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Kick off Christmas with the GLOW2680 launch and Griffith Rotary Christmas Carnival!

Griffith is set to shine bright this Christmas with the launch of the Glow2680 campaign in conjunction with the 2022 Griffith Rotary Christmas Carnival from 5.30pm Friday December 2 at Griffith Memorial Park. Council has joined forces with Griffith Rotary Club to bring both events together, creating a wonderful family friendly event for all to enjoy.

The Rotary Christmas Carnival will kick off from 5.30pm, where attendees can purchase tickets to win a ham, be entertained by Lorraine Sutton and friends, while enjoying a sausage and drink with thanks to Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti. Dizzy Dilemma will be keeping the crowd entertained with short interactive workshops, while Griffith City Library will be on hand with children's craft activities. Griffith Rotary Club President, David Hammond said the Club is excited to partner again this year with Griffith City Council to bring some Christmas cheer back to residents.

"The 2021 event was a resounding success and we are so pleased to be able to join with Council to kick off the 2022 Christmas celebrations," said Mr Hammond.

"This is an event for the entire family to enjoy – we have live entertainment, face painting, jumping castle, sausage sizzle,

ice-cream, fairy floss, coffee and the all-important Chocolate Wheel where you can purchase tickets to win a Christmas ham and other fantastic prizes.

Santa will be stopping by as well, so make sure you come along to Memorial Park on Friday 2 December and kick off the Christmas season with your family and friends," he added.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran will be in attendance, with Santa assisting turning on the Christmas Lights from 7.30pm.

Councillor Curran said preparations were well in hand to spread even more Christmas cheer around the region this year.

"Griffith will be bigger and brighter than ever this Christmas, and we are encouraging local residents to enter the Christmas Light and Merry Mailbox Competition at our website at glow2680.com.au.

"Once the Banna Avenue and CBD Lights are switched on, take a look at our website and make sure you take the self-drive tour of the local lights – it is always a great way to get into the festive spirit," added Councillor Curran.

Councillor Curran said he hoped this festive event and Glow2680 would ensure locals had something to look forward to after another difficult year.

"We invite the community to join in the Christmas celebrations where possible and support local businesses when thinking of gifts and shopping."

Griffith City Council is encouraging residents to shop local this Christmas through the Star Business Program and Star Shopper Competition, as well as the Glow2680 Sidewalk Sale on Saturday 3 December.

Director Economic & Organisational Development, Ms Shireen Donaldson said many Banna Avenue businesses will head out to the pavement and be part of the Sidewalk Sale.

"More than 20 businesses have registered to bring the shopping to the street, with plenty of bargains to kick start your Christmas shopping," said Ms Donaldson.

"Keep an eye out for the Star Business sticker and enter the draw with your purchase – winners can take home a \$500 voucher or one of five \$100 vouchers to spend at a Star Business of your choosing – winners will be drawn on Thursday 22 December via Facebook Live."

For further details about Christmas events, the Star Shopper competition and what local businesses are offering, head to glow2680.com.au



Rotary club of Griffith

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

& glow2680 launch

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 5.30PM
Memorial Park Griffith



Exhibition Curation and Watercolours on offer at Open Sessions



The last series of Open Sessions for the year are starting back soon at the Griffith Regional Gallery - this time with a focus on exhibition curation and watercolours.

The Gallery's Public Programs Officer, Melanie Toscan said, we've had such a great response to our Open Sessions this year, and think the next few sessions will end the year on a high note. For the first session on Wednesday 23 November, join the Gallery Coordinator, Raymond Wholohan, a highly experienced curator, for the best tips on curating an exhibition. This is a great opportunity for practising artists to learn about how to curate an exhibition to highlight the art for the artist and the viewer.

The next two sessions will see local artist Dennis Forner teaching participants the core techniques of painting with watercolour.

Open Sessions are available to those 18 years and over.

Ms Toscan said, all materials will be supplied.

"If participants have preferred materials they would like to use please feel free to bring them along. Week one tickets are \$10 and the following weeks are \$20 each," she said.

"You can purchase sessions individually to suit your interest and availability".

Open Sessions will run at the Gallery on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm and will include light refreshments and wines from Dee Vine Estate.

Open Sessions Term Four details are:

- Exhibition Curation with Raymond Wholohan Wednesday 23 November, \$10

- Watercolour with Dennis Forner Wednesday 30 November and/or 07 December, \$20 (per week)

Tickets can be purchased at the Gallery or online at griffithregionalartgallery.com.au

Council's Christmas Light and Merry Mailbox competition back for 2022



Griffith City Council's annual Christmas light competition and Merry Mailbox Competition is back, to add Christmas cheer across the City.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran is encouraging residents to register their homes for the popular competition as part of the Glow2680 program, ensuring their home can not only be included in a map, but can be considered for the Mayor's Choice Award and the People's Choice Award and the Merry Mailbox category now in its second year.

"I encourage everyone to consider decorating their homes and mailboxes for the Christmas season," said Councillor Curran.

"We will provide an online map so that residents and visitors can explore the lights during the festive season at their own pace - no matter how big or small your Christmas display is, I would encourage you to head to our website and register," added Councillor Curran.

The Merry Mailbox category was added to the program last year to encourage more people to get involved across the region.

"We realise that not everyone is

able to decorate their homes on a grand scale, this way you can still add Christmas cheer in a smaller way," added Councillor Curran.

The Glow2680 launch once again joins with the Griffith Rotary Christmas Carnival this year on Friday 2 December - this is when we will officially turn on the lights in Banna Avenue and Memorial Gardens.

"With approximately 22 plane trees being lit up, the giant walk-through bauble with fairy lights, shooting stars and archway back, it will be an incredible display for our community and visitors to enjoy," he said.

You can register your home or mailbox online at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/FOLregister

Council will also be creating a Christmas Calendar of Events which will include items such as the 2022 Carols by Candlelight being held on Saturday, 10 December.

To add your event visit www.glow2680.com.au or for more information about the Christmas Light and Merry Mailbox competition, please contact Council's Corporate Communications Officer, Naomi Stephens on 1300 176 077.



Get the perfect gift this festive season with Objects of Desire



Griffith Regional Art Gallery will wrap up its 2022 program with a wonderful celebration to launch Objects of Desire, a local arts, crafts and artisan exhibition focused on handcrafted gifts, on Thursday December 1.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery Coordinator Ray Wholohan said, the Objects of Desire exhibition has become a very popular part of our annual exhibition program.

"The exhibition is geared towards the tradition of purchasing beautiful, hand crafted gifts for family, friends and loved ones during the lead up to Christmas and the holiday season," said Mr Wholohan.

"We will have sparkling wine provided by our wonderful sponsors Dee Vine Estate, and nibbles to set the mood."

"Visitors can peruse the carefully selected artisan gifts made by local artists, and quality handmade products in our gift shop - great way to start your Christmas shopping!"

Mr Wholohan reminded patrons that the National Contemporary Jewellery Award will also still be on display.

"This is a great opportunity to catch up on this exhibition while browsing the locally-

made products," he added.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery Manager, Margaret Andreazza said the Gallery will have a range of beautiful products for sale from ceramics and textiles to jewellery.

"Our gallery shop also has cards, puzzles, books, stationary, prints and much more," she said.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to take in the exhibition and support local artists - you won't be disappointed!"

Mr Wholohan concluded, "With so many thoughtfully and finely crafted works created by our region's many talented crafts people, we are sure that our visitors will be able to find the perfect Christmas gift for just about anyone, at the same time supporting local artists and small businesses."

This is a free event (but bring your spending money!) and will be held at Griffith Regional Art Gallery on Thursday December 1 between 6pm and 8pm.

The exhibition continues until Sunday 18 December.

Find out more at griffithregionalartgallery.com.au

Message from Cr. Jenny Ellis

Two of the things that have been impressed upon me lately in my role as a Councillor are the privilege and the responsibility of shaping this fine city. Firstly, it is a privilege to be involved in projects that increase livability, attract people to live and visit; build the economy; meet the needs of our community; bring people together and give joy.

Secondly, I feel the weight of responsibility to get things right. Particularly in managing our resources, whether that be money, buildings or people; and that the decisions we make now will be felt and realised many years into the future, both good and bad.

We recently celebrated the completion of our Regional Sports Centre – a project that took 20 years in the making, from the original vision to the planning, consulting, design, fundraising and finally the build. We now have an incredible asset that will serve this community and the region for many years to come.

The next large infrastructure project we are considering as a council is a new art gallery. In 2021, former Mayor and Councillor, Mike Neville put in a motion to commit to building a purpose-built gallery and also to put money aside in the 22/23 budget to prepare a Cultural Precinct Masterplan as a foundation for this project.

In his wisdom he realised it is not just a matter of choosing a spot, getting architectural plans drawn up and building a new art gallery. Here is an opportunity not just to be reactionary to the



fact that our current art gallery is not up to standard, but to look at the arts and culture sector of our whole community. What sort of art gallery do we need here? Where is art moving in the future? How do we make the best use of our current cultural infrastructure? How do they all fit together? What are the holes in meeting the arts and cultural needs of our community both now and into the future?

By investing the time and money now in the planning we will end up with an arts space that meets the needs and desires of our community now and into the future. It has the potential not just to be a place that displays art but captures the heart and soul of the Griffith community.

I have been given the task of chairing the committee to guide this process. We have recently chosen a very qualified and experienced team out of 11 applicants to create this plan. Please be on the lookout for an upcoming press release about the project and most importantly how you can have your say in this process.

Councillor Jenny Ellis

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Economic & Community Development Officer** (12-month term)
- Administration & Venue Coordinator** (Part time - 4 days per week)
- Curator Pioneer Park Museum Manager** (Part Time 3 days per week)

Applications for the above position close 21 November 2022

- Assistant Design Engineer** -(Permanent)

Applications for the above position close 28 November 2022

Apply online at griffith.nsw.gov.au

Public Notification

Draft Privacy Management Policy and Privacy Management Plan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25 October 2022 it was resolved that the Draft Privacy Management Policy and Draft Privacy Management Plan 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 document.

The Draft Privacy Management Policy and Draft Privacy Management Plan may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Privacy Management Policy and Draft Privacy Management Plan can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission.

Submissions received will be included in a report to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. 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.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, 25 November 2022**.

Draft Plan of Management – Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets)

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets) is currently on exhibition until **Thursday 24 November 2022**.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Thursday 8 December 2022** and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680, via email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Please note that any submission may be included in the Council business paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition or at Council Administration Building at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith during normal business hours.

For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 1300 176 077.

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

Piggott Road between McManus Road and Golf Course Road will be closed on Wednesday November 22 2022 for Essential Energy to conduct works on electrical infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

Marin Road between Barracks Road and Whitton Road will be closed on Wednesday November 23 2022 for Essential Energy to conduct works on electrical infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available from Barracks Road only.

Hawkins Road between Mirrool Branch Canal Road and Bob Irvin Road will be closed on Friday November 25 2022 for Essential Energy to conduct works on electrical infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

Bromley Road and Butler Road will remain closed until the end of December 2022 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 roundabout at Thorne Road and Murrumbidgee intersection. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

Walla Avenue and Thorne Road will be closed until Saturday 31 December 2022, with Walla Ave anticipated to be opening to traffic by end of December 2022. 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.

Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule - 2023

Griffith City Council wishes to advise the following Meeting Schedule for Ordinary Meetings of Council to be held in 2023:

24 January 2023

14 February 2023 and 28 February 2023

14 March 2023 and 28 March 2023

11 April 2023

9 May 2023 and 23 May 2023

13 June 2023 and 27 June 2023

11 July 2023 and 25 July 2023

8 August 2023 and 22 August 2023

12 September 2023 and 26 September 2023

10 October 2023 and 24 October 2023

14 November 2023 and 28 November 2023

12 December 2023

Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith, commencing at 7.00 pm. Council Meetings are also livestreamed on Council's Facebook page and audio recordings are available on Council's website.



Carols by Candlelight

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10
GRIFFITH COMMUNITY GARDENS

Kids activities, Rotary BBQ, ice-cream
from 6.30pm
Carols from 7.30pm
featuring local performers and
musicians

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2022/23

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- Not-for-profit &
- Charitable organisations

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