

# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

## Message from Councillor, Anne Napoli



I hope everyone had a good Easter. This Easter was like no other given we all stayed at home in a bid to halt the spread of COVID-19. I would like to thank you all for the way you are responding to the ever-changing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is a daunting time for us all, particularly for the most vulnerable in our community. Life as we know it has changed dramatically, we are faced with unprecedented times and with information changing every day so it is understandable that some of our residents may be feeling overwhelmed by what is going on. I know that the uncertainty is causing a lot of anxiety. Because

of this, I urge those who need assistance to reach out and know that there is help available.

We have many carers in our community, from all different circumstances. I am happy to advise that as of last week, carers can now access services through an Australia-wide network called Carer Gateway.

The Carer Gateway offers support for those in need of assistance. I urge locals to check out the information available on the website [carergateway.gov.au](http://carergateway.gov.au)

Council continues to deliver essential services working under the restrictions as set by the Australian Government.

During February, the Australian Local Government Women’s Association (ALGWA) NSW executive board meeting was held in Griffith - with all that has been happening, it seems like a long time ago now. Those who attended that meeting were happy to be visiting Griffith and excited to explore our region. We had planned to hold a forum here later this year, however the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that has been postponed.

The disruption to events and non-essential services is disappointing but necessary as we do what is best for the health and wellbeing of our community.

I know that this community is

resilient and I’m confident that if we continue to do as directed we can help keep the numbers low.

I want to give a big shout out to our health professionals who are putting themselves in the path of this virus in order to protect the rest of us.

It is wonderful to hear that the three confirmed cases in Griffith have now recovered and at the time of writing this we have no new cases in our area.

I would like thank everyone for their support and community effort to address this pandemic. Griffith residents have clearly embraced the restrictions set out by the health authorities and Government such as social

distancing, staying at home and washing hands. These important measures are in place to help reduce the spread.

I encourage you to be kind, show patience and be considerate of one another.

I pray that this new way of life is only for a short while and we can return to a more normal way of life soon. Stay safe and please continue to look out for each other.

Regards, **Anne Napoli**  
**Councillor**

## Ordinary Council meetings set to be live streamed



COVID-19 has even changed the way Councillors will meet. The Minister has allowed Council Meetings to be conducted offsite from the Council Chambers with Councillors accessing the Meeting from their homes.

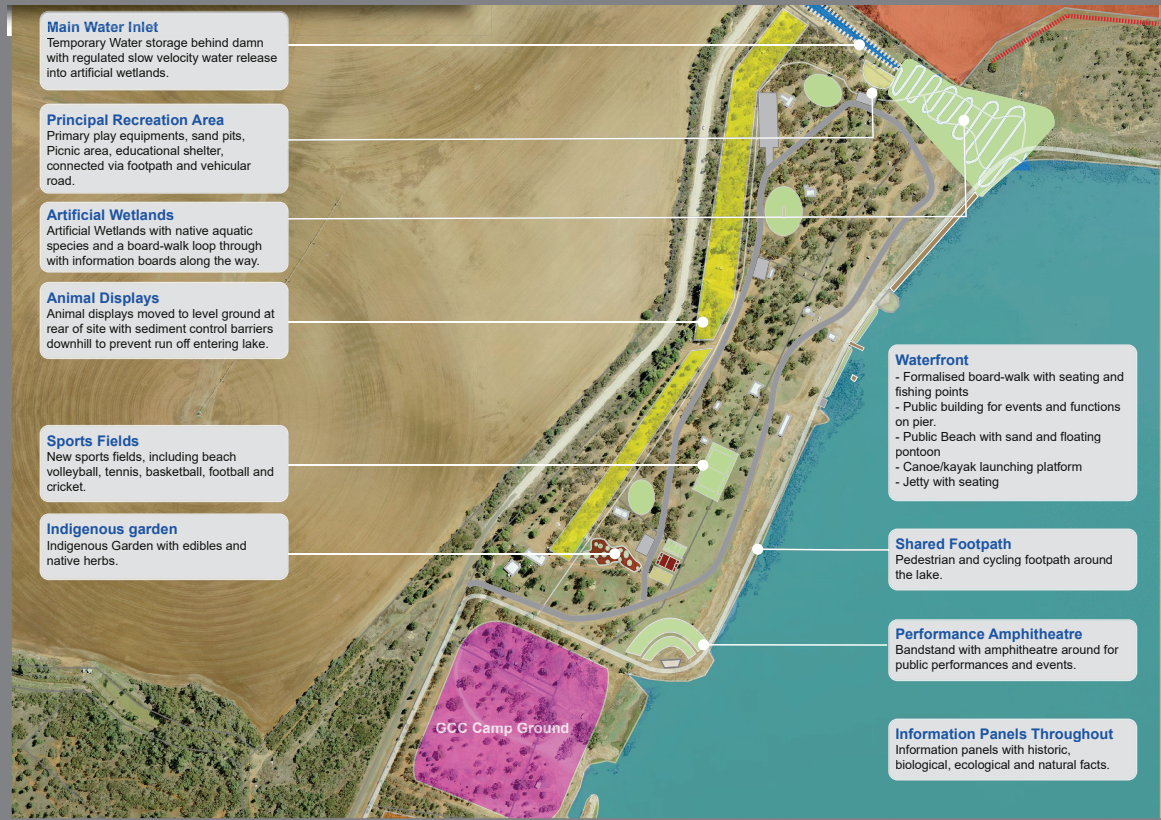
The next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 28 April 2020 will be held remotely using Zoom Audio Video conferencing technology.

The Council Meeting will be live streamed through Council’s Facebook page. The live stream will be stopped during Closed Council (Confidential section) and recommenced after Open Council resumes.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting will be placed on Council’s website (as per current practice) the following day and the visual recording will be available to view on Facebook. Due to the Covid-19 measures

put in place, members of the public wishing to address Council will be required to submit their comments in writing. In accordance with Council’s Code of Meeting Practice, public addresses must be in respect to matters on the meeting agenda. The Covid-19 Public Addresses to Council Declaration form must be submitted by 12 noon on the day of the Council Meeting. Comments or submissions received will be read out at the meeting during deliberation of the item following approval by the Mayor. The public address form is available on Council’s website on our Council Meetings page at [https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/cp\\_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-YCU-77-52-33](https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-YCU-77-52-33)

The Business Paper for the Council Meeting 28 April 2020 will be available on Council’s website by Friday 24 April 2020.



Above: The part of the proposed Masterplan for Lake Wyangan (North)

## Foreshore master plan for Lake Wyangan

Lake Wyangan Foreshore Masterplan Drafted Council and the Lake Wyangan Catchment Management Committee continue to focus on long-term solutions to the water quality issues at North Lake Wyangan (NLW).

Once the water quality has been improved efforts will shift to addressing the foreshore, with a masterplan drafted showing potential improvements including:

- a bike/ walking track around the lake 6-7 km
- control of Typha (cumbungi) around margins and replacement with less spreading native species
- sporting facilities (such as basketball, beach volleyball)
- improved boat and canoe access
- more playgrounds and picnic facilities

Griffith City Council is asking for feedback from the community about what they would like to do at NLW, with a survey launching soon.

A number of major measures are now in place to improve the water quality including the installation of a pipeline and necessary infrastructure at the causeway between the two lakes to enable efficient delivery to NLW (and in the future enable water extraction for irrigation purposes).

Over the warmer months (December 13 – February 5, 2020) water was provided at relatively small

volumes (15 ML/day) to eliminate potential water quality deterioration.

Other actions include:

- the development of a hydrodynamic circulation model of NLW to help interpret the influence of water and water discharges on the lake circulation and water quality (This six month study is being undertaken by Chris Butson, a Chemical Engineering student from University of Sydney.
- monitoring the volume and sediment and nutrient concentration of stormwater runoff into the lake,
- measuring key water quality parameters in real-time to help manage the health and ecological condition and continuing to work with Murrumbidgee Irrigation to develop a plan to maintain NLW water levels suitable for recreational purposes while also providing sufficient water for additional irrigation demand in the catchment.

In addition, two major project tenders are currently being sought, re-develop the main drain entering NLW to include a large sediment retention and nutrient filtration and provide guidelines for management of waste and stormwater for large scale developments in the vicinity of wetlands and lake.

Contact Lake Wyangan Project Officer, Tom Ryan on 0437 993 945 if you have further enquires.

## Do you need to contact Council?

Access to Council’s Administration Building is restricted due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

You can pay your Rates and Water accounts through BPAY or Australia Post Online. Cheques will be accepted through the mail or at the mailbox at the entry of the Council building.

Staff are on hand to assist - call 6962 8100 to speak with us or to make an appointment.



# LIKE TAKING PHOTOS? ENTER OUR EXHIBITION!

UP CLOSE is Griffith Regional Art Gallery's first online community exhibition! Locals of all ages are invited to create a photographic portrait of someone who is sharing their isolation. With all that time on your hands why not use it to study the features and capture the unique characteristics of your loved ones – be it partner, kids, parents, grandparents, flatmates – or the family pet! Explore some photographic elements and make some seriously creative images or some just-for-fun portraits of your lockdown buddies! Entries close Friday 12 June 2020.



For more information or to enter please go to  
[www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au](http://www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au)

## UP CLOSE COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT EXHIBITION



# Protect yourself from viruses



**Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



**Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



**Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



**Stay home** if you are sick.



## Find the facts

[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Draft Community Engagement and Communications Strategy 2020/24

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 24 March 2020, Council resolved to place the above-mentioned document on public exhibition as part of the Office of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements. The draft document may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and on Council's website [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au). Anyone wishing to make comment can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, Friday 24 April 2020**.

### Expression of Interest - Agistment

Council is seeking applications by expression of interest for grazing of Council land at

Tharbogang. The land is part Lot 201 DP 756035, Slopes Road, Tharbogang. An agistment fee may be negotiated or in lieu of agistment fees the respondent may demonstrate alternate benefits to Council for the provision of grazing rights. Written submissions will be received by Council until **4pm on Wednesday 22 April 2020**. Please address your application to Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680. Email [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au)

### Council Updates

For all the latest in COVID-19 updates, please head to our website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) or like our facebook page at [facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil](https://facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil)

All Council facilities are closed under the Public Health Order. Staff are available to talk over the phone at each facility or connect via their facebook pages. The Public Health Order was upgraded this week to include playgrounds, skateparks, and outdoor gyms/fitness equipment.

Stay home unless it is necessary and remember to support each other - from 1.5m apart.

### NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979)

DA No: 67/2020(1)	Applicant: Convic Pty Ltd
	Address: Lot 701 DP 1030376, Yenda Place YENDA
	Description: Recreation Facility (Outdoor) Skate Park
DA No: 85/2020(1)	Applicant: Aust. Frost Fans Pty Ltd
	Address: Lot 110 DP 756060, 611 Kubank Road NERICON
	Description: Installation of 2 Permanent Frost Control Fans

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Council/Public Notification and Items on Exhibition/Development Applications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 02 6962 8100. This documentation may be viewed between the hours of 8:15am - 4pm, Monday to Friday up until 1 May 2020. The documentation is also available for viewing on Council's website On Exhibition webpage via: [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au). **PLEASE NOTE:** Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 requires the disclosure of any Political Donations & Gifts made in the two years prior to the application date. A form is available from Council's Customer Service Centre or Council's website – [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au). Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until 4pm on Friday 1 May 2020. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number. Submissions made on behalf of a company should also include the names and addresses of all company directors. If submissions are received raising concerns with the proposed development a report will be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination. 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.



### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

TO STAY SAFE FROM  
CORONAVIRUS, ALL ABORIGINAL  
PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 50  
SHOULD STAY HOME.

**Help our Elders stay healthy.**

