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## Survival Day Event in Griffith to acknowledge Wiradjuri People

Griffith's first-ever Survival Day event will be held on 26 January 2022 (Australia Day) at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Join Griffith City Council and Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council for this all-inclusive family event being held to show respect for our First Nations Wiradjuri People.

The community is invited to enjoy free entry into the pool and a host of cultural activities including Didgeridoo playing, indigenous dancers, a smoking ceremony and art for elders with Kerri Weymouth, as well as other fun arts and crafts. Anyone can participate in the Survival Day crafts available. A free BBQ lunch will be available along with a DJ and photo booth.

Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Ms Vickie Louise Simpson and CEO, Stephen Young are encouraging locals to attend.

"This event provides an opportunity to acknowledge and learn about our past so indigenous and non-indigenous people can formulate stronger relationships," Ms Simpson said.

Mr Young said, "Yes it's about respect, but it's also about understanding, learning and working together for a better future for us all."

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran, said Australia Day was a good chance for us all to reflect on our history, its highs and its lows.

"I'm really pleased to see this event taking place this year," Councillor Curran said.

"It is important that we create Nationalism by celebrating diversity, identity, creativity and solidarity. I urge everyone to come along and join in what should be a wonderful cultural day."

Free buses will be available for pick-ups and drop-offs (on rotation every hour) from 11am-5pm. Commencing from Dave Taylor Park, Kubank Park (Parkinson Crescent) and Yawarra Park (Three Ways).

A concept design for the Griffin Green Affordable Housing development will also be on display. While extensive community consultation has previously been carried out for the Playground and Basketball Court, locals are now encouraged to provide

feedback for the surrounding green space.

This event will run from 11am to 5pm, with the official proceedings taking place at 1pm.

Councillor Christine Stead said Council has been in contact with Home Affairs regarding the current COVID-19 situation.

"I'm pleased to say they have encouraged Council to proceed with the Australia Day Ceremony and Citizenship and the Survival Day event as planned and to implement extra measures to ensure community safety," she said.

"Council encourages new citizens and Australia Day Award nominees to secure their tickets early for the official ceremony at the Regional Theatre and don't forget that Pioneer Park is holding a movie the day before, Tuesday 25 January at 6.30pm. Check Eventbrite for ticket details."

Current COVID-19 safety regulations will be in place at all venues. Please check in on arrival and remember to social distance and if unwell, please stay home.

For more information please visit [griffith.nsw.gov.au](https://griffith.nsw.gov.au)

## Museum Outdoor Cinema to kick off Australia Day celebrations



Griffith Pioneer Park Museum is set to host the first event in Griffith's Australia Day program, with an outdoor cinema screening of the ultimate Aussie film, 'Backyard Ashes'.

'Backyard Ashes' will be featured at the Museum on Australia Day Eve, Tuesday 25 January with a BBQ and entertainment starting from 6.30pm.

'Backyard Ashes' is a story about one of Australia's famous past times. A story that closely follows the bitter sporting rivalry between the Aussies and the Poms, but places the action smack bang in the middle of suburban Australia, in the backyard of our lead character Dougie.

'Backyard Ashes' is an independent Australian feature film in pre-production, written by Wagga Wagga locals Peter Cox and Mark Grentell, with the aim of reaching an international audience of people who

enjoyed classic Australian comedies like 'The Castle', 'Bodyline', 'The Nugget' and 'Crackerjack'.

Pioneer Park Museum Curator, Bonnie Owen said this will be a wonderful evening for the entire family to enjoy.

"We are excited to host this fabulous event," said Miss Owen.

"We invite you to come along with your family and friends, and start the Australia Day celebrations early - it's sure to be a fun and relaxing evening."

Adults \$15, children under 12 \$10, family (2A + 3C) \$30. Tickets include BBQ dinner, drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Tickets are available online at <https://events.humanitix.com/australia-day-movie-backyard-ashes>, or head to Pioneer Park Museum website and social media accounts.



# Griffin Green Affordable Housing Project set to break ground



Ground will be broken next Tuesday 25 January on the Australian Government, the Griffith City Council and Argyle Housing's \$12M Affordable Housing Project partnership, marking the commencement of the construction of 20 townhouses adjacent to Walla Avenue.

Stage 1 (a) civil works are nearing completion with the sealing of the new road underway, with the detailed design for Stage 2 works receiving Development Assessment approval late last year. Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said Council is committed to providing affordable housing for our residents and this sod turning marks an important milestone for the project.

"This partnership with the Australian Government and Argyle Housing is just one demonstration of working with Government and Non-Government Organisations to address the needs of our community," said Councillor Curran.

"The sod turning marks the commencement of this important development, with the construction of 20 affordable townhouses to help address the housing shortage for our community.

In addition, the availability of more than 40 build ready lots will provide affordable housing options and a way to enter the competitive home ownership market in Griffith," he said.

Council and Argyle Housing have committed to providing residents with new playground equipment, a basketball court, and a large open green space within Dave Taylor Park with consultation sessions being held over the last couple of months, and a new Community Hub will also be constructed by Argyle Housing.

Griffin Green has been funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (\$6M), Griffith City Council (\$3M), and Argyle Housing (\$3M).

Carolyn Doherty, Argyle Housing Relieving CEO said Argyle Housing are excited to achieve this milestone in our partnership with Griffith City Council.

"This development not only reflects the innovation that can be achieved in regional areas through partnerships with local government but demonstrates the importance and impact of Australian Government's investment into housing and economic outcomes in areas of regional growth," said Ms Doherty.

"The Griffin Green development represents opportunity for 20 families to access affordable housing, to remain in Griffith and continue to add value to the community and local economy.

In turning the sod on this site Argyle Housing recognise that these homes are being built on the land of the Wiradjuri people and we would like to acknowledge the support of the Griffith Aboriginal Lands Council. We thank them for their Welcome to Country and for performing the Smoking Ceremony to cleanse the land and offer us goodwill in the completion of the project," she added.

The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Member for Farrer said affordable housing stock and availability was a priority issue first raised when she became the city's local member.

Griffith Council is to be commended for pushing for this important, and much needed, initiative.

"With the locally driven partnership with Argyle Housing and through much needed funding by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund it's terrific to see the precinct getting off the ground," she said.

Member for Murray Helen Dalton

said the Griffin Green development is a promising project, bringing together a proven community housing provider, and all three levels of government.

Following the Sod Turning Ceremony, residents are invited to attend a Community Consultation session on site at Garton Place to discuss the redevelopment and design of the open space at Dave Taylor Park.

"We recognise the importance of an inclusive space and look forward to continuing to work with the community to deliver a space residents – old and new - can be proud of," said Councillor Curran.

"We would like to hear from residents and get their feedback on the open spaces for play, landscaping including trees, plants and gardens, Cultural Heritage Interpretation, shading and footpath.

"A free BBQ will be provided and we encourage you to come along and talk with our park designers – it is important to have input from residents," added Councillor Curran.

The consultation session and BBQ will commence at 12.30pm at Garton Place.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery

## Political WOMEN

Artists from diverse cultural, generational, personal and artistic perspectives illustrate and celebrate the complexity of contemporary feminist discourse and the art made within it.

Photo credit Sarah McEwan. The Cad Factory is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.





## Changes made at Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre



Council is implementing important changes at the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre, in an effort to increase general safety and wellbeing of animals impounded. Environmental Health & Compliance Coordinator, Merryn Benham said the decision has been made to close the dog after-hours pens that are located at the front of the Centre.

"Sadly we find that many cats and dogs left at the Centre after hours are sick or injured, and without the opportunity for staff to assess the animals there is a risk of further injury or exposing other animals to potentially infectious diseases," said Ms Benham.

The dog drop off points located on the front wall of the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre will be closed, with two new dog drop off pens to be placed to the left of the Centre which will be clearly signposted when available. The new pens have been designed to make the access easier and safer for the public, and are separate from the Centre to avoid any contamination.

"Council has recently employed an Animal Rehoming Officer who is located on site at the Centre, who will be on hand during normal business hours to assist with stray and surrendered animals. This will ensure each animal is correctly assessed for illness, injury and temperament and create a safe environment for any animals which end up at the Centre."

"Where possible, we strongly urge

residents to take animals to the Centre during business hours so that each animal can be assessed – our Officer will ensure animals are impounded without undue risk to other animals within the Centre, and provided with prompt veterinary treatment if required," said Ms Benham.

"Injured stray cats and dogs needing medical attention can be taken by members of the public directly to a vet, and following vet treatment, will be transferred to the Centre – this is the safest and most effective solution to guarantee animal safety and we appreciate the public assisting us."

"For owners in the Griffith area wanting to surrender animals appointments must be made by contacting Council on 1300 176 077," she added.

Failure to surrender an animal correctly will mean that Council must hold the animal for a set period, meaning they cannot be rehomed promptly.

"By surrendering your animal correctly, Council's Animal Rehoming Officer can look for a new home for the animals immediately, which is a great result for everyone," said Ms Benham.

"There is no charge for a surrender, simply make the appointment to drop your pet off."

If you have any animal welfare concerns, please report the matter to the RSPCA by phoning 1300 CRUELTY (1300 278 3589).

## New exhibition to honour everyday Political Women

A new exhibition titled 'Political Women' is now open at Griffith Regional Art Gallery, featuring artists from Wagga Wagga, Sandigo, Sydney, Los Angeles and Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Despite their geographic distance, they are all connected through their political careers in order to bring more justice, empathy and care into our world.

Artist and co-curator Sarah McEwan from the Cad Factory said there are many ways you can be political in your life.

"Whether it's having a high-profile advocacy career; or working within education to encourage a love of learning and critical thinking, or being an Elder supporting communities through cultural knowledge and protocols. This exhibition is sharing how a number of women from different backgrounds, living across different locations, navigate wanting to bring about change," he said.

Margaret Andreaazza, Acting Manager at Griffith Regional Art Gallery said we are delighted to host this important exhibition.

"Political Women celebrates the impact women can have, and have had, on the political landscape," said Mrs Andreaazza.

"It's great to have both local artists, and those from further afield represented here at the Gallery."

To support the exhibition, there will be a cross-cultural weaving workshop on Thursday 10 and

Friday 11 February led by artist Aunty Gail Manderson and co-curator Julie Montgarrett called Waybali mawang marramali mayiny walan: Weaving together makes people strong.

Three artists will be sharing weaving techniques, along with the joy and connection weaving brings. The workshop is open to people from any cultural background, and you can book your place through the Griffith Regional Art Gallery website.

Wiradjuri Elder, Aunty Gail Manderson, commented that, "Many of us have come to recognise that our artworks and weaving are fundamental to cultural restoration and re-empowerment of all Aboriginal individuals."

"We can use what knowledge remains to rebuild our identities, our families and communities to reclaim our culture and languages so that we are no longer victims of a system that wilfully set out to destroy us as a race," she added.

At the conclusion of the Exhibition, on Saturday 12 February, there will be a closing event from 11am – 2pm where there will be formal proceedings, followed by an artist talk where many of the artists will share deeper insights into their artworks. This event is free to attend, and all are welcome.

Please visit the gallery's website for more information [www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au](http://www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au)



# Public Notification

## Presentation of Financial Statements

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Griffith City Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on 25 January 2022 will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30/06/2021.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected at:

Online: [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au)

Locations: Council Chambers - 1 Benerambah Street Griffith NSW 2680, and Griffith City Library - 229 Banna Avenue Griffith NSW 2680

## Provision of Town Planning and Building Surveyor Practitioners

### Tender No: 14-21/22

Council invites tenders for a contract to join a proposed panel of suitably qualified Town Planning and Building Surveying Practitioners for the provision of various services to the Council. **Tenders close Thursday 17 February 2022 at 2pm.**

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at [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 Benerambah 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 Temporary Road Closure

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

**Toscan Road, Hanwood between Hanwood Avenue and Whiting Road will be closed on Friday 21 January 2022 from 9am until 10:30am** for the replacing of an HV x arm on a power pole. Detours around the site will be provided.

**Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Banna Lane from Monday 22 November 2021 until Friday 27 May 2022** for the upgrading of Kooyoo Street by Griffith City Council. Access for local traffic and detours around the site will be provided. The pedestrian crossing will also remain open during the works.

**Bromley Road and Butler Road between Bromley Road and Snaidero Road will remain closed until the end of June 2022** for the construction of the remaining section of Bromley Road and extension of Thorne Road between Bromley Road and Walla Avenue, Stage 5B of Griffith Southern Industrial Link Project. During the road closure motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

**Yambil Street between Ulong Street and Daines Street and Daines Street between Yambil Street and Canal Street will be closed to west bound traffic from Friday 24 December 2021 until Monday 17 January 2022** as part of the Stage 3 Southern Side Yambil Street construction works by Griffith City Council. Access for pedestrians and businesses will be provided. Detours around the worksite will be implemented for all other traffic.

## Storm Affected Landholders - Natural Disaster Recovery Reporting

If you have suffered damage to crops, livestock or infrastructure from the recent storms, hail or flooding you can report it here: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/natural-disaster-damage-survey](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/natural-disaster-damage-survey)

Information collected helps to quantify the impact of a disaster on agriculture and target resources and assistance to an area.

## Notice of Closure - Australia Day Public Holiday

Griffith City Council Administration Building, Griffith City Library, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, West End Stadium and Griffith Saleyards will be **closed on Wednesday 26 January 2022** for the Australia Day public holiday and will re-open on Thursday 27 January 2022.

The following facilities will be open:

- Griffith Pioneer Park Museum – 10am to 4pm.
- Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony - Griffith Regional Theatre - 10am – Free tickets pre-booked on Eventbrite.
- Griffith Visitor Information Centre – 10am to 3pm.
- Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre – 11am to 6pm – Free pool admission and BBQ for Survival Day Event.

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.



**Join the Council team!**

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:


- Assistant Engineer, Traffic and Civil - Permanent
- Approvals Officer – Permanent
- Trades Assistant, Water/Wastewater - Permanent (Re-advertised)
- Truck Driver, Team Leader Tar Patch Crew - Permanent (Re-advertised)
- Water and Wastewater Maintenance Officer/Relief Pumpwell Operator - Permanent (Re-advertised)

**Applications for the above positions close Monday 24 January 2022**

- Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Services Coordinator - Permanent
- Leisure Services Maintenance Coordinator - Permanent

**Applications for the above positions close Monday 14 February 2022**

For more information or to apply, visit: [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)



**Griffin Green**

**PIONEER COMMUNITY MEETING**

Tuesday 25th January 2022  
12:30pm – 1.30pm  
Dave Taylor Park

Join Griffith City Council & Argyle Housing to discuss the options for Dave Taylor Park open space, landscaping and cultural heritage interpretation.

Free BBQ provided.

