



Council's Star Shopper Campaign launched to support local businesses this Christmas period

Griffith City Council has launched a new campaign to encourage residents to shop local in the lead up to Christmas and is asking businesses to participate.

Businesses are invited to decorate and light-up their shop windows and register as a Star Business to encourage Star Shoppers to spend local in the lead up to the festive season.

Throughout November and December, customers will have the opportunity to win a \$500 first prize or one of five (5) runners-up \$100 vouchers to spend at any one of the participating businesses.

Griffith City Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, said eye-catching Christmas displays not only make a statement, but grab attention and encourage people to step inside and discover what is on offer.

"Shoppers are not only searching for the perfect gift, they want an enjoyable experience," he said.

"Council wants to support businesses and local spending this Christmas by running the Star Shopper Campaign. The winners will receive a

nice little Christmas bonus."

Christmas Working Group Chair, Councillor Dino Zappacosta said, he hopes the promotion will drive visitors to local stores this festive season.

"By offering incentive to shop in-store and bringing our shop windows to life we hope to help generate sales," Councillor Zappacosta said.

Council will promote through social media including Instagram, and businesses are encouraged to showcase their displays using the hashtag #Glow2680

How businesses can get involved:

- Deck your shop window with lights and other festive decorations
- Register your business and receive a Glow2680 Star Business promotional sticker so that shoppers can easily identify that you are taking part
- Send Council photos of your window display or simply use the #Glow2680 on social media platforms
- Hand out entry forms for shoppers who

spend over \$15 to place in the box provided (one entry per spend)

- Have your window lights switched on in time for the Glow2680 Light Up on Friday, 3 December 2021 and consider staying open later that night

- Optionally take part in the Christmas Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, 4 December 2021

How shoppers can get involved:

- Shop in-store throughout the promotional period (from Monday, 1 November until Thursday, 9 December 2021) at any of the Star Businesses, easily identified by the Glow2680 Star Business Sticker

- Fill out the in-store entry form issued upon spending \$15 (one entry per spend)

- Don't forget to do your Christmas shopping during the Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, 4 December 2021

To register your business visit www.glow2680.com.au or for more information contact Council's Economic Development team on 1300 176 077.

Expressions of Interest - *Carols by Candlelight*

Would you like to be part of Griffith's Carols by Candlelight on 11 December 2021?

Performers, volunteers and stall holders are needed.

Contact Julie Andreatza, Carols by Candlelight Coordinator on 0412 917 201



Win a 'staycation' at Quest Griffith



Do you know someone who has had a particularly difficult 2021 and could use some Christmas cheer?

Why not nominate them for our fantastic Carols by Candlelight 'staycation' package!

Griffith City Council has partnered with Quest Apartments Griffith to offer the lucky winner the best seat in the house – an overnight stay in a Studio Apartment, complete with a grazing platter for two, and a balcony to enjoy the Carols in comfort.

Chair of the Griffith Christmas Working Group, Councillor Dino Zappacosta said 2021 has been somewhat of a challenge for many Griffith residents.

"Last year we partnered with Quest to hold this competition for the first time and it made us realise how many people locally were doing it tough," said Councillor Zappacosta.

"Knowing that this year was just as trying, we wanted to run the competition again and bring some Christmas spirit to a deserving community member. A special thank you to Sophie and Yannick at the Quest for their sponsorship – and if you are keen on watching

the Carols from the comfort of a balcony at the Quest, why not consider your own staycation?"

Hotel Manager, Yannick Kee Mew said Quest are back on track to make Griffith vibrant and buzzing with our local community.

"Christmas is the time for family ties and friends reunions, especially for those regional areas satellite to Griffith NSW. At Quest Griffith, we are looking forward to make your accommodation requirements as comfortable and effortless as we welcome a new chapter of our history," said Mr Kee Mew.

"We are delighted to offer a one night studio apartment for the Carols by Candlelight on Saturday December 11, 2021. Enjoy the moment and Ci Vediamo Griffith – (see you soon)!"

Check in will be from 3pm Saturday 11 December, and check out by 10am Sunday 12 December.

To nominate a worthy Griffith resident for this fantastic staycation, please visit www.glow2680.com.au

The competition opens Monday 8 November 2021, and closes Wednesday 1 December 2021 with the winner announced Friday

Council adds 'Mailbox Category' to annual Christmas lights comp

Griffith City Council's annual Christmas light competition is back, with a brand new Merry Mailbox category adding even more cheer to the City.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi 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. He also hopes to see lots of entries in the Merry Mailbox category.

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

"We will provide an online map so that residents and visitors can explore the lights during the festive season.

"No matter how big or small your Christmas display is, I would encourage you to head to our website and register," added Councillor Dal Broi.

Chair of the Christmas Working Group, Councillor Dino Zappacosta said the Working Group added the Merry Mailbox category to the Glow2680 lights competition so that more people could get involved.

"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 small way," said Councillor Zappacosta.

"The Christmas Working Group have been busy behind the scenes to bring residents a Christmas even better than before. We will launch Glow2680 this year on Friday, 3 December 2021 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 added.

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 Christmas Working Group Carols being held on Saturday, 11 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 Brugger on 1300 176 077.

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Be smart and Dump for Free



Have you just had a big clean out and have waste you need to dispose of? Do you need to have your own backyard blitz or clean out your home, shed or man cave? Why not do it for FREE!

The next Griffith City Council 'Dump for Free' weekend will be held on Saturday and Sunday 4 and 5 December 2021 at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre and Yenda Waste Management Centre from 8am to 5pm.

Council's Waste Operations Manager, Mr John Roser said it is important to note that this 'Dump for Free' weekend will be held under COVID-19 restrictions.

"Due to the changing restrictions, Council will keep the community updated closer to the event of any requirements by the NSW Government," said Mr Roser.

"You can get the latest information via the NSW Health website at health.nsw.gov.au - but monitor our Facebook page for details surrounding the upcoming Dump for Free days."

If you have any flu like symptoms, or have travelled to any of the COVID-19 hotspots within 14 days please stay at home and do not attend any Council Facilities, including the Dump for Free weekend.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said each year Council spends in excess of \$40,000 cleaning up waste from the roadside due to illegal dumping and the Dump for Free weekends are one way Council are trying to address the issue.

"The 'Dump for Free' day was an initiative of Council to address some of the illegal dumping throughout the LGA and to assist residents in the disposal of their Bulky Waste," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"The weekends have proven to be a massive success with close to 1200 residents using the Tharbogang and Yenda service during the same event held last year."

Residents who want to take advantage of the free entry at the Tharbogang and Yenda facilities can dispose of general domestic waste including garden rubbish, mixed recyclables and general waste and is capped at 2 standard loads per household. We will only accept 4 car tyres per load and no commercial or ag tyres will be accepted.

A standard load is the equivalent of a ute/car and trailer combo, or just a ute or car load. It is important to note that no asbestos will be accepted over this weekend.

Remember to take advantage of the free Community Recycling Centre (CRC) located at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility.

"The Community Recycling Centre is a permanent drop-off centre for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services," said Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi.

"Griffith and surrounds householders can drop off problem wastes at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility all year round, free of charge – take advantage of this great service at any time and help your local environment."

The CRC can accept paint, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, motor oils, other oil, car and household batteries, smoke detectors and fluoro globes/tubes. The Centre can be accessed 7 days per week, 8am – 5pm.

Have your say on the Pump Track

Griffith City Council is urging all residents across the Local Government Area, young people in particular, to have their say on the new Pump Track to be constructed in Olympic Street.

The \$445,000 project is funded under the Stronger Country Communities Fund and is currently in the design stages, with Council needing feedback from the community in order to progress.

A consultation session will be held Saturday 13 November from 9am – 11am at the Olympic Street site (adjacent to the Skate Park), with Council staff on hand to answer any questions and take any ideas and feedback.

Director Sustainable Development, Mr Phil Harding encourages all interested members of the community to come along and have their say on this important project.

"The new Pump Track will complement the existing Skate Park, and is expected to include a continuous loop of berms and rollers that can be ridden by cyclists of all different ages and skill

levels, inclusive of those living with a disability," said Mr Harding.

"The track will have an asphalt seal, rather than a traditional dirt track, which will allow riders to use scooters and skateboards as well as bikes.

"It is important that we get your ideas and feedback so that we can deliver a track which meets the needs of the community – come down to Olympic Street Saturday 13 November and speak with our Urban Design staff who can answer your questions and note your ideas for the design phase," he added.

The pump track is centrally located within a walking distance from surrounding neighbourhoods and the CBD. The Olympic Street area has been identified as a Youth Precinct and incorporates and links a number of youth sporting and active recreational facilities in a single area including the PCYC Service, Griffith Regional Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Skate Park and the recently completed Community Centre.



Vote early

Postal vote applications open

Need to vote prior to election day? Submit an application on our website now:
<https://bit.ly/2ZmptN3>

Postal vote applications must be submitted by 5pm Monday, 29 November.

Public Notification

Notice of Intention to give Consent to a Licence of a Crown Reserve

Council hereby gives notice of its intention to grant a lease for a term of 20 years over Crown Reserve described as part Lot 1 Section 127 DP 758476, Kookora Street, to Western Riverina Community College Incorporated. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday, 9 November 2021** and addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith. Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration. Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the lease. For all enquiries contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Telephone 1300 176 077.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing of: **Murray Road between Hawkins Road and Winney Road, Research Station Road between Ceccato Road and Murray Road and Hawkins Road between Murray Road and Bob Irvin Road** will be closed on **Tuesday 9 November 2021 between 9am and 3pm** for powerline works by Essential Energy. Detours around the worksite will be provided. Murray Road will remain open while Hawkins Road is closed and Hawkins Road will remain open while Murray Road is closed.

Expression of Interest - Cultural Awareness Training

Griffith City Council would like to hear from local Aboriginal people or local Aboriginal organisations who are able to deliver Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training to Council staff and Councillors. Suitably qualified applicants will be contracted as Consultants who will deliver small group interactive Workshops which focus on embedding quality Aboriginal culturally safe and appropriate practices into Council's organisational and service delivery processes. Workshops would be gradually delivered to all Staff and Councillors in a timetable to be arranged. Consultants will design the content and format for Workshops, including presentations, handouts, and activities and be responsible for the direct delivery and facilitation of the Workshops. In particular, Council would like all Council officers to understand the significance of the land and the water within the Wiradjuri country around the City of Griffith. Workshops could include options for using sites of significance within the City of Griffith as training locations in addition to Griffith City Council provided Training Rooms.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following attributes are essential for Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training Consultants:

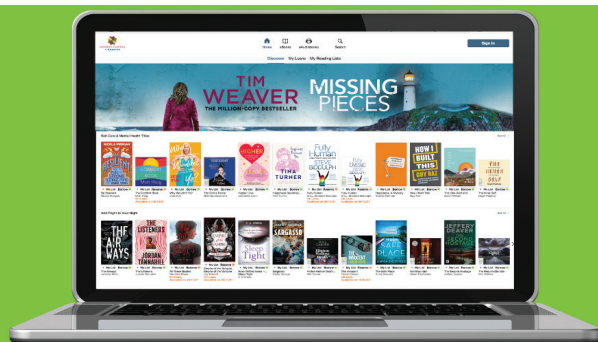
- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated understanding and experience in the design and delivery of Cultural Awareness Training
- Sound knowledge of the local Aboriginal community
- Capacity to ensure the training includes local Aboriginal culture, history and experiences.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in delivering presentations to small groups
- All certification and insurances (ABN, Public Liability Insurance etc) required to operate as a Contractor

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are asked to submit an Expression of Interest containing the following:

- Response to each of the Selection Criteria
- Firm quotation on a Workshop by Workshop basis (including all incidentals)
- Resume
- Contact details for two referees who can attest to capacity to deliver similar programs.

Submissions and questions can be sent to shireen.donaldson@griffith.nsw.gov.au and must be received by **30 November 2021**.



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Visit www.westernriverina.borrowbox.com to find out more



Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Project Planner (Permanent)
- Water/Waste Water Analyst x 2 (Permanent)
- Saleyards Operator (Permanent)
- General Labourer - Road Maintenance (Permanent)

Applications for the above positions close Monday 8 November 2021

- Open Spaces Planning Officer (12 month term)
- Leisure Services Cashier (Casual)

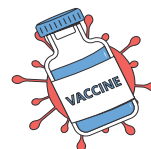
Applications for the above positions close Monday 15 November 2021

- Trades Assistant - Water & Wastewater (Permanent)

Applications for the above positions close Monday 22 November 2021

For more information or to apply visit our website: www.griffith.nsw.gov.au

GRIFFITH POP UP COVID 19 VACCINATION CLINIC NO BOOKING REQUIRED



DAVE TAYLOR PARK (13 Snaith Place Griffith)

Tuesday 9th November 2021, 10am till 1pm
Wednesday 10th November 2021, 10am till 1pm

WOMEN'S REFUGE (90-94 Kookora St Griffith)

Thursday 11 November 2021, 10am till 1pm

WHAT TO BRING:

- Photo ID
- You do not need to have a Medicare card to be vaccinated, but if you have one bring it with you
- Face mask (also provided if needed)

Free Pfizer Vaccination for everyone 12 years and over
Children 12 -15 years old must be accompanied by a legal guardian or parent.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

This Clinic is supported by funding from Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network through the Australian Government's PHN Program.

