

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

STREET SCAPES

Street Scapes Festival coming!

Street Scapes Griffith is a celebration of our city.

During the month of May, locals and visitors can enjoy a series of activities, events and activations that invigorate the CBD and breathe life back into the city's street scapes.

Street Scapes will transform the CBD into an outdoor cultural experience. Part of Kooyoo Street will be converted into a shared recreational space and will host an array of activities. Some of the exciting things planned are projection artwork, hula hooping workshop, kids dance class, community art, markets, a pop up bar and so much more! There will be park style seating for the community to use.

Banna Lane Festival is back for another year; four artists have been announced to paint the second installment of murals in Banna Lane. Painting will start on April 28 and will conclude on May 7. On Saturday May 8 there will be a community night to 'Light up

the Lane', the Banna Lane Murals will be lit up and the Street Scapes art projections will commence. It will be a celebration with art, live music, kid's activities, food and drinks.

There will be an outdoor 3X3 basketball tournament, it will be 3 days of 3X3 action, slam dunks, 3 point shoot outs and world ranking points. There are three tournaments for locals to play in; corporate cup, opens and juniors. Get a team together and be a part of the action.

Street Scapes has been made possible through the NSW Government Streets as Shared Spaces fund and through contribution and support from Griffith City Council.

Street Scapes website, www.streetscapesgriffith.com.au will be launching soon, look out for it on the Visit Griffith social media pages or contact the Griffith Visitor Information Centre on 1800 681 141 for more information.



Griffith to host Bush Summit

Griffith will get the chance to shine in August when Griffith City Council hosts the "2021 Daily Telegraph Bush Summit".

Council received confirmation on 6 April 2021 that the submission to host the one day event was successful.

The event organisers are working with the Office of the Prime Minister to set a date for the event during August that will enable Prime Minister Scott Morrison's attendance.

Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi said as host city of the event, Griffith was set to benefit in a range of ways.

"The publicity and exposure that an event such as this gives our City is invaluable.

"This one day summit showcases the opportunities for businesses and families to realise their potential by moving to a rural or regional centre like ours," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"We will have the opportunity to

either moderate or sit on one of the panels on the day and we will also have a rare chance to network with Senior Ministers.

"This will be a golden opportunity to share with our political leaders exactly what issues we are facing."

The inaugural Summit was held in Dubbo in 2019, with Cooma hosting the 2020 event.

Numerous political leaders presented at last year's event including the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, the Premier, and several Ministers both State and Federal, with several business leaders presenting.

The general themes for the Summit as proposed by the organisers include, The Miracle of Water, Populating our Regions, Trade Relations and Opportunities and Smart-agriculture—embracing the challenges of climate/doing more with less. Griffith has been described as the "perfect destination" for our leaders to discuss the future of NSW.

Council Cafe at Alma Bamblett Centre



Griffith City Council Cafe is on the move. This month you can catch up with Council on Monday, 19 April 2021 at the Alma Bamblett Centre in Heath Crescent from 8am to 12.30pm.

We want to hear ideas for Griffith's future from those living in the area and anyone else who would like to attend. Residents are invited to come down to the Centre on Heath Crescent at Pioneer and give their feedback. What you share will help Council review the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). There will be assorted giveaways on offer so why not pop by, have a chat and help us 'Imagine Griffith'.

Across from the centre, preparations will be underway for the Dave Taylor Park remediation, if residents have questions about the works, they can chat to staff or pick up a Community Factsheet with all the information.

Council's Director Economic and Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson said she hopes locals will come along to talk to Council officers.

"We'd love to hear from as many people as possible as we review our current Community Strategic Plan – Guiding Griffith 2040," said Ms Donaldson.

"We have done some community consultation in regards to the remediation of Dave Taylor Park at Pioneer and as work is set to start on Monday, 19 April, we thought it would be a good idea to be out there in case residents have any questions and to get them involved in the review of our CSP.

"It's important to Council that we hear from as many people as possible to ensure we have our priorities right."

The remediation of the mound at Dave Taylor Park is the first stage of the Griffin Green – Affordable Housing project, a partnership between Griffith City Council and Argyle Community Housing, which will see 20 new affordable dwellings and approximately 45 new affordable housing lots created. There will not be a Council Café at the Kiosk in Banna Avenue in April.

Work on Barber Road to get moving

Griffith City Council has welcomed news that the Federal and NSW governments have fast tracked an agreement to get \$6 million in roadworks underway on Barber Road at Benerembah.

Mayor John Dal Broi said the Barber Road announcement is great news for Griffith, especially for farmers who add so much to the economic output of our area.

"Council staff put together a high-quality application which was clearly very competitive and met the objectives of the Fixing Local Roads Program.

"We've worked closely with our farmers and industry to make a co-contribution in order to secure this grant commitment," said Councillor Dal Broi.

Federal MP Sussan Ley said upgrading between Brogden Road and the Grainlink site will commence as soon as possible and tops the list of funding for the Farrer electorate through Round 2 of the Fixing Local Roads Program.

"Fixing Local Roads is a grant-based program where councils can apply for funding to repair, patch, maintain and seal priority local roads."

"Barber Road is a vital link route for transport, farm vehicles and the school bus run but becomes treacherous when wet, and was clearly in need of a fix," Ms Ley said.

Member of the NSW Legislative Council Wes Fang said a string of local road upgrades will make traveling safer for farmers, residents and students.

"This is mostly funding for smaller projects which will make a big difference in people's lives as they travel to and from work or school.

"Not only will this get people where they need to go sooner and safer, the roadworks will also create much needed jobs in our community," Mr Fang said.

Funding for Griffith is one of 108 road projects across 90 different local government areas, with the Australian and NSW Governments committing \$691m.

The Barber Rd project cost \$6,090,000 breakdown;

Federal/NSW Fixing Local Roads Program - \$4,600,000

Griffith City Council - \$1,190,000

GrainLink/Local Farmers - \$300,000

We are committed to keeping our community up to date. Council has a number of e-Newsletters you can now subscribe to including:

Council Catch Up

www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/catchup

Economic Development

www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/evolve

Griffith Now Hiring

www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/gnh

Visit Griffith

www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/tourismtalk

COUNCILCAFE

Bringing Council to You

Join us for the next Council Cafe
on Monday 19 April at the
Alma Bamblett Centre in Heath
Crescent, Pioneer
from 8am - 12.30pm

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Councillor Catch Up – Councillor Brian Simpson



This is my last opportunity to write to the Community prior to the election in September this year. During my time on Council I have had the opportunity to sit on a two of Council's Committees, the Lake Wyangan Catchment Management Committee and the Cultural Facilities Committee.

The Lake Committee has been by far the most challenging with the issues that are associated with the Lake precinct and the ongoing concerns surrounding water quality and cultural sensitivity that must be shown. I believe that while it appears on the surface that little

has changed we have learned a lot and continue to learn about the issues of drainage of local farms, the high prevalence of salinity and the ongoing management of this community resource. Council does want the Lake to be utilised and prized by the community but it needs to address some major fundamental issues. We are not in a position to simply use land surrounding the Lake for wetlands and sedimentation ponds as much of this area was occupied by our first nation's peoples and may contain significant artefacts.

In-Lake options are being investigated but may also be impacted by similar concerns.

At the most recent meeting a number of initiatives were brought to the meeting by Council staff and these will be implemented, planting of native plants to intercept overland drainage and

trialling of a floating wetland. However Council will need to make some hard decisions in the future regarding the costs of all these works as we are talking about potentially millions of dollars to achieve a positive outcome. The Cultural Facilities Committee addresses the facilities of Council as the name states and these include the Library, Theatre, Art Gallery, Aquatic Centre, Westend Sports and Pioneer Park. There is a lively group of community minded people that volunteer their time to ensure that these facilities suit the needs of the community. What has impressed me about all these facilities is the high level of engagement they have within the Community, whether it's the Library or the Theatre, there is always something going on and services being improved. These are wonderful Community assets

and if you haven't had the time to see the redevelopment work at the Theatre, the Aquatic Centre, taking the time to pick up a book, admire the art at the Galley or venture back in time at our renowned Pioneer Park please do so as they are worth a visit. Better still, join a sporting club and benefit from the work that is being started at the Westend Sporting Precinct.

Finally I would like to urge people to consider standing for Councillor or if you are not able but still passionate about the Community look at joining one of the Committees that puts the Community, directly in touch with Council. There are many people already engaged and they have the opportunity to provide direct input into the activities of Council.

Kind regards,

Cr Brian Simpson

Commemorating Anzac Day in Griffith

Anzac Day in Griffith will look a little different this year due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

Despite the changes, the Griffith RSL Sub-Branch is encouraging locals to help commemorate Anzac Day on Sunday, 25 April 2021 by attending either of the two controlled, ticketed outdoor events.

The restrictions mean there will be no march down Banna Avenue instead, a very small march for returned servicemen and women ONLY, will take place from behind the Post Office to the back entrance of Memorial Park which will be fully fenced.

The services will be conducted in Memorial Park with numbers limited to 1,000 for the Dawn Service and 2,000 for the Main Service by free ticket allocation. The free tickets can be picked up from the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club, Griffith City Council administration building or the Griffith City Library. Tickets are also available via Eventbrite. Separate tickets will be required for each Service.

There will be three entry points into Memorial Park for both services, with QR check-in and social distancing. Entry points into the Park will be at the Post Office corner in Banna Avenue, the centre of the Park in Banna Avenue opposite the Cenotaph and at the rear of the Courthouse on the service road behind the Park.

Anzac Dawn Service: Entry points will open from 5.00am for the Dawn Service, with those attending asked to be there no later than 5.30am. There will be no Breakfast at the Exies after the Dawn Service due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Anzac Main Service: Entry points will open at 9.30am for the Main Service and patrons are encouraged to arrive early as the restricted March will commence 10.30am, followed by the Main Service at 11am. There will be limited seating available in the Park for returned servicepersons, invited guests and National Servicemen. Those requiring a chair should bring their own.

Following the Main Service, which will formally conclude at 12.30pm, lunch at the Exies will be a limited ticketed event.

The Griffith War Memorial Museum will be open immediately after the Main Service. Griffith City Council Mayor, John Dal Broi said Council was pleased to be able to support the Anzac Day events this year. "Despite the restrictions in place this year, it's still extremely important that we honour those who have served, and continue to serve our wonderful country," Councillor Dal Broi said. "I'd urge locals to get in now and get their tickets and on the day, please arrive early, making sure you have your ticket on hand." For full details Griffith check out Griffith RSL Sub-Branch on Facebook.



Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for a number of exciting positions.

For more information or to apply visit our website: www.griffith.nsw.gov.au

Public Notification

Draft Plan of Management – East Griffith Parks Precinct

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for East Griffith Parks Precinct is currently on exhibition until **Monday 19 April 2021**. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Monday 3 May 2021** and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Please note that any submission may be included in the Council business paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council. The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website or at Council offices during business hours.

For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Mrs Daphne Bruce on 1300 176 077.

Provision of Industrial Relations Investigations - Tender No: 05 – 20 / 21

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract to provide Industrial Relations investigations to Griffith City Council for an initial period of three years. **Tenders close on Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 2pm.**

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on 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, hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

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

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

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

Yambil Street between Jondaryan Avenue and Crossing Street. Yambil Street will be closed on **Sunday 11 April 2021** as Griffith City Council will be completing road repair work.

Club Street, Hanwood between Leonard Road and Wilga Street. Club Street will be closed on **Thursday 22 April 2021 from 8am until 3pm** as Essential Energy will be replacing a transformer. Detours around the worksite and access for residents will be provided.

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 1: Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Candidate Information Session on 15 May 2021.

An ALGWA Candidate Information Session is to be held in the Council Chambers, Saturday 15 May 2021 from 9 am to 12 pm. Visit the ALGWA website for more information. This is a free event and a light lunch will be provided. Please register on Eventbrite.

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

Notice of Closure – ANZAC Day

The following Council facilities will be closed on Sunday 25 April 2021 for the ANZAC Day public holiday:

Griffith Regional Theatre, Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre and West End Sports Stadium.

The Griffith Pioneer Park Museum will be open from 10am to 3.00pm, Griffith Visitor Information Centre will be open from 9am to 4pm and Griffith Regional Art Gallery will open from 11am to 2pm. The emergency after hours numbers are 6964 1160 or 6969 4832. For all fire emergencies telephone 000. For emergencies relating to dog attacks and stock on roadways call the Ranger on 0408 210 196.

Waste collection and kerbside recycling will be collected as normal. The Tharbogang Waste Management Centre will be open as normal.

Works to be undertaken at Yenda Skate Park

Council would like to advise that the Skate Park at Yenda will be closed to the public from Monday 19 April until Friday 23 April for the construction of a concrete pathway. The new path will the Skate Park to adjoining paths within Memorial Park Yenda.

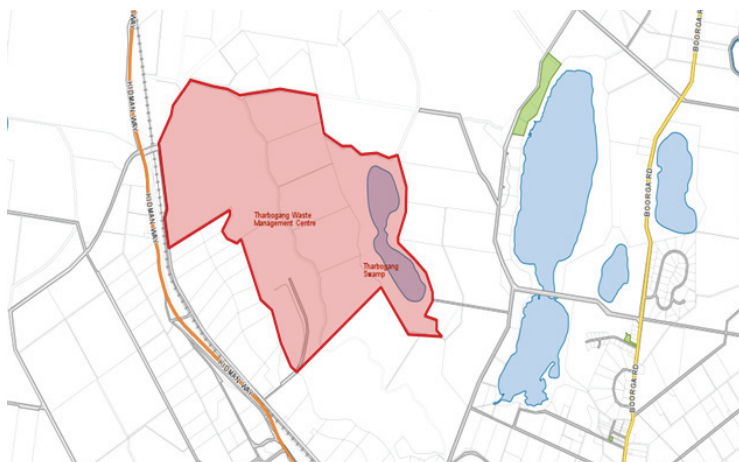
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Pest Control Program - Tharbogang Waste Management Centre

The Waste Department of Griffith City Council will commence a pest control program at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre from 6pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021 and the program will end on 6am on Wednesday 22 April 2021.

Please ensure that all pets are secured on your property for this period.

For further information contact John Roser – Waste Operations Manager during business hours on 1300 176 077.



Fight the Bite!

Mosquitoes are going to be out in force this summer.

Mosquitoes can give people serious diseases like Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus and Murray Valley Encephalitis. Follow these 4 simple steps to protect your family from mosquito bites.

- 1 Try and avoid areas where mosquitoes are common, like swamps and marshlands.
- 2 Wear loose, long and light coloured clothing, especially around dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- 3 Wear mosquito repellent. Use brands that contain either DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), apply to all uncovered skin and follow the label directions.
- 4 Get rid of mosquitoes around the house by using plug-in insecticide mats, flying insect knock-down sprays and fly screens. Remove any water-holding containers outside the house where mosquitoes could breed.



For more information: health.nsw.gov.au

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GRIFFITH

MAY 14TH-16TH, 2021

MAY 14TH
CORPORATE/SOCIAL CUP
6 PM - 9 PM

MAY 15TH
OPENS
FROM 2 PM

MAY 16TH
U13, U15, U18
FROM 10 AM