



## Griffith a finalist in NSW Top Tourism Town Awards

Griffith has been named a finalist in the first ever Top Tourism Town Awards for NSW, among 16 towns from across the State in the 5,000 and above category.

“The Top Tourism Town Awards celebrate the unwavering spirit of these communities and demonstrates the true value of tourism and the visitor economy to these towns,” said NSW Tourism Industry Council Executive Manager, Greg Binskin.

“It’s a real testament to the resilience of these towns that in this first year, we have an incredible 42 finalists in two categories: those with populations over 5,000 residents and those under 5,000.

“These Awards are all about community collaboration, groups such as Tourism Associations and Operators, Councils and Visitor Information Centres have come together to showcase their town as a tourism destination worthy of celebrating.”

“The process was highly competitive with inspiring editorial, images and video content accompanied by a compelling 3 – 4 day itinerary essential to be a Top Tourism Town finalist,” Mr Binskin said.

Griffith City Council’s Tourism Manager, Mirella Guidolin said Griffith’s submission was reviewed by a panel of judges which saw us reach the public voting stage.

“Earlier in the week we called everyone who loves Griffith to get voting – this is going to be an extremely competitive award and I am hopeful we will take home the prize,” said Ms Guidolin.

“The judges’ vote will account for 50%, with the public vote making up the remainder – the public vote could see us win and in turn, attract even more visitors to our great City.”

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said it’s a true testament to not only the Tourism Team to make it this far, but to all the Tourism and Hospitality operators.

“Everyone who visits Griffith truly appreciates the unique character and this comes down to what we can offer – which is plenty!” said Councillor Dal Broi.

“Griffith is fortunate to have incredibly passionate and dedicated Tourism and Hospitality operators which ensures visitors have a fantastic time while they visit, with

many opting to extend their stay once they see what is on offer.

“Winning this award would go a long way to showing the rest of Australia what Griffith really is and attract even more visitors to Griffith,” added Councillor Dal Broi.

Chair of the Tourism and Events Committee, Councillor Christine Stead said Griffith has seen a surge in regional travellers since Covid, with visitor numbers doubling those prior to the pandemic.

“We have always known Griffith is a great place, but now we are really getting the word out there which is increasing the number of visitors to our area and this adds to our visitor economy – it’s a win-win situation for everyone,” said Councillor Stead.

“I would like to congratulate the Tourism Team on their entry and look forward to seeing the results at the end of the month.”

The winners will be announced by the Hon. Stuart Ayres, Minister for Tourism, Investment & Jobs at the Local Government NSW Destination & Visitor Economy Conference, Thursday 27 May 2021.

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BY GEORGE ORWELL  
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# Kooyoo Street transformed for Street Scapes Griffith Festival



Kooyoo Street has taken on a whole new look and feel throughout Street Scapes, particularly at night when a series of animations take centre stage.

Council's Project Planner, Mr Nathan Beer, said when concepts were being discussed for the festival, the team wanted to ensure the street was brought to life through accenting the turn of the century architecture throughout Griffith.

"Early on in the discussions it was decided to use projections to not only engage with the community, but to highlight the buildings in the CBD - in utilising Kooyoo Street, we selected the Westpac building which is a great example of early rural colonial architecture," said Mr Beer.

"Working with regional animators from Wagga Wagga, we hope to be able to capture the rural character and unique lives and translate this into dynamic and engaging artworks."

Alice Peacock Animation & Motion Design was contracted to create a series of animations which will be projected throughout Kooyoo Street for the duration of Street Scapes.

"This project was particularly important in that we have an opportunity to contribute to and support a thriving arts ecosystem," said Ms Peacock.

"The projections were created by a collective of regionally based photographers, animators, illustrators, film makers, sound designers and sculptors who all share a common interest in the way in which the respond to place," said Ms Peacock.

Council has invested in the projection equipment which will enable Council and partners to

deploy showstopping projections, outdoor cinemas, artworks and events into the future.

"Street Scapes is all about place activation and these projections will transform the once bland Kooyoo Street environment into a vivid and exciting space for all to enjoy," said Mr Beer.

"This pilot program is just the first event of many and plan to use the equipment to empower our local technicians and event organisers to host world class events, driving tourism and letting people know there is more to Griffith than meets the eye."

Griffith Mayor Councillor John Dal Broi said he is thrilled Council can not only host events such as this, but also provide the facilities to encourage other operators to step out of the box and create their own events into the future.

"Griffith has experienced high visitor numbers over the last few years, and we feel by providing the resources we can partner with other businesses to take advantage of that momentum," he said.

Kooyoo Street will host a series of events throughout May, including community art, workshops with Dizzy Dilemma, dance sessions with Griffith Performing Arts Centre, and a range of other events and activities.

Take some time to enjoy a catch up each with family or friends each lunch time over the next few weeks when a different local cater or restaurateur will be selling lunch in Kooyoo Street from 11am - 3pm. The Kooyoo Street projection art launched 8 May and will continue through until Saturday 29 May.

For more information on Street Scapes, please visit [www.streetscapesgriffith.com.au](http://www.streetscapesgriffith.com.au)

# Have your say on the Draft Budget

Griffith City Council has released the draft Operational Plan and Budget for 2021/2022 and is now seeking feedback from the community.

The draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021/22, which outlines how projects, programs and services are delivered to the community, is now available for review in full at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au) or at Griffith City Library and Griffith City Council's Administration Building.

In the lead up to the presentation and information session, residents can ask questions about the Draft Budget and responses to questions will be made during the online session following the presentation. Participants can submit their questions by either commenting on Facebook posts advertising the Q&A, on Council's website or by emailing [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au)

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, is encouraging residents to have their say.

"Our online information session will allow us to explain why

particular projects have been prioritised over others, and to talk about the future direction and priorities of Council," Cr Dal Broi said.

"We are committed to making the right decisions to help our City and our community thrive."

The 2021/22 Draft Operational Plan highlights a number of major projects such as:

- Regional Sports Precinct (Westend Oval redevelopment)
- Yambil Street upgrade (part of the overall CBD project)
- Continuation of Griffith Southern Industrial Link (GSIL)
- Lake Wyangan
- Boorga and Dickie Roads
- Railway Street Carpark (eastern end)
- Kooyoo Street redevelopment

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Operational Plan can also do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 485 Griffith City Council.

Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm, Wednesday 26 May 2021.

## Wood Park Redevelopment

Council would like your input into the redesign of the Wood Park Playground.

The playground is in the process of an upgrade over the next twelve months. Residents are invited to attend a public consultation session at **Wood Park on Saturday, 22 May 2021 at 10am.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [urbandesign@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:urbandesign@griffith.nsw.gov.au)



## STREET SCAPES

# POP UP MARKET

**KOOYOO ST SUN 23 MAY**

EOI due 5pm Friday 7 May. Stallholders please register your interest via the website

[WWW.STREETSCAPESGRIFFITH.COM.AU](http://WWW.STREETSCAPESGRIFFITH.COM.AU)

## Community Grant recipients awarded

Round 2 of Council's 2020/21 Community Grants Program will help 12 local groups deliver a diverse range of community based initiatives.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday Council endorsed awarding a total of \$31,500.

Chair of the Communities Committee, Councillor Dino Zappacosta said the Community Grant Program gives local organisations and individuals the chance to receive funds to support new projects or initiatives that assist the community.

"To be able to provide financial assistance to these organisations is fantastic because they play such a big part in helping enhance the wellbeing of our community," said Cr Zappacosta.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said Council is happy to support activities which improve welfare and provide positive outcomes for our Community.

"The Community Grant Program is a great way to help local organisations and individuals reach their goals," he said.

"The work being done by these groups is invaluable and will flow on to our community."

Griffith City Council's Community Grants Program has two rounds per year, with community organisations, services and individuals able to apply.

The successful grant recipients for Round 2 2020/21 are:

- Griffith North P & C Association – \$2,500
- Bluearth Foundation – \$2,500
- The Griffith Riverina Fellowship of Australian Writers – \$2,000
- Griffith Tennis Club – \$2,500
- St Patrick's Primary Griffith - \$2,500
- Centacare South West - \$500
- Mona Magazine For Women - \$2,500
- Griffith Showground Trust - \$2,500
- headspace Griffith - \$2,500
- Kurrajong - \$3,500
- Griffith Post School Options - \$2,500
- NSW Rural Doctors Network - \$3,000
- Youth Interagency Group - \$2,500

## Opera Australia's 25th anniversary launches with Bizet's 'Carmen'



Celebrating the 25th anniversary of its national touring Program, Opera Australia is making its way to Griffith with a new production of Bizet's Carmen by director Matthew Barclay.

For the last 25 years Opera Australia has presented more than 655 fully-staged performances in 117 different locations, and covered more than 305,000kms.

Set to perform at Griffith Regional Theatre on Saturday 5 June at 7.30pm, the production includes a travelling troupe of 32 people including cast, crew, and a chamber orchestra.

Opera Australia's Artistic Director Lyndon Terracini firmly believes that opera resonates just as strongly with audiences outside the major cities.

"We've had such a terrific response over the years, and in fact reaching this 25 year milestone is testament to the level of support this tour attracts right across the country. Touring creates an opportunity for Australians to experience the traditional artform, often for the first time, performed by excellent singers and musicians" he said.

Director Matthew Barclay is honoured to have been asked to direct this 25th anniversary tour.

"I'm really excited to create this production of Carmen, and aware that for some people it may be their first encounter with Bizet's opera, and for that reason I really hope the production enables them to fall in love with the work.

"Carmen really has it all, some

of opera's greatest music and most famous tunes, Spanish flair, passion, tragedy and a truly enigmatic character in Carmen, but above all it's about love. It's the ideal way to showcase world-class opera on stages around Australia," said Matthew.

Set in Seville in Franco's socially conservative 1960's Spain, the opera follows the ill-fated relationship of a free spirited gypsy woman, Carmen, and the passionate and ultimately destructive police corporal-turned-rebel Don Jose.

Acting Manager of Griffith Regional Theatre, Marg Andrezza, said it is so wonderful to have Opera Australia as part of our season and to bring them to Griffith.

"They will put on an amazing show - the stage aesthetic and costumes will be so immersive the audience will be taken to Spain!" she said.

"The audience might be familiar with the famous Habanera or the Toreador songs, but some might not realise that they come from Bizet's Carmen - now they have a chance to see it performed, just as Bizet meant – live and loud."

"We are excited to present our first members only event of the year, with a pre-show function before the Opera, and remind our valuable members to RSVP for this event" Mrs Andrezza said.

Tickets for the Opera can be purchased from the Box Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visit [www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au](http://www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au)

**Join the Council team!**

We are currently seeking applications for a number of exciting positions including:

**Casual Aerobics Instructor**  
**Building Certification Coordinator**

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

**WHO'S READY FOR AFLW**

**GRIFFITH**  
**MAY 14TH-16TH, 2021**

<b>MAY 14TH</b> CORPORATE/SOCIAL CUP 6PM - 9PM	<b>MAY 15TH</b> OPENS FROM 2PM	<b>MAY 16TH</b> U13, U15, U18 FROM 10AM
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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE CAR PARK, JONDARYAN AVE, GRIFFITH

# Public Notification

## Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan - Budget 2021/22

The draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan, incorporating the Budget 2021/22 is now on public exhibition. The draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan may be viewed at Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2021/22 can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au) to provide an online submission.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, Wednesday 26 May 2021.**

## Renaming – Hanwood Sports Oval

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 April 2021 it was resolved that the Renaming – Hanwood Sports Oval be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The Renaming – Hanwood Sports Oval may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Renaming – Hanwood Sports Oval can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission.

Submissions received will be included in a report to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. 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.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm 14 May 2021.**

## Provision of Internal Audit Services for Griffith City Council

**1 October 2021 to 30 September 2023 - Request for Quotation No: 30-20/21**

Griffith City Council invites quotations for the Provision of Internal Audit Services to Griffith City Council from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2023.

Quotations close on **Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 2pm.** Quotation documents may be obtained at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith).

Should you require any assistance please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533. Quotations may be lodged electronically at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith), hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

## Replacement of G3 Sewer Rising Main: Tender No: 25-20/21

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the removal and replacement of 300mm sewer rising main. Tenders close on **Thursday 3 June 2021, at 2pm.** Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on [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 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

**A non-mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held on Wednesday, 19 May 2021, at 1pm at Griffith City Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680.**

*Canvassing of any Council members or officers will disqualify tenderers from the tender process.*

## Notice of Proposed Names

Griffith City Council announces that the following name has been proposed for road naming within the council boundaries.

### 1. Road 5 – Cadorin Street

Pietro Cadorin was an early Italian migrant who acquired farm holding in 1924.

Roads 1 through to 4, and Roads 6 through to 8 were previously adopted by Council.

**Locality:** Griffith

**Reason for Proposal:** Name to be utilised in the new subdivision of Clifton Gardens as defined on the map on the Council website at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

For further information on this proposal, please contact Council's Information Management Administrator or by phone on 1300 176 077.

Feedback to this proposal is sought from members of the community within 15 working days from the date of this notice. Written submissions will be received up until 4pm, Friday 28th May 2021. Feedback can be provided by mail to PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680, or by email to [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au).

## Notice of Temporary Road Closure

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

**Kooyoo Street between Banna Lane and Banna Avenue and Banna Lane between Jondaryan Avenue and Kookora Street will be closed from 7am Monday 3 May until 10pm Sunday 30 May 2021** for the Street Scapes Festival by Griffith City Council. Access for residents will be provided. A 20km/h speed limit will also be in place during the festival.

**Ulong Lane will be closed from Monday 3 May until Friday 28 May 2021** as Hines Construction will be constructing and upgrading a laneway.

## Candidate Information Sessions - Local Government Elections

Council will be running a number of Information Sessions for potential candidates in the lead up to the Local Government Election taking place on 4 September 2021.

Find out what it's like to be a Councillor and how to go about the process of running for Council.

**Session 2: Council will be hosting a Candidate Information Session via Zoom on 3 June 2021**

Griffith City Council will be hosting a Candidate Information Session via Zoom on **Thursday 3 June 2021 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.** The session will include the following topics:

- o the role of council
- o roles and responsibilities of Councillors and staff under the Local Government Act
- o legal and ethical responsibilities of the Mayor and Councillors
- o skills and knowledge personal attributes needed to be a Councillor
- o time commitment required of a Mayor and Councillor
- o support available to assist the Mayor and Councillors in their roles
- o key election dates and obligations.

This session will be facilitated by Emma Broomfield, Founder & Chief Educator at Locale Learning.

Please register on Eventbrite to receive your Zoom link and information pack following the session.

## Candidate Information Sessions provided by NSW Electoral Commission

A series of online candidate information sessions will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) in the lead up to the 2021 NSW Local Government elections. The webinars will be held from April to August 2021 and will cover the following topics:

- Election overview
- Election funding and disclosure
- Registration of candidates, groups, and third-party campaigners
- Electoral material (also known as how-to-vote material)
- Nomination process
- Early voting and election day voting
- Candidate workers and scrutineers
- Counting and results

Please see below the details of the first three webinars to be conducted:

- 11am, Thursday 10 June – General Information
- 6pm, Tuesday 15 June – General Information (repeated)

For more information on the NSW Electoral Commission webinars, visit the NSW Electoral Commission website.

If you would like more information please contact Council's Governance Manager, Leanne Austin on 6962 8186.

## Non-residential Roll - Council Elections

Non-residents of Griffith City Council are permitted to enrol and vote in the September 2021 local government elections if they meet eligibility criteria and supply the necessary information to Council.

The non-residential rolls provide people who are non-resident owners, occupiers and rate-paying lessees of rateable land within the Council area an opportunity to have a say who is elected to Council.

You must be eligible to vote at Federal or State elections to be on a non-residential roll.

To be on the roll of non-resident owners of rateable land, you must be:

- the sole owner of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the joint or several owners of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the corporation or trustees who own the rateable land, or
- the lessee of the land from the Crown and the land is rateable Crown land.

To be on the roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees, you must be:

- the sole occupier or ratepaying lessee of rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the joint or several occupiers or ratepaying lessees of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the corporation or trustees who occupy or are the ratepaying lessee of the rateable land, and have the legal right to occupy the land, or be responsible for paying all or part of the rates on the land for 3 years following the date you apply to be on the roll.

Applications for Non-Residential rolls are to be completed, addressed to the General Manager, and received by the Griffith City Council by **6pm on 26 July 2021.**

No late submission of an enrolment form will be accepted. For more information and to access the application forms please visit Council's Local Government Elections page at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/local-government-elections](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/local-government-elections)