

COUNCILCATCH-UP





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Community invited to help develop the **Cultural Precinct Master Plan**

Residents are community workshops to help develop a Cultural Precinct Master Plan for Griffith.

Conrad Gargett (CG) with Taylor Cullity Lethlean (TCL) have been engaged by Griffith City Council to develop the Plan, which is set to provide a vision for the future growth and enhancement of Griffith's cultural offerings and activities.

It will identify opportunities and specific actions (short, medium and long-term) for implementing the Plan over the next 10 years. The Conrad Garget team bring with it not only architecture and urban and landscape design expertise, but also an indigenous design and consultation specialist, and access to specialist consultants in tourism, arts management, theatre design, gallery design, audio-visual, museum/exhibition design, and library spaces.

Chair of the Cultural Precinct Masterplan Committee, Councillor Jenny Ellis is urging residents to come along to the workshops.

"It's really important that we find out what a broad cross-section of our community thinks so that we can provide something for everyone," said Councillor Ellis.

"Constructing a facility requires considerable planning to ensure its success. This is so much more than just a building or a location and it's important we get the details right early on to ensure the community has a cultural facility which can be utilised well into the future.

"Please come along to our workshops. We'd love to see you there!"

The purpose of creating the Master Plan is to build on Griffith's current cultural assets and activities including the Griffith Regional

encouraged to attend Theatre, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Pioneer Park Museum and Griffith City Library. The plan will consider future opportunities

- Enhancing the existing cultural offerings
- Enabling potential new uses and activities
- Improving connectivity and access
- New and enhanced cultural experiences and engagement for locals and visitors alike

The CG and TCL team will be running community consultation and workshop sessions on Wednesday, 22 and Thursday, 23 February 2023.

A range of different focus areas will be covered. Interested residents are encouraged to attend the following workshops:

Wednesday 22 February 2023

- Regional Art Gallery Workshop 11am to 1pm in the Burley Griffin Room at the Griffith Regional Theatre
- Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Workshop -2pm to 4pm Griffith Pioneer Park
- Community Drop-In Session 5.30pm Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, BBQ dinner provided

Thursday 23 February 2023

- Theatre, Festivals and Music Workshop -9am to 12.30pm in the Burley Griffin Room at the Griffith Regional Theatre
- Library and Community Activities Workshop - 1.30pm to 3.30pm Griffith City Library

Please book via Eventbrite at via to QR code or griffithcitycouncil.eventbrite.com.au

Head to Council's website griffith.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Keeping roads safe during 2023 grape harvest



With the 2023 grape and wine vintage now underway, a reminder has been issued to all road users to help keep local roads safe to ensure this year's crop gets from the farm to receival points as intended rather than being spilled across the region's roads.

Griffith City Council's Development and Traffic Coordinator, Greg Balind said complying with relevant legislation and allowing heavy vehicles plenty of room while sharing the road not only ensures safety on the roads but minimises the potential for fruit and juice spills across the road network.

"Grape farmers have recently taken a big hit due to unfavorable weather so the last thing we all want to see is part of a salvaged crop wasted due to a spillage." Mr Balind said.

"In the past several seasons a number of grape spills upon our roads has resulted in other drivers losing control of their vehicles or being unable to safely stop at intersections.

"To ensure safety and cost minimisation, operators and cartage contractors must comply with relevant legislation and ensure that overloading does not occur and loads are carried correctly within the confines of the relevant vehicle's load restrictions," he added.

Enforcement will be undertaken across the region throughout the harvest to ensure vehicles comply with restrictions and that loads are secured according to the Chain of Responsibility laws.

When a grape spill occurs and griffith.nsw.gov.au

vehicles are identified, heavy fines can be applied under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and any additional costs associated with clean-ups will also be passed on to operators.

Mr Balind further advised that there is also a responsibility on other road users to give heavy vehicles the space needed on the road to make their respective journeys as safe as possible.

"Consultation with heavy vehicle representatives confirmed that there have been many occasions when heavy vehicle drivers have been 'cut off' or forced to take evasive action to avoid a crash due to drivers of smaller vehicles stopping suddenly or pulling out in front of a truck. Due to their size and weight, heavy vehicles obviously need more distance to stop and more room to turn so I urge all drivers to show courtesy maneuverability of heavy vehicles is more extreme than that of a normal vehicle." Mr Balind said.

Griffith City Council is also asking the community to help by reporting any grape spills so as action can be taken to clear the road and remove the danger to other road users as soon as possible

Residents can report a grape spill by calling Council on 1300 176 077 during business hours or 6969 4823 after hours (J&J Security.)

Further information on grape spills, including reporting procedures, is available on Council's website, www. griffith.nsw.gov.au

Lake Wyangan now at Amber Alert for Blue Green Algae

Griffith City Council wishes to advise that the Blue Green Algae (BGA) alert level at Lake Wyangan is now amber, however some restrictions remain in place.

Council's Principal Officer, Environment, Raju Maddi said Lake Wyangan users are urged to enter and exit the Lake from the Western Shore, as foreshore areas close to Jones Road remain at Red Alert.

"Testing is carried out across several areas of Lake Wyangan, with the western shore now at amber," said Mr Maddi.

"However the foreshore area adjacent to Jones Road is still returning high levels and remains on red alert – please do not enter or exit the Lake from this location."

Griffith Mayor, Doug Curran At these der said he welcomes the news of green algae the reduction in Blue Green threat to recreate Algae at Lake Wyangan, and domestic use.

encourages users to avoid the areas near Jones Road.

"Please adhere to Council warnings and remain on the western shore and centre of the Lake," Councillor Curran said.

"Council is fully committed to finding a long-term, sustainable solution to the many issues affecting Lake Wyangan and this is a really good start."

Sampling for algae will be undertaken twice a week, with the community updated if it drops back to red alert levels.

At amber alert levels bluegreen algae are present in the water at low densities, possibly signalling the early stages of the development of a bloom, or a period where a bloom is declining.

At these densities, the bluegreen algae do not pose a threat to recreational, stock or domestic use.



Calling young thespians -Theatre Youth Troupe is back



Young theatre-lovers invited to join the Youth Theatre Troupe at Griffith Regional Theatre this year, with sessions catering to young people aged between 9 and 18. The after-school drama classes are available for junior students aged 9 to 12 on Tuesday afternoons and senior students aged 13 to 18 on Monday afternoons.

Facilitated by new Troupe Leader Melanie Toscan, of drama and performance skills in a fun and supportive environment. Junior Troupe enjoy improvisation, will scripted workshopping, group and solo performance work as well as theatre sports and games.

Senior Troupe will focus on performance techniques for stage and group performance work. Senior Troupe will also get to create, develop and perform a short show, with input from Statera - a professional production company during Term 1 & 2.

Manager of Griffith Regional Theatre, Marg Andreazza, said we're glad to have Melanie on board for 2023 and are looking forward to having the drama

troupe kids back at the Theatre again.

"It is such a great program for kids interested in the performing arts or just looking for something different to do,' said Mrs Andreazza.

"We're especially excited to provide a performance opportunity to the senior students with guidance from theatre company, Statera we can't wait to see what the students come up with!"

students will learn a range Junior Troupe costs \$80 for a six-week block and runs on Tuesdays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, commencing on Tuesday 14 February and will conclude on Tuesday 21 March. Senior Troupe is \$120 for an eight-week block and runs on Mondays from 5pm to 6.30pm, commencing on Monday 13 February and finishing up on Monday 3 April.

> Service NSW Creative Kids vouchers can be used to pay for enrolment.

> Troupe students and their families will be eligible for discounted tickets to selected shows throughout the year.

Enrolments can be made at the Box Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visiting www. griffithregionaltheatre.com.au



FRIDAY 03

Creedence Clearwater Collective

Griffith Regional Theatre

SATURDAY 04

Cooking Gnocchi The **Italian Way**

Bella Vita Tours / Mirool Cottage

WEDNESDAY 08

International Women's Day Breakfast

Exies Bagtown

FRIDAY 10

International Women's **Day Lunch**

Griffith Pioneer Park Museum

The John Lennon Songbook

Griffith Regional Theatre

SATURDAY 11

Western Junior League **Basketball**

Griffith Regional Sports Centre

Flickerfest

Griffith Regional Theatre

SUNDAY 12

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Basketball

Griffith Regional Sports Centre

SATURDAY 18

Griffith Groove and Graze Burley Griffin Community Gardens.



One day festival for all ages with national line-up plus local

favourites! Follow QR code for event details.



THURSDAY 23

On by Circa Griffith Regional Theatre

SATURDAY 25

Grapes of Mirth

De Bortoli Wines

TUESDAY 28

360 ALLSTARS

Griffith Regional Theatre

THURSDAY 30

Bunnings Easter Family Night

Bunnings Warehouse Griffith

FRIDAY 31 MARCH -**SUNDAY 02 APRIL**

Riverina Regional Netball

Griffith Regional Sports Centre





SAVE THE DATE

Bacchus on the Lake, Pioneer Park Action Day, Sidewalk Sale, Griffith Vintage Festival, Blood Sweat & Beers, local markets, Winery Cellar Door events and more!

Follow QR code for full program of events.



COUNCILCAFE

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

Public Notification

Notice of Public Exhibition of a Planning Proposal (Amendment to the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014) (Planning Proposal PP-2022-3697)

The purpose of the planning proposal is to make general amendments to the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 inline with Council Strategies and State legislation, including:

- Development controls for secondary dwellings in rural zones
- Permitting Artisan food and drink industry in the RU1, RU4 and E1 zones
- Permitting neighbourhood supermarkets in the R1 and R3 zones

The Planning Proposal also proposes the rezoning of several portions of land identified for rezoning in the Griffith Large Lot Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy, the Griffith Housing Strategy and the Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement.

At the Griffith City Council Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2023, Council resolved to place Planning Proposal – PP 2022-3697 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and seek public submissions.

The Planning Proposal will be on public exhibition from Friday 3 February 2023 until 3 March 2023. A copy of the Planning Proposal and supporting documentation can be found at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Alternatively, a hard copy will be provided at the front counter of the Griffith City Council Chambers Administrative Building located at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith and available between the hours of 8:30 am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Environmental Plan 2014.

Griffith City Council invites submissions from any interested party. Any submission should be addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council and delivered:

- Via post to PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or
- Hand delivered to the Council Administrative Building at 1 Benerembah There will be two Ordinary Meetings of Council held during February, being Street, Griffith NSW between the hours of 8:30am to 4pm, Monday to
- Online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhbition, or
- Emailed to admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au

Should you require further information to this notice, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol at 1300 176 077.

Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of a 9m Weighbridge Extension: Tender No: 04 - 22/23

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of 9m weighbridge extension at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre.

Tenders close on Thursday 9 March 2023 at 2pm.

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on 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, hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

A mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held on Monday, 27th February 2023 at 11am at Tharbogang Waste Management Centre, Slopes Road, Tharbogang NSW 2680.

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

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

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

Ulong Street Griffith, between Yambil Street and Canal Street will be closed on Tuesday 14 February 2023 for Griffith City Council to conduct works on underground infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Traffic only.

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.

Druitt Road, Lake Wyangan, Between Lakes Road and Boorga Road will be closed from Tuesday 24 January to 24 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 only.

The Minister for Planning has delegated Griffith City council permission to Barber Road between Brogden Road and Twaddell Road and Drew Road use its plan making powers to make the amendment to the Griffith Local between Woodside Road and Barber Road will be closed until Monday 31 July 2023 for the upgrade and sealing of Barber Road by Griffith City Council. Local residents and local businesses are advised to use alternative accesses during the construction period. Detour will be via Brogden Road, Bringagee Road and Twaddell Road.

Notice of Ordinary Meeting of Council - February 2023

Tuesday 14 February 2023 and Tuesday 28 February 2023.

Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith NSW 2680 and commence at 7pm.

Interested people are invited to attend or the meeting can viewed via the livestream at Council's Facebook page at facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil Business Papers are available online at Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov. au the Friday prior to the meeting.

Development Applications Determined January 2023

To view the Development Applications Determined for January 2023, please visit griffith.nsw.gov.au/developmentapplications



To view items on exhibition, scan the QR code



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Gardener (Permanent) **Gymnasium Instructor** (Casual) **Personal Trainer** (Casual) **Applications close 27 February 2023**

Road Safety and Traffic Officer (Term appointment until 30 June 2025) **Applications close 13 February 2023**

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