

# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

## Message from Councillor Mike Neville



Prior to the last election I made comment that if elected I wanted to return a sense of community to Griffith. I was keen to try and instil some pride and passion into our younger community while building a safer community for them to develop in. I believe that it is a Councillors duty to build a better Griffith for our younger people to return to if they happen to study away, gain a qualification and then wish to return home. One of the key elements of working together is putting aside personal ambition and focusing on the issues before us. Despite our best endeavours there is still a perception that we are not listening, however we find that the collective decisions of Council generally meet the needs and

service levels expected by the community. I would much rather people talk to us rather than about us - we all know that fact can become fiction very quickly if people ignore the invitation to speak to the decision makers. Councillors will soon elect the Deputy Mayor for the next twelve months. I have always found it interesting that this process alone can highlight exactly what people see in their council. When we have had a Deputy who all but a few years ago was within a few votes of being the popularly elected mayor why is it that some choose to make a change? Is that change necessary or is it in the best interests of the community we serve? This ceremonial role is much coveted, it would appear

more so in a pre-election year. Some tell me that it is a self interest not community interest. In the next year people will have their opportunity to take a lead role in some of the vital work the Council and the Community do by nominating for an elected position on Griffith City Council. If you are considering running for Council please take time to do some homework and speak to people about their expectations of the role. Don't leave it too late to inform yourself as the 2020 elections are a year away and as some say, change is needed. There must be a good selection of candidates the community can identify as their leaders. I have been privileged to chair the Cultural Services Committee and

have overseen the committee looking after various community facilities including the Theatre, Gallery, Library, Aquatic Centre, Stadium and Pioneer Park. This area is one that has a wide scope of activity and supports the vital work done at each of these facilities delivering services to our community. Recently the various facilities have reported their end of year financials and I'm happy to say that all have achieved good results in relation to their budgets. I would like to thank and congratulate each of the facility managers and their staff on their fantastic service to the patrons of their respective facilities and the wider community. I would encourage residents with

an issue they feel which could be addressed by Council to put it in writing through the various Council platforms like Facebook, the Council website or email to ensure that we can address the issue. I welcome feedback and am happy to ensure that any issue raised is followed through to the satisfaction of the community. Together we can achieve a lot for the community if we adopt a positive approach to the work we do. But we need your feedback and support. Thank you for the privilege to serve.

**Regards,  
Councillor Mike Neville**

## Stronger Country Communities - local footpath construction



Council wishes to advise construction of footpaths in Yoogali, Hanwood, Yenda and Griffith have now been completed. The footpaths were constructed through the support of New South Wales Government's Stronger Country Communities funding program. The footpaths constructed include;

**Yoogali**

- Gorton Street – between Henderson Oval and Edon Street
- Moura Street – between Hebden Street and East Street
- Hebden Street – between Edon Street and Moura Street
- East Street – between Edon Street and Moura Street

**Hanwood**

- Yarran Street – from Hanwood Sports Oval, through Restyn Park to School Street
- School Street – between the Children's crossing and Hanwood Road
- Hanwood Road – between School Street to the Children's crossing

**Yenda**

- West Avenue – between Park Street and Cyril Morris Park
- Park Street – between West Avenue and the Yenda Retirement Village
- East Avenue – between Yenda Place and Mirrool Avenue
- Short Street – between South Avenue and Bingar Street
- War Memorial Park – Through War Memorial Park linking up to

the existing path network

**Griffith**

- Railway Street – between Tranter Place and the existing footpath
- Warrambool Street – between Animoo Avenue and Noorebar Avenue

Council will also construct a footpath along Willandra Avenue between Coolah Street and Merrigal Street in the coming months as part of the remaining allocated funding.

The new pedestrian infrastructure totalling 2560 metres in length, will improve the safety of pedestrians around these areas and benefit residents including children who walk to and from school along these routes. It is

advised that all pedestrians use the footpaths in accordance with the road rules and give-way to vehicular traffic when crossing lane ways and intersecting roads. Mayor John Dal Broi said he was pleased to see so many new footpaths available for use across the Local Government Area. "Increasing the amount of pedestrian and bicycle access can make a significant contribution to achieving a better quality of life and environment for our community," Cr Dal Broi said. "These footpaths mean we are a step closer to becoming a fully accessible community with high quality pedestrian and bicycle facilities that encourage walking and cycling as legitimate and

sustainable modes of transport in and around the City. I'd like to congratulate all those who worked on this project." Chair of the Transport Committee, Simon Croce said, it was good to see the footpaths already being put to full use. "I know that residents in the villages are particularly grateful for these new paths which make getting around easier," Cr Croce said. Providing the pedestrian infrastructure has contributed to fulfilling part of Griffith City Council's Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy. For more information, please contact Griffith City Council on 6962 8100.

## Hanwood Cycleway Update

Council's new \$1.375 million cycleway is taking shape with construction and major drainage works currently being carried out. Council received funding from the NSW Active Transport Priority Cycleways Program to construct the Hanwood Cycleway running from Bunnings to Murphy Road (Baiada). Construction commenced in April this year and is

expected to be complete by March 2020. When fully constructed the cycleway will be 2.5 metre-wide and include two pedestrian bridge crossings, one of these featuring a unique 20 metre single span bridge design. This eye-catching arch bridge will be located beside the Kidman Way on Main Drain J. The second bridge included along the route will be a

standard pedestrian design bridge at the intersection of Beaumont Road. Funding for the project consists of \$975,000 from the NSW Active Transport Program, \$350,000 from Council and a \$50,000 contribution from Baiada. As a result of this new cycleway community members will have improved access to facilities and a healthier lifestyle.



# Mini-Action day at Pioneer Park



GRIFFITH REGIONAL THEATRE PRESENTS  
A LAB KELPIE PRODUCTION

# SPENCER

BY KATY WARNER

MEMBERS BRING A  
FRIEND FOR FREE

**SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM**  
CONTACT THE THEATRE FOR TICKETS 02 6962 8444



## Has rubbish got you down in the dumps?

Dump it for free on Saturday 14 and  
Sunday 15 September at the Tharbogang  
Waste Management Facility and the Yenda  
Waste Management Facility between  
8am and 5pm.

Phone Council on 6962 8100 for more information.



### 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:

#### Assistant Engineer - Traffic and Civil

The purpose of the Assistant Engineer – Traffic and Civil is to assist with a range of traffic and civil management services to Council in an effective and efficient manner. This includes developing concept traffic management plans, undertaking traffic investigations, generating functional design construction plans for various Council assets such as roads, footpath, parking facilities, cycle ways, storm water drainage system, with due recognition of codes, standards and adopted guidelines. The successful applicant will require Tertiary qualification in Civil Engineering, or current enrolment in a Civil Engineering Course which would qualify the applicant for membership to the Institute of Engineers of Australia, with demonstrated experience at an appropriate level to competently carry out the position's key tasks, also with experience in AutoCAD or similar software and demonstrated experience in civil design, problem solving and drafting of roads, drainage, and parking. 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 range from \$71,196.328 to \$78,313.56 (Grade 13) and a rostered day off once per month. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Rizzo on 6962 8100.

**Applications for this position close 9am  
Monday 23 September 2019.**

#### Plumber - Licensed

The purpose of the Plumber - Licensed is to work as an individual or in a team environment to construct, operate and maintain Council's water supply and wastewater systems to relevant standards and in a safe, economical and proficient manner using the equipment and materials supplied. The successful applicant will require an Advance Plumbing and Drainage Certificate of Competency, a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card) and hold a current Class "C" driver licence. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week with a commencement annual salary range from \$67,437.76 to \$74,183.20 (Grade 12) and a rostered day off once per fortnight. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Crombie on 6962 8100.

#### Compliance Coordinator

The Compliance Coordinator oversees and coordinates Council's enforcement and regulatory responsibility and ensures that all regulatory requirements under relevant legislation are met within the Griffith LGA. The successful applicant will require a Certificate IV Local Government Compliance (or other relevant qualification) OR demonstrated extensive job related experience in compliance or law enforcement with the ability to supervise and coordinate team members and resources. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week with

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

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| <b>DA No:</b> 188/2018(2) | <b>Applicant:</b> Samoan Indep Seventh Day Advent Church                               |
|                           | <b>Address:</b> LOT: Lots 1, 2 & 3 Sec 3 DP 758965, 4-8 Dunn Street THARBOGANG         |
|                           | <b>Description:</b> Construction of Place of Public Worship, use of Hall & Subdivision |

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre located on the ground floor of the Griffith City Council's Administration Building, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith. This documentation may be viewed between the hours of **8:15am - 4pm, Monday to Friday up until 20 September 2019. 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 20 September 2019.** 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.

a commencement annual salary range from \$85,583.16 to \$94,143.92 (Grade 17) and a rostered day off once per month. If you have any questions, please contact Carel Potgieter on 6962 8100.

#### Project Administration Support Officer (3 year term appointment)

The Project Support Officer will provide high level administrative services to Project Managers of Council. This role involves documenting activities associated with projects, assisting with community engagement and creating communication products in relation to Council projects. The successful applicant will require Certificate IV qualifications or substantial job-related experience in high level administration, excellent time management and organisations skills as well as high level written and verbal skills. 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 range from \$61,400.04 to \$67,541.76 (Grade 10) and a rostered day off once per month. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Austin on 6962 8100.

**Applications for these positions close 9am  
Monday 16 September 2019.**

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) 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 NOTIFICATION

##### Draft Griffith Housing Strategy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 August 2019, Council resolved to place the Draft Griffith Housing Strategy on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. The Draft Housing Strategy, as prepared by Judith Stubbs & Associates, may be viewed on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) or at the Council Chambers located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith and the Griffith City Library. Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Housing Strategy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email to [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au). Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday 11 October 2019.**

##### Draft Cemetery Management Plan

The Draft Cemetery Management Plan 2019 is currently on Public Exhibition. The Draft Cemetery Management Plan 2019 may be viewed at the Council Chambers located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) Anyone wishing to make comment on the above policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4 pm Friday 25 October 2019.**

##### Sale of IT Hardware

Council has for sale a range of used IT hardware equipment, including servers, server storage, audio equipment, network switches and cabinets, bikes and trikes - visit <http://stores.ebay.com.au/griffithcity>

##### Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, No 33, Section 122, for the temporary closing of:  
**Lowing Place from 8am until 2pm on 15 September 2019** for the replacement of power poles by Essential Energy. Access for local residents will be provided.

**Yambil Street between Ulong Street and Jondaryan Avenue from 8am-3pm on 11 September 2019** for the replacement of power poles by Great Southern Electrical. Detours around the worksite and access for pedestrians around the worksite will be available.