

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from the Mayor



Griffith, bringing with it more than 300 delegates to the area. The conference brings together Rotary members to learn more about what is happening in the district and meet other Rotarians in the area. I have the honour of opening the conference and look forward to meeting with Rotarians. Don't forget you can keep up to date with the latest events by heading to visitgriffith.com.au

Regards,
Councillor John Dal Broi, Mayor

What a massive two weeks we have had since my last community update. The State elections were held over the weekend, with Shooters, Fishers and Farmers candidate Helen Dalton being elected.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Ms Dalton and look forward to working with her for the betterment of our region.

I would also like to thank outgoing member Austin Evans for his hard work on behalf of the electorate over the past 17 months.

Without Austin's work, Griffith wouldn't be in the positive position it is now. He helped us achieve a host of fantastic results such as \$224 million

redevelopment of the Griffith Base Hospital, \$3.65 million for a brand-new Griffith Community Centre and \$10 million funding for our Regional Sports Precinct.

Earlier this week Griffith City Council hosted a civic reception to welcome our local school leaders. Every school in the LGA attended with each School Captain and Vice Captain being presented with a Griffith City Council commemorative pin. Congratulations to our future leaders. Thank you to the Principals and students for taking the time out of their day to attend.

Earlier this week the Australian and NSW governments notified

Council that each have committed up to \$202,500 to the \$405,000 Kidman Way (McGann & Jack McWilliam Rds) project, which will see these roads being upgraded. This is great news for road users in our region.

In coming months upgrading will start on the intersection with McGann and Jack McWilliam roads, which will deliver improved turning treatments, widened lanes, drainage improvements and utility adjustments.

This is a really busy thoroughfare, delivering stock, freight and people into and out of the city, at last count around 5,000 vehicles use the intersection daily, of which 15 per cent were heavy

vehicles. While it seems the work is never ending in this area, these improvements will see a much smoother traffic flow, as well as greater safety for the wide mix of traffic accessing busy processing and manufacturing sites, as well as the busy winery.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery officially opened the David Griggs exhibition, Between Nature and Sin last week and I was happy to be able to attend and open this fascinating series. I would encourage you to take some time to visit the Gallery and take in these works. The exhibition is open until Sunday 21 April 2019.

This weekend will see the Rotary District 9700 Conference held in

Griffith City Library to host The Wide Angle Film Festival

The 11th Wide Angle Film Festival (formerly Access All Areas Film Festival) will be heading to Griffith on Thursday 2 May 2019, bringing five programs of award winning short films reflecting the lived experience of people with disability to venues across the country.

Wide Angle Film Festival Director Jacqueline Cosgrove says, "2018 is a transformative year for the Festival. The rebrand steps away from the segregation of people with disability for cultural and recreational experiences. Access All Areas Film Festival did important work in raising awareness about the need for cinema access for people with disability. Rebooted as

Wide Angle Film Festival, it now brings the perspectives of people with disability to the whole community."

Councillor Mike Neville, Chair of the Disability Inclusion and Access Committee said Council is excited to be able to host the Public Festival which is inclusive.

"The Wide Angle Film Festival presents films that include animation, live action, drama, comedy and documentary, and audiences will witness people pushing against barriers, confronting their fears, grappling with huge life events and creating exquisite works of art," said Councillor Neville.

"Festivals such as these are important to demonstrate

how those living with a disability can achieve anything they set out to.

"We are pleased to have Mary Catanzariti, as our guest speaker for the evening. Mary is an inspirational woman who has overcome xxx

The 2017/18 tour garnered audiences of 40 000 and further growth is expected in 2018/19 as the Festival extends its reach to SA and ACT in addition to NT, QLD, NSW, VIC and TAS.

The Wide Angle Film Festival will be held at Griffith City Library on Thursday May 2, from 5.30pm. Please RSVP online at waffgriffith.eventbrite.com.au or call Council's Community Development Coordinator on 6962 8100.



New Christmas Working Group to Light Up Griffith with ideas

Griffith City Council is calling on members of the community to join a working group to help light up Griffith with new ideas for Christmas.

At the ordinary meeting of Council, held on 12 March 2019, Council endorsed the formation of the Christmas Working Group.

The role of the Working Group is to advise Council on a possible program of activities for the Christmas Festive Season.

If you would like to help create a Christmas atmosphere in the Griffith CBD area for locals and visitors to enjoy, Griffith City Council invites you to

join the Christmas Working Group.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta put forward the Notice of Motion for the Christmas Working Group to be formed.

"We received quite a lot of feedback last year in regards to the lack of Christmas spirit in our main street," Cr Zappacosta said.

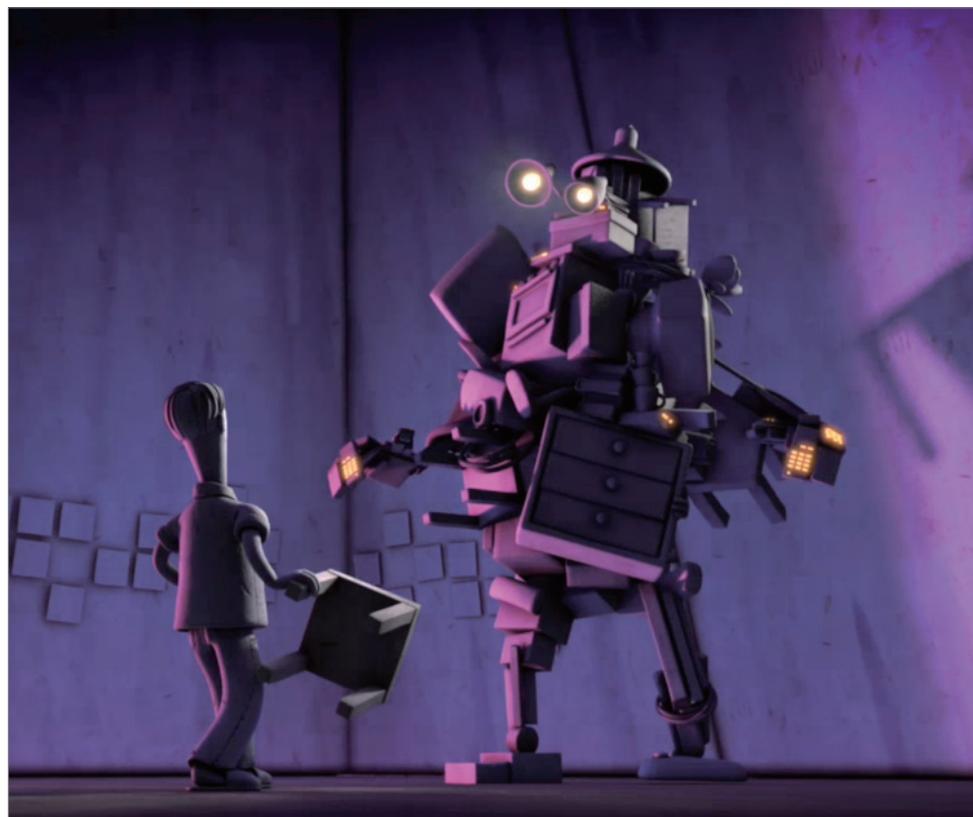
"In the past we've had a Christmas committee which was successful in helping add some cheer.

"Ideally we'd work with a wide cross-section of community members, including businesses, to create something really special.

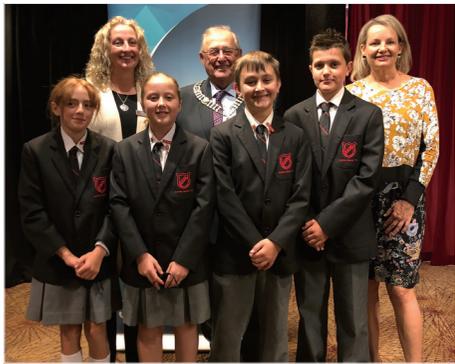
"If you've got any ideas, we'd love to hear from you."

For more information contact Cr Zappacosta by emailing dzappacosta@griffith.com.au

Nomination forms are available from Council's administration office and on Council's website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Tanya Pattison on 6962 8100. Nominations must be returned by 4pm, Thursday, 25 April 2019 addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.



In pictures: School Leaders Civic Reception



POSITIONS VACANT

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Then join our team and make a difference to your community. Griffith City Council offers the chance to work in a stable and secure environment while providing excellent opportunities to develop your skills and career potential. Council is proactive and passionate about creating ongoing opportunities for our growing population. Council is seeking applications from enthusiastic motivated individuals for the following positions:

Principal Strategic & Development Assessment Planner (Permanent)

The Principal Strategic and Development Assessment Planner's role is to prepare strategic planning documents that identify, plan, regulate and guide development for the future growth of Griffith City. The role will also assess significant development applications and projects with proper regard to social, economic and environmental impacts and other statutory considerations, educate stakeholders and Council officers on all facets of strategic planning and development assessment. The successful applicant will need to hold a degree in Town and Regional Planning or associated field and have four years or more experience working at a senior professional level - in government and/or private industry. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application.

Hours of work are 35 hours per week with a commencement annual salary from \$101,201.88 to \$111,321.60 (Grade 21). The package includes a rostered day off once a month, and a fully maintained leaseback vehicle.

If you have any questions about the role, please contact Phil Harding on 6962 8100

Applications close 4pm Friday 5 April.

To apply or for more information about these

positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs or contact Council's Workforce Planning Administrator on 6962 8100. Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply.

Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOMINATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CHRISTMAS WORKING GROUP

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 12 March 2019 Council resolved to form the Griffith Christmas Working Group.

The purpose of the Working Group is to investigate ways and means of creating a Christmas atmosphere in the Griffith CBD area and to advise Council on a possible program of activities for the Christmas Festive Season. Council is calling for applications for membership of this Working Group. If you would like to help create a Christmas atmosphere, Council invites you to join the Christmas Working Group.

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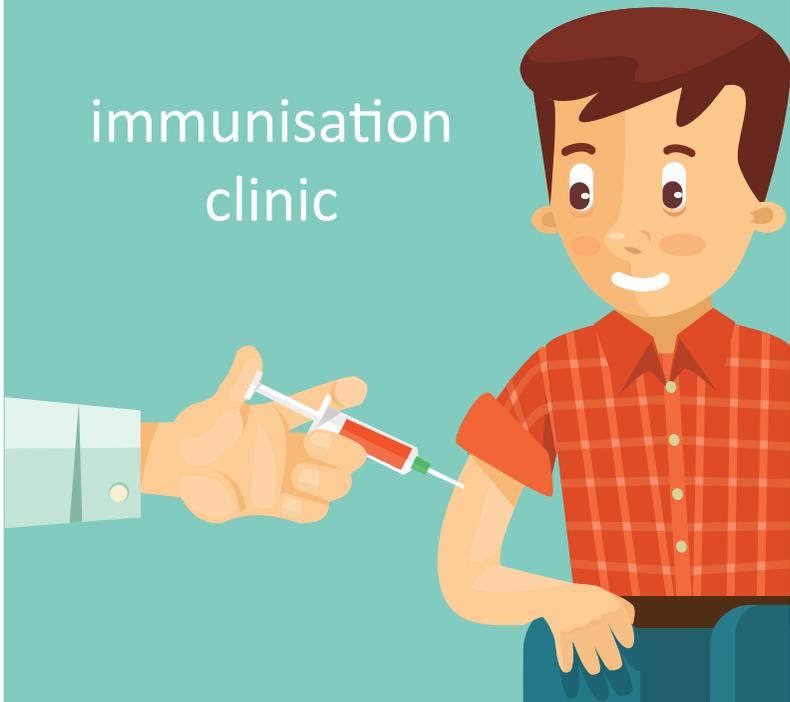
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NOTIFICATION OF FOX BAITING - LAKE WYANGAN PICNIC GROUNDS

The Parks and Gardens Department of Griffith City Council will commence placing 1080 Fox Baits at the Lake Wyangan Picnic Area from **15 April 2019 to 31 May 2019**. All conditions of the Pesticides control order 2018 will be followed including the Pesticides Act 1999- Pesticide Control Order under section 38, schedule 2 use of 1080 bait product control of foxes.

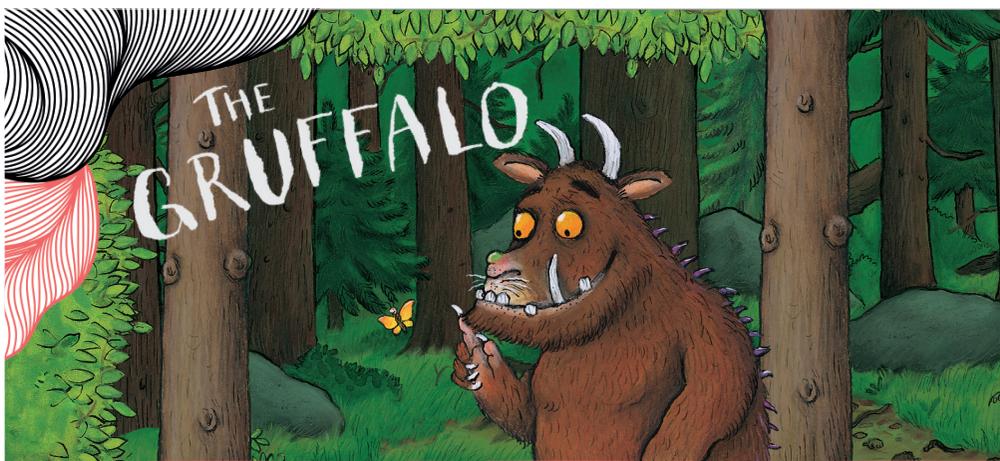
For further information contact Peter Craig, Parks and Gardens Manager during business hours on 69 62 8100.

immunisation clinic



Griffith City Council will be conducting an Immunisation Clinic for children on Thursday 4 April, 2019 at the Senior Citizens Centre 47 Canal Street, Griffith between 3pm and 4pm.

Visitors to the clinic are requested to bring with them their children's blue health record book and Medicare Card.



Tuesday 2nd April 6pm



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