

# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

## New Griffith Hill Housing Estate given the green light for Collina

A new housing estate will be built in Collina after Council approved a development application at the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14 July 2020.

The manufactured home estate, to be known as Griffith Hill Estate, will include 129 dwellings, a two way internal road network with visitor parking, and community buildings incorporating recreation facilities such as a gym and swimming pool.

A community centre containing a bar, kitchen, theatre, games/craft room, communal dining hall and lounge and a Men's shed type structure are also part of the successful application.

The new estate will be marketed to over 55's essentially for a lifestyle retirement living community and the homes and construction of the associated infrastructure will be undertaken in stages.

Griffith City Council Mayor John Dal Broi said he was happy to see the development given the

green light.

"We had quite a few concerns from residents very early on, but that was before full details were disclosed," he said.

"To their credit, the developers were able to clear up any misconceptions and residents now appear to be satisfied.

"This style of housing will be a great benefit to our community. This is not a new concept, although it is for Griffith.

"As I see it, this provides another real estate option to our residents and anything that can help ease the market is welcomed."

The Griffith Hill Estate development will be located on the east of Citrus Road, with a frontage to Calabria Road and a frontage to Rankin Springs Road. The Lincoln Place development application was approved with a number of conditions including the installation of a J pole with concrete pad and seating in place for public transport use.



## Council Care Packages give local youth a helping hand in Griffith



Above: Kmart Griffith Store Manager, Corey Martin, PCYC Manager, Graeme Cotton, Thomas Siegfried, Jakob Hill, Mayor John Dal Broi and Foodworks Manager Ross Catanzariti with some of the packages.

Griffith City Council will lend a helping hand to local youth, with 80 care packages to be handed out.

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 May 2020 Council allocated \$2,500 from unsubscribed funding from the Community Grants budget to the provision of Care Packages for vulnerable youth in Griffith.

While Council provided the funding, it is thanks to Kmart Griffith, Griffith Foodworks, Griffith Community Centre, Rapid Clean Griffith and Headspace, that so many packages were provided.

It was Senior Constable Alex Davies, School Liaison Officer who raised the initial concern regarding disengaged youth in the City.

Griffith Police and the Youth Command will be distributing the packages, which will help break down barriers, build rapport and assist vulnerable youth.

Each care package contains pasta, sauce, shampoo and conditioner, soap, cards a toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, lollies, chips, a razor, hand sanitizer, moisturizer, feminine hygiene products, stress

ball and mental health resources.

Griffith Mayor Councillor John Dal Broi said he was glad to see such a worthwhile project being implemented.

"I want to thank all of the businesses and organisations who have played a part in helping and Senior Constable Davies for bringing the need to our attention," Councillor Dal Broi said.

Kmart Griffith Store Manager, Corey Martin said he was glad to be able to support young people in need.

"We employ a lot of young people at Kmart so we were more than happy to contribute," he said.

"It's important for us to ensure we are involved in the community that we provide service to."

Foodworks Manager Ross Catanzariti said, "We know there are a lot of people suffering hardship and we like to help out the community if we can."

The Youth Care Packages Project is a combined community effort with advice sought from a range of services including Youth Links, Griffith Clontarf Academy and Griffith Community Centre.



## Well-respected Doctor John Binks fondly remembered



Well-respected Griffith citizen Dr John Binks has been remembered as a caring, devoted gentleman, whose tireless devotion to the local community spanned more than 35 years.

Dr Binks passed away peacefully at his home in Mallinson Road, Lake Wyangan at the age of 94 years. He was the dearly loved husband of the late June Binks.

John Burcham Binks was born in Wales in 1925. He gained entry to the University of Birmingham at the tender age of 16 and graduated at 21, the age when many are just beginning their higher education. The newly graduated medico spent a year in Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, a teaching hospital where he met a young staff nurse June Halliday, who was to become his wife. After leaving QE Hospital, Dr Binks trained in surgery at different hospitals including 18 months with the Royal Air Force (RAF).

Dr Binks moved to Griffith to take up a surgery and general practice

position with his wife and children in 1956.

He devoted a total of 34 years of service to Griffith Base Hospital. For his service to the community in the Field of Medicine he was made Freeman of the City in 1992.

He retired from Griffith Base Hospital in 1990 but kept his hand in the medical field, working part-time with a local surgery.

In 2018 he was given the honour of being the final baton bearer as part of the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay in Griffith.

Dr Binks was a founding member of the Provincial Surgeons Association, formed because there were a large number of immigrant doctors in country practice around Australia who, unless they were members of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons, had no representation.

He was also credited with being instrumental in having Griffith's hospital as a Base Hospital, thanks to his development of medicine and surgery in the region.

## Splash Swim School, Aqua Aerobics and the Crèche are back

From Monday 20 July Term 3 Learn to Swim, Aqua Aerobics and Crèche will restart at Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC).

Some restrictions have been kept in place to ensure, as much as possible, the safety of everyone using GRALC.

GRALC is really important to many members of the community who rely on being able to exercise, recover from injury/surgery and interact socially. The team at GRALC want to ensure everyone is as safe as possible while using the facility. For this reason patrons are encouraged to manage their time in the facility efficiently to minimise the risk of any transmission.

Restrictions that will remain in place include;

### General

- Do not attend if you or your child are unwell
- GRALC staff will not attend if unwell
- Everyone to sanitise their hands on entry to the Centre
- Contact tracing details recorded for everyone entering the centre
- No kiosk or hot food
- No children's free play other than during learn to swim times in restricted areas
- Maximum of 6 in the male/female change rooms at one time.
- Maximum of 2 in the family/accessible change rooms at one time (members of the same household excepted)
- No paper forms, all forms are now available to be filled in online

at [www.gralc.com.au](http://www.gralc.com.au)

• Any low value lost property (towels, goggles etc) will not be kept and will be disposed of immediately. Higher value items such as wallets, jewellery and phones will be sanitised and kept for return to their owner or the police

• Only 1 parent per time in the crèche room, please check before entering

### Learn To Swim

• Wherever possible only 1 caregiver to accompany children to learn to swim.

• All adults to maintain social distancing at all times except with members of their own household. No social distancing restrictions in place for children.

• No Baby/Toddler classes due to the need for adults to maintain 1.5m social distancing before, during and after the class.

### Gym/Aerobics/Aqua Aerobics

• Maximum of 15 people in most Aerobics classes.

• Maximum of 20 in Spinnerz and Aqua Aerobics.

Maximum numbers also continue to apply in the gym and pools but these will be managed by staff and we are hopeful that no one will need to be turned away.

We hope that you can appreciate why these restrictions are important at this time. Hopefully as the situation continues and further easing is recommended by the Government we will be able to continue to lessen restrictions whilst keeping you all safe.





# EastWest Airlines flights remain available

Flights from Griffith to Melbourne will remain available for essential workers on a biweekly basis, with EastWest Airlines ramping up security to ensure air travel remains possible.

The airline is rigorously complying with the Public Order and Permit System, working very closely the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and the police to ensure everyone remains safe.

All travellers are being thoroughly screened both at Essendon Airport and Griffith Airport.

When travellers arrive in Griffith, representatives from

Murrumbidgee Local Health District with the assistance of the police take their temperature, ask questions and make sure everyone is doing the right thing. East-West Airlines will continue Melbourne flights every Tuesday and Friday for essential travellers. Anyone planning to travel from Melbourne to Griffith must have the appropriate permit and will not be permitted to board the aircraft if this is not in place.

To date, no COVID-19 cases have been imported from Melbourne.

For best advice, call EastWest Airlines on 1300 350-616 or go to [eastwestairlines.com.au](http://eastwestairlines.com.au)



## Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for:

- Economic Development Coordinator (Maternity relief position)
- Design Engineer
- Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor (Maternity Leave)
- Gymnasium Instructor (casual)
- Leisure Services Cashier (casual)

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

## Message from Mayor John Dal Broi



I'm sure that like me, many of you would be watching the situation in Melbourne and elsewhere around the country with concern.

These new outbreaks of COVID-19 are reminders for us all to remain vigilant about our health and hygiene.

I urge each of you to continue to play your part in helping keep our community safe. You can do this by practising social distancing at all times, remaining vigilant with your personal hygiene, including regularly washing and sanitising hands.

I was sad to hear of the passing of Dr John Binks this week. Dr Binks was an icon in terms of his contribution to health in Griffith. He could have been practising anywhere in Australia but he chose to stay here in Griffith. He was a well-respected and skilled surgeon who was made Freeman of the City in 1992 for his service to the community in the Field of Medicine. I know there are countless people in Griffith who have benefited from his medical expertise. He was an extraordinary man who was passionate about this City and the wellbeing of our residents. He has certainly left behind a lasting legacy. I'd like to offer my sincere condolences to his family.

Most of our Councillors were back at the table on Tuesday night for the first Ordinary Meeting in July. Since the easing of restrictions, members of the public can now attend Council meetings, however, there will be a limit of 10 members of the public allowed in the room in line with Public Health Orders. If you are interested in attending you must book a free ticket through Eventbrite. You can still watch the meeting live via Facebook and moving forward this will continue as we've resolved to install cameras in the Chambers. It has been good to see so many people engaging with us and we welcome this interest.

I am very pleased to see that Councillors supported the new housing development in Collina at the meeting on Tuesday night.

This will provide another option for the community of Griffith. This style of housing is not unique,

there are others across the country and I believe this will be a very good development. The proponents were very professional and were able to address all concerns put forward. On Tuesday, the General Manager and I were happy to participate in the water bills inquiry on behalf of Council.

Council made a submission to it and, as a Council, we support transparency in water entitlements. As I said on Tuesday however, I don't support retrospective reporting or that spouses should also have to declare their entitlements.

Earlier this week I was delighted to meet with some of the businesses who came on board to help us with our Youth Care Packages Project. This is an example of organisations working with Council to enrich our community. Their generosity allowed us to make the funding we had available stretch further and I thank each of them for their assistance especially in these uncertain times.

I'd like to ask you to please pencil the 3 – 9 August 2020 in your diaries, as its Local Government Week.

It's the time of the year when we invite you to help us celebrate the important role of council in our community. This year's theme is 'Councils Do' and we hope you'll take the opportunity to learn more about Griffith City Council and the services we deliver.

We will be reintroducing our Council Café at the Kiosk in Banna Avenue on Friday 7 August to mark the occasion, with COVID-19 restrictions applying. We will have some great giveaways, so please come down and see us.

Throughout the week we will also be virtually showcasing a few of our facilities via videos on Facebook.

As always, if you have any issues, please don't hesitate to contact Council.

Until next time, please stay safe.

Regards,  
Mayor John Dal Broi

## POSITIONS VACANT - GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Then join the 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.

Griffith is one of the most vibrant regional economies in Australia with a large export sector and mature and developing enterprises in value-added food & wine production, retail, residential and industrial development, tourism and agriculture. The city boasts a cosmopolitan lifestyle that has a young & diverse multi-cultural population with authentic cafes and the region's renowned wine producers. Griffith City Council is proactive and energetic and passionate about creating ongoing opportunities for our growing population.

Council is seeking applications from enthusiastic motivated individuals for the following positions:

### DESIGN ENGINEER (Permanent)

The purpose of the Design Engineer is to prepare engineering design plans for all of Council's civil infrastructure whilst providing a professional, high quality, effective, yet functional standard of design for projects undertaken with due recognition of codes, standards and adopted guidelines.

**Skills & Knowledge:** The successful applicant will be required to hold a Degree in Civil Engineering acceptable to the Institute of Engineers Australia; be proficiency using Road Design Software such as AutoCAD, Civil3D, or 12D as well as experience using Drainage Software such as DRAINS; and experience in investigation and design of pavement thickness, using both empirical methods recommended by Austroads. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application.

**Hours of work:** 35 hours per week

**Salary and conditions:** Annual Salary Range \$85,583.16 to \$94,143.92 (Grade 17) with a rostered day off once a month.

**Applications for this position close Friday 20 July 2020**

If you have any questions about the role please contact Joe Rizzo on 6962 8100.

### PERSONAL ASSISTANT GM & MAYOR (Full-time Maternity Relief Position)

The position of Personal Assistant to General Manager and Mayor ensures the effective and efficient functioning of the Office of the General Manager and the Office of the Mayor and Councillors by maintaining responsibility as the first point of contact and by providing high level, confidential executive secretarial support.

**Skills & Knowledge:** The successful applicant will be required to hold a Diploma level in either Business Administration, Local Government, Frontline Management or Public Relations or experience at an equivalent level, have experience relevant to the role of managing an office of a senior executive, also have high level time management, planning, administration and organisational skills.

**Hours of work:** 35 hours per week

**Salary and conditions:** Commencement annual salary \$64,409.80 to \$70,851.56 (Grade 11) with a rostered day off once a month.

**Applications for this position close Monday 20 July 2020**

If you have any questions about the role please contact Shireen Donaldson on 6962 8100.

### GYMNASIUM INSTRUCTOR (Casual)

The Gym Instructor will provide advice and guidance to "the fitness club" patrons on the safe, fun and effective use of the equipment provided. The Gym Instructor will conduct health assessments and provide exercise programs for "the fitness club" users. They will also be required to assist with the daily duties necessary in maintaining a safe environment, ensuring the safety and well being of all GRALC patrons.

**Skills & Knowledge:** The successful applicant must have a Certificate III in Fitness, a First Aid Certificate and a current CPR accreditation. To be considered for this position applicants must have a Working with Children Check Clearance Number for employment screening purposes. To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au) (in child related industry sector, tick education).

**Salary and conditions:** Commencement ordinary hourly rate is \$26.3194 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 5). This position is designated as a child-related position. It is an offence under NSW Legislation for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

**Applications for this position close Monday 27 July 2020**

If you have any questions about the role please contact Vivienne De Valentin on 6962 8100.

### LEISURE SERVICES CASHIER (Casual)

The Cashier is responsible for the collection and balancing of all monies relating to the entry, booking fees and all over-the-counter transactions. This role also includes working in the Kiosk preparing and selling food to patrons and relieving in the Creche as needed.

**Skills & Knowledge:** The successful applicant will need quality customer service skills and experience in cash handling. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application

To be considered for this position applicants must have a Working with Children Check Clearance Number for employment screening purposes. To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au) (in child related industry sector, tick early education and child care).

**Hours of work:** Spread of hours from 6am – 9pm Monday to Sunday. **The successful applicant will need to be available to work day and evening shifts.**

**Salary and conditions:** Commencement ordinary hourly rate \$27.2871 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 6).

**Applications for this position close Monday 27 July 2020**

If you have any questions about the role please contact Trish Enness on 6962 8100.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (Maternity relief appointment until July 2021)

**This role is a Fulltime position, although a Part-Time proposal will also be considered.**

The Economic Development Coordinator promotes and enhances opportunities for economic growth across all sectors within Griffith City Council by developing and implementing Economic Development projects, programs and services.

The Economic Development Coordinator builds strategic partnerships and collaborative relationships between business, government, financial and educational institutions.

**Skills & Knowledge:** The successful applicant will require a Diploma in Business Studies or related field or significant experience in a similar role, experience working in a business development role in a diverse organisation, have an understanding of local, regional, and state economic opportunities, the ability to research and prepare statistical reports. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application.

**Hours of work:** 35 hours per week **Salary and conditions:** Annual salary range from \$77,520.04 to \$85,274.80 (Grade 15).

**Applications for this position close Monday 3 August 2020.**

Commencement of the position, including training by the current incumbent, will be on a mutually suitable date in August with full duties to commence in September 2020. It is anticipated the term of employment will conclude in July 2021.

If you have any questions about the role please contact Shireen Donaldson on 6962 8100.

### How to apply:

1. Log onto [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au), go to the Jobs page and complete your application online.
2. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications.

Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply. Griffith City Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### New Cemetery and Crematorium Draft Masterplan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 9 June 2020, it was resolved that the New Cemetery & Crematorium Draft Masterplan be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this policy.

The draft plan may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition). Anyone wishing to make comment on the New Cemetery & Crematorium Draft Masterplan can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680, or online at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au). 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. Submissions will be presented in a report to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for review. As such, copies of all submissions (including the writers 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, Friday 31 July**.

**A live, interactive Q&A Session will be held on Thursday 23 July 2020 at 5.30pm via Facebook.**

### Notice of Temporary Road Closure

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

**Butler Road between Snaidero Road and Walla Avenue will be closed on 22 July 2020 from 8:30am until 3pm** for the replacement of power poles by Essential Energy. Detours around the worksite will be available.

**Ross Crescent between Probert Avenue and Langley Crescent from 8:30am until 3pm on 24 July 2020** as Essential Energy will be replacing a power pole. Detours around the worksite will be provided.

## Tender

### Supply & Install Fencing at Griffith Airport No: 01 – 20/21

Council invites tenders for a contract to supply and install fencing at Griffith Airport. Tenders close on Thursday, 6 August 2020 at 2pm. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith). 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 Benerambah 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 Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 2pm, assembly at the Griffith Airport Terminal Building, Remembrance Drive, Griffith NSW 2680. Canvassing of any Council members or officers will disqualify tenderers from the tender process.

## Grant Opportunity

### COVID-19 Community Grants Relief Fund Open

Griffith City Council welcomes applications for the \$100,000 COVID-19 Community Grants Relief Fund. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to community groups, not-for-profit organisations and sporting bodies for eligible projects aimed at assisting those organisations affected by the COVID-19 lockdown. To find out more or to apply, please visit [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants)

## Development Applications Determined

Please visit [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au) to view Development Applications Determined for the month of June 2020.

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

<b>DA No:</b> 188/2020(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> Mrs S C Patel & Mr C J Patel
	<b>Address:</b> Lot 1489 DP 751709, 47 Couch Road GRIFFITH
	<b>Description:</b> Multi Dwelling Housing Development
<b>DA No:</b> 184/2020(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> Smart Commercial Solar
	<b>Address:</b> Lot 66 DP 751686, 315 Gum Creek Road HANWOOD
	<b>Description:</b> Installation of two (2) 250kW Ground Mount Solar Energy Systems for existing poultry sheds
<b>DA No:</b> 174/2020(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> Mr P J Piccolo
	<b>Address:</b> Lot 679 DP 39618 114 Mallinson Road LAKE WYANGAN
	<b>Description:</b> Construction & use of Eight (8) Farm stay cottages and use of farm building as a Cellar Door

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 up until 4pm on Friday 31 July 2020.

**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 31 July 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.