 210 196.

Waste collection and kerbside recycling will be collected as normal. The Tharbogang Waste Management Centre will be open as normal.

Council Café

The monthly Council Café will return on Thursday 16 February 2023 at Griffin Plaza from 10am to 11.30am.

Council Café is held on the third Thursday of each month (unless otherwise advertised). Staff will be on hand to hear your concerns or you can fill out a feedback form to be logged for follow up.

Find out about upcoming Council Cafes via the website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 176 077.

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

DA Number: 204/2022(1)	Applicant: Planningmatters Development Service
Address: Lot 546 DP 751709 11573 Kidman Way GRIFFITH	
Description: New commercial development - mixed use development – 8 x Specialised Retail & 2 x Drive thru food premises	

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 3 February 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 – www.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 3 February 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.

THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH 2023

11AM – 5PM

GRIFFITH AQUATIC &
LEISURE CENTRE



FREE ENTRY, FREE BBQ, ELDERS TENT, FREE SHUTTLE BUS, AWARD CEREMONY, PERFORMANCES & STALLS

CHILDREN UNDER 10 WILL NEED THE SUPERVISION OF A PERSON OVER THE AGE OF 16 TO ENTER

