

COUNCIL

CATCH-UP

Message from the Mayor



Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member of Council, Glen Andreazza, and to thank the community for coming out to vote in the recent by-election. Councillor Andreazza has been with us just over a week now and has experienced his first Ordinary Meeting of Council. I wish him all the best for the remainder of the term and look forward to working with him.

It was good to see John Barilaro, Deputy Premier and Minister for NSW in town last week. While here he turned the sod on the next phase of the Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment - building an ambulatory care hub. He also announced \$88M funding which will see every high school in NSW have access to two counsellors or psychologists. This is an important step in addressing the youth mental health crisis our country is facing.

Mr Barilaro also announced \$300K funding toward the Citrus Research Centre (dependent on the election) which will assist with upgrading the existing irrigation system to allow for research trials using high density plantings and hybrid pumping, as well as invest in technology including robotic harvesting.

Residents and visitors will be relieved to hear the long anticipated Thorne Road Roundabout construction is now complete. The \$1.6 million Thorne Road and Kidman Way intersection roundabout was jointly funded by the Australian Government through the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program and the Griffith City Council on a 50:50 basis.

This roundabout is a continuation of Griffith's Southern Industrial Link Road and construction will continue this year on upgrading Bromley Road and extending the GSIL to Lavender Bend.

I would like to thank our local residents and businesses for their patience throughout the construction period. The issues faced were unavoidable, and it's

wonderful to see that despite the challenges we were able to deliver this project to help enhance traffic flow.

In addition, Council was successful in lobbying for a change to the speed limit along the Kidman Way from Willandra Avenue to Thorne Road, bringing the speed down from 80km/h to 60km/h. The change in speed limit will see this section of road become safer for all users.

I would like to bring to your attention the recently added Community Fare through REX - this has been extremely popular with many locals and visitors to Griffith taking up the heavily discounted tickets. A bonus with this fare is that you can fly from Griffith - Broken Hill - a great getaway to one of Australia's most iconic locations.

In addition to this is the fact that you can also fly to Adelaide via Broken Hill. Given our strong business links with Adelaide (the wine industry in particular) this is a coup for Griffith. Flights start at as little as \$643 return and can be booked at rex.com.au

Kind regards,
Councillor John Dal Broi,
Emeritus Mayor

Griffith City Library to host a Writing for Wellbeing workshop



The current drought has increased mental health pressures facing rural Australians – and a series of workshops coming up around the Riverina offers an innovative solution for relieving stress: writing.

Griffith City Library will be hosting a Writing for Wellbeing workshop on Wednesday 20 March, from 10.30am – 12pm.

The workshops, presented by Riverina Bluebell, will teach people how to use writing for everyday health and wellbeing.

“Writing is a proven strategy for good health,” said workshop presenter, author and journalist Stephanie Dale.

“It’s an incredibly powerful tool for clarifying thoughts and solving problems.”

Five years ago Stephanie founded The Write Road, an award-winning mental health initiative that makes writing support available to rural and remote Australians.

She said the workshops aimed to encourage people to ‘waste time’.

“Stressed people need rest and yet the more ‘busy’ people become the less likely they are to take time out,” she said.

“It’s incredible how many people would like to write and but fear they would be ‘wasting time’. It’s the most common reason people give for not writing.”

Stephanie said myriad studies showed writing could positively influence mental, physical and emotional health.

“Writing can change our attitudes in times of crisis, as well as help us manage pain, depression and stress,” she said.

“Writing doesn’t just make us feel better - hard evidence shows us that in every possible way it can make us better.”

Riverina Bluebell spokesperson and Gundagai author Freda Nicholls said the Creative Journaling workshops would give people an opportunity to take time out to learn tools, tips and techniques for using writing as a tool for wellbeing.

You can book your place in the Writing for Wellbeing workshop by contacting Griffith City Library on 6962 8300. Cost is a gold coin donation to Riverina Bluebell.

In addition, a Song of the Soul Workshop is being offered for those who want to cross the bridge between thinking about writing a book and actually doing it. This session will be held Wednesday 20 March at 1pm – 2.30pm and has only 8 places available. The cost is \$55 and you can book by calling 0422 138 103.

Celebrate International Women’s Day with a shared lunch

The theme for International Women’s Day 2019 is More Powerful Together and that is the rallying cry for local women who are invited to Griffith’s International Women’s Day (IWD) ‘bring and share’ lunch at Griffith Pioneer Park at 12pm on Friday 8 March.

Organised by of a group of local women representing Women on Fire Women’s Support Group, Griffith City Council and Sprinkles Playgroup, with support from Soroptimist International, the event as an inclusive, relaxing way for local women to come together to celebrate IWD, meet other women and support one another.

Women on Fire participant Rebecca Murray said many women in the Griffith community are isolated, particularly migrant or newly arrived women.

“It can be difficult for these women to find places to socialise where they feel comfortable and welcome,” said Ms Murray.

“The theme More Powerful Together prompted us to create an affordable way to celebrate International Women’s Day that was accessible to all women.”

Sue Delves who established the Women on Fire group said Griffith is such a multi-cultural community we saw it as a great opportunity to bring women from different backgrounds together to break down barriers, and help create new social connections.

“It’s International Women’s Day so we are encouraging women to proudly wear their traditional or cultural dress,” she said.

“More than anything this is a chance for women to connect and have fun. There will be some local entertainment – singing by women from the local Tongan Church choir and a belly dance performance by Lauren Poscoliero from Zola Temple. We encourage everyone to join in and have a go.”

The lunch will be served in Myall Park Hall at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, with a welcome to country and guest speaker Sonia Casanova - Immediate Past President of Soroptimist International Griffith – will be sharing her experiences from her trip to New York in 2017 where she attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

The free ‘bring and share’ IWD will be held on Friday 8 March from 12pm to 2pm and is exclusively open to women only. Children aged under 5 years are welcome and are the responsibility of caregivers.

Participants are asked to bring a plate of food to share with water and juice provided. Entry is free however gold coin donations are welcome and will go towards the Women on Fire group.

For more information contact Tanya Aramini at Griffith City Council on 6962 8207 or Sue Delves, Women on Fire on 0435 635 605.



All About Women - Satellite broadcast Sunday March 10

Griffith Regional Theatre invites women (and men) of all ages to celebrate International Women's Day with a free satellite broadcast of All About Women on Sunday, 10 March from 1pm.

All About Women is an exciting forum featuring talks and panel discussions around the diverse and challenging issues affecting women's lives.

The Theatre will be live streaming three headline sessions and an exclusive backstage interview, direct from the Sydney Opera House.

Featuring discussions on the #MetooYearTwo - the current state of the #Metoo movement; a forum on Feminism in the Arab World; and some of Australia's most prominent

female leaders discussing the reality of leading while female.

Griffith Regional Theatre Manager Raina Savage said, "Livestreaming gives local people the opportunity to participate in cultural and political discussions with people from all walks of life and many different viewpoints.

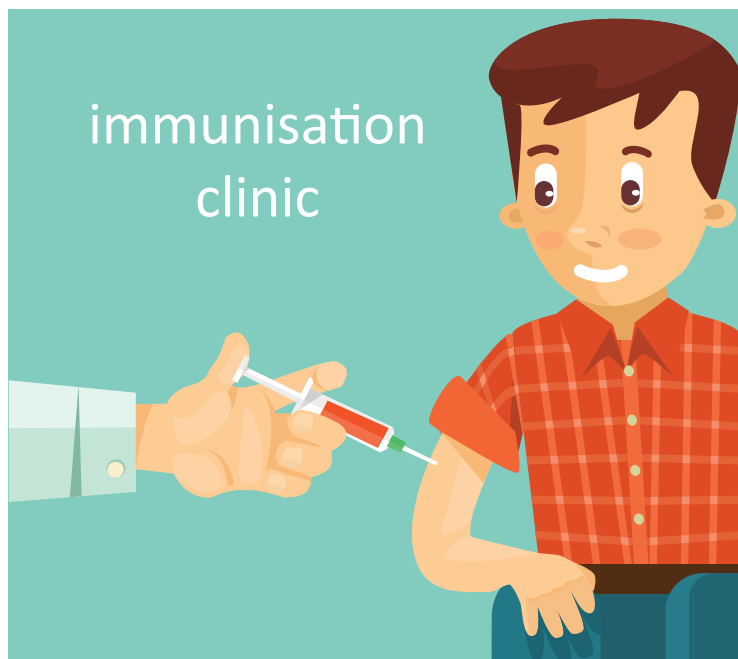
"All About Women features leading female thinkers from around the world including bold and courageous leaders from the Arab world and some of Australia's most powerful female politicians – Julie Bishop, Linda Burney, Sarah Hanson-Young and Julia Banks," Ms Savage said.

"The topics drill down into issues currently affecting women's lives. What is the political and social reality



for women in the Arab world? While some of our most popular politicians are women, why are they are still frequently overlooked for leadership positions? The leadership panel will discuss what needs to change to encourage more women to run for public office and inspire girls to want to be Prime Minister." All About Women runs from 1.15pm to 5.15pm on Sunday, 10 March at Griffith Regional Theatre - this is a free event.

Contact the Box Office for more information by calling 6962 8444 or online www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au



Griffith City Council will be conducting an Immunisation Clinic for children on Thursday 7 March, 2019 at the Senior Citizens Centre 47 Canal Street, Griffith between 3pm and 4pm.

Visitors to the clinic are requested to bring with them their children's blue health record book and Medicare Card.



Has rubbish got you down in the dumps?

Dump it for free on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility and Sunday 10 March at 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:

Library Manager (Permanent - 12 months Maternity Leave Position)

The Library Manager is to provide a quality, current, efficient and effective library and information service to the community of the City of Griffith, through the management of Griffith City Library and its regional organisation, Western Riverina Libraries. A Degree in Information Services or related qualification and demonstrated relevant experience in a senior Library position is essential. 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 (in child related industry sector, tick clubs or other bodies providing services for children). Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary from \$92,340.04 to \$101,571.60 (Grade 19). If you have any questions about the role please contact Max Turner on 6962 8100.

Applications close 4pm Friday 8 March 2019. Stadium Attendant (Casual)

The Stadium Attendant is responsible for ensuring that the Westend Stadium is maintained in a clean and safe condition at all times as well as setting up and removing appropriate sporting equipment for each booking. Applicants must hold a current First Aid 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 (in child related industry sector, tick clubs or other bodies providing services for children). Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are a spread of hours from 6am – 9pm Monday to Sunday. The successful applicant will need to be available to work day and evening shifts. The commencement ordinary hourly rate is \$26.22 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 6). If you have any questions about the role please contact Chris Evans on 6962 5353.

Applications close 4pm Friday 15 March 2019.

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs 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 NOTICES

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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

Casella Wines Visy City 2 Lake Road Closures
The above event will be taking place n Sunday **10 March 2019 from 8am**. During the event, the following roads will be closed: **Campbell Street, Wyangan Avenue, Boorga Road and Jones Road will be closed between 6.30am and approximately 11am**.

Residents in North Grove Drive, Fawcett Drive and South Lake Road will be affected. As the event progresses, the roads will be reopened at key intersections, however all detours and the closure of Jones Road will remain in place until the event has concluded.

Motorists and residents are asked to follow all signposted changes in traffic conditions. Please allow extra travel time to accommodate for the detours and delays which may occur as a results of the closure and please take care with pedestrian and cycle traffic you may encounter.

Temporary speed reduction - Jondaryan Avenue

There will be a temporary speed reduction along **Jondaryan Avenue from 12:30pm to 11:30pm Saturday 23 March 2019**.

Drivers are advised to drive with caution due to increased pedestrian activity at the Rewind in the Vines Music Festival being held at the old Miranda Wines site 55-67 Jondaryan Avenue Griffith.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Applications are now open for the 2018/2019 Community Grants Program, with Griffith City Council inviting community groups, not-for-profit or charitable organisations and individuals to apply. The Community Grants Program consist of two rounds per year, capped at \$2,500.

Applications open Monday, 18 February 2019 and closes 4pm Friday, 22 March 2019.

To assist applicants, two free information sessions will be held on **Monday 11 March, 2018 at 12 noon and 5.30pm at Griffith City Council**.

Please call Tanya Aramini, Community Development Officer on 6962 8100 to register your attendance.

Late applications will not be accepted. Application Forms including the Program Guidelines can be found at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants or by contacting Council on 6962 8100.

To find out more about the Community Grant Program please contact Council's Community Development Team on 6962 8100 or email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au

TENDER

Construction of New Landfill Cell at Tharbogang Waste Management Facility

Tender No: 24 – 18/19

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the construction of a new landfill cell at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility. Tenders close on **28 March 2019 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 Benerembah 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.

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

DA No: 28/2019(1)

Applicant: Mr A B Gaffey

Address: LOT 31 SEC 3 D: 758476, 142 Yambil Street GRIFFITH

Description: Microbrewery and tap room with light food offerings

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 15 March 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

Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on 15 March 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.