



Griffith Mayor welcomes Federal Budget

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi has welcomed the 2021/2022 Federal Budget which was handed down last week, saying regional Australian areas such as Griffith came out winners.

“Going through the budget documents, I could see the Federal Government had invested heavily in rural and regional NSW through, which will facilitate much needed infrastructure get off the ground or be repaired,” said Councillor Dal Broi.

“We have been fortunate over the years – noting the Federal Government has allocated an extra \$256 million on local projects in Farrer since the 2019 election including \$40,005,334 exclusively in the Griffith Council area.

“This coming year will see \$1 billion to extend the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program which will see an additional \$2,061,282 for Griffith City Council taking the total three phases of funding to \$4,489,524 – a massive boost for our road network,” he said.

Some notable additions to the 2021/2022 Federal Budget for the region include:

- \$1.6m for Murrumbidgee Avenue / Thorne Road works
- \$202k for Kidman Way Intersection upgrade at Jack McWilliam Drive, Hanwood
- \$4.1m in 2021/22 towards the Griffith Pioneer Housing Project
- \$4.2m in 2021/22 towards Griffith Regional Sports Precinct
- \$1.04m North of McCormack Rd to better protect homes at Yoogali

- \$1.2m Hanwood Stormwater Pump – to stop water flowing back from drains
 - \$2.53m in Roads to Recovery funding for 2021 inc New Farms Rd to Dickie Rd, Brown Road, Dalton Rd, Whitton Stock Route, Joncondon Rd, Jones Rd & Lakes Rd
 - \$4.4 million of funding towards Yoogali intersection through the Australian Government Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program
 - \$4.6m in Fixing Local Roads (with NSW) – Barber Road upgrade & seal
 - \$10m on Burley Griffin Way, from the new Yoogali intersection through to the Hume Freeway turnoff
 - The tax-free Cashflow boost has helped around 6,600 small and medium businesses (3000+ in Griffith) providing \$262 million in payments to help businesses in Farrer to stay afloat.
 - Around 66,900 taxpayers in Farrer (10,000+ in Griffith) will benefit from tax relief of up to \$2,745 this year. This is a result of our decision to extend the low and middle income tax offset to 2021-22 and the decision to bring forward Stage 2 of the Government’s tax relief plan.
 - Additionally, around 5,500 businesses in Farrer will be able to use the extended loss carry back measure to support cash flow and confidence. This has helped businesses invest more in the local economy and to create local jobs.
- Other spending of interest to the area
- Rural Financial Counselling funding over the next four years inc \$10m for Southern-Western NSW

- Aged Care
 - \$630.2 million to improve access to quality aged care services for consumers in regional areas
 - \$13.4 million to establish regional offices to improve advice to Government
 - \$6.5 billion to release 80,000 additional home care packages
 - \$3.9 billion to increase the amount of front-line care (care minutes) delivered to 240,000 aged care residents and 67,000 who access respite services - This will be mandated at 200 minutes per day, including 40 minutes with a registered nurse
 - \$216.7 million to grow and upskill the workforce and enhance nurse leadership and clinical skills
 - An additional \$250 million for a sixth round of the successful Building Better Regions Fund
 - \$28.2 million for the Stronger Communities Programme – funding \$2,500 and \$20,000 for small capital projects that deliver social benefits for local communities across Australia.
 - \$114m telehealth services extension till at least the end of the year – there has been 276,157 telehealth consultations in Farrer through Medicare since the start of the pandemic and these services are now being extended.
 - \$130.4m Regional Connectivity Program - extra funding for expanding mobile phone and wireless connectivity across the country.
- For more information on the Federal Budget 2021/22 visit budget.gov.au

What's on for Street Scapes Griffith this week?



Every night after dark - Kooyoo Street Art Projections.

Pop up Cafe - Cocoa and Bean - every day from 9am - 3pm, then Friday and Saturday night from 5pm - 9pm. Offering a range of foods with a changing menu.

Pop up Wine Bar - unWINEd in the Riverina - Monday to Friday 11.30am - 3pm, Friday and Saturday nights from 5pm - 9pm, and Sunday from 12pm - 4pm.

Entertainment - Friday night from 5.30pm - 7.30pm and Saturday night from 5.30pm - 7.30pm - this weekend and next weekend.

Friday 21 May - Breakeven

Saturday 22 May - Tucks Daughter and Pete 'Jonesey' Jones followed by Open Mic Night.

Sunday 23 May - Local Markets from 9am - 1pm

Monday 24 May - Join Succa Mum for a free Community Art workshop from 9am - 4pm.

Tuesday 25 May - Join Liam from Griffith & District Football Association for a free 30 minute soccer skills workshop! From 9am - 11am, this workshop is for children 6 and under.

Wednesday 26 May - Sunday 30 May - The Archibalds Prize 2020 at Griffith Regional Art Gallery

Friday 28 May - Free Dance sessions with Griffith Performing Arts Centre - 9.30am Tiny Tots, 3.45pm for ages 5-8 years and 4.30pm for ages 9-12 years.

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 May - Free Kids Archies Tour at Griffith Regional Art Gallery, 11.30am and 2.30pm

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



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2020 Archibald Prize wowing Griffith

Last Friday saw the opening of The Archibald Prize 2020 at Griffith Regional Art Gallery. This was the 99th incarnation of The Archibald Prize since the Prize's inception in 1921 by monies left to the Art Gallery of NSW by the estate of Jules Francisco Archibald.

The Archibald Prize 2020 is the first time an artist of Aboriginal heritage won the prestigious award. Great grandson of acclaimed Australian Painter Albert Namatjira, Vincent Namatjira won with his portrait of Adam Goodes 'Stand Strong for Who You Are'.

The sold-out opening event saw guests arrive in bow ties and evening gowns – mystery ensued when they were directed to the Griffith War Museum rather than the Gallery. Formal proceedings kicked off at 6:15pm; Gallery Curator, Ray Wholohan was the MC, Acting Regional Arts and Museums Manager, Margaret Andreazza recounted interesting facts and statistics about the prize, Wendy Sharpe, seven times Archibald Prize finalist and winner of the Prize in 1996 described her

experiences as both a winner and finalist and finally, Councillor Dino Zappacosta opened the exhibition on behalf of the Mayor.

The Gallery doors finally opened and patrons were invited to view the exhibition. Gallery staff noted comments of wonder and parse for some portraits and other patrons casting disdain on others. Vincent Namatjira's winning portrait was noted as been particularly divisive for critique and criticism.

One particular comment which summed-up the atmosphere was "...Usually you need to travel to Sydney and pay to see the Archibald Prize but, to see it for free on one's home town is a real privilege for the community."

The Archibald Prize will be at the Gallery until Sunday 27 June and is not to be missed. Several tours are being conducted, including a Kids Archies Trail which runs weekends at 11.30am and 2.30pm. Each child will receive their own workbook full of fun and creative projects.

For more information please visit www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au



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

JOB SEARCH

Councillor Catch Up – Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Council is currently going into its Budget Session for the 2021/22 financial year.

I would like to encourage everyone to take the time to review the Draft Budget and comment on any items of interest. In particular, if you would like Council to address and budget for something in particular, such as a road sealing, service provision, cultural or social services, or any other service that is not being provided for at the moment, please let Council know by making a submission before the exhibition period closes on 26 May 2021.

The Budget also has the schedule for Fees and Charges, which you may wish to review.

As Chairperson of Council's Build More Dams Working Group, I am disappointed that both the Federal

and State Governments are moving very slowly in addressing our concerns in the two areas that we have been advocating, that is raising the Burrunjuck Dam walls, and carrying out a study into building a dam in the Clarence region.

We have received the support of many organisations in our proposals across all levels - local, state and national.

With the incredible rainfall in the north of the State over the last few months, a start on a dam would be logical! The Darling River is flowing again and Council must continue to fight for more water storage across NSW.

Last Saturday, along with other councillors, I went to a gathering at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum which was well attended by

supporters of the Museum. Denis Couch, chief organiser, has been able to engender strong support from this dedicated group to focus on addressing some much needed action into revitalising one of our most important tourism features. I urge you to volunteer your time in helping the Museum in whatever way you can.

Back to the budget, Council will be considering at its next Budget Meeting, spending \$50,000 toward the Hermits Cave upkeep. The iconic site has been a popular attraction for many visitors to Griffith, your comments on this would be appreciated.

Recipients of the last Community Grant Program were announced last week. Congratulations to all the organisations who were successful in their applications.



Council will deliver another two rounds of grants as part of the 2021/22 budget, around October 2021 and March 2022. Organisations, individuals and not for profit groups can apply, however they may only apply for one round each financial year.

Finally, try to find time to visit the 2020 Archibald Prize at Griffith Regional Art Gallery. This prestigious and controversial exhibition is Australia's oldest and most respected award - the exhibition is open until 27 June.

Until next time,

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Major projects underway across the Griffith Local Government Area



Westend Stadium

Hines Construction have been awarded the contract, and are expected to commence construction works by the end of May. Works are continuing on the demolition of the existing buildings which were part of the Parks & Gardens Depot.

Jubilee Oval Amenities Block

Work has essentially been completed on the Amenities Block, with work on the carpark to commence next month. It is expected the building will be ready for operation early in the next financial year.

Community Stage - Burley Griffin Community Gardens

Minor works are being finalised on the Community Stage as contractors become available, however there have been issues with vandalism including smashed lighting and stolen plants. If you observe anything, please report this to the Police.

Griffith Community Centre

Construction of the Community Centre is flying along with all rough fittings finished and contractors now moving on to the plastering and painting. The Centre is expected to be completed in July.

Olympic Street Carpark

Construction began last week, working closely



with the Local Aboriginal Lands Council (LALC) during excavation to ensure works were carried out with the utmost respect to any artefacts. This is come as pro-active stance on indigenous artefact preservation and conservation.

Council will continue to work closely with the LALC on future projects to ensure expectations are met with regard to conservation. The new carpark will provide 21 spaces and 2 accessible side set down car spaces.

Bright Lights on Banna

Works are underway to install new compliant and safe electrical connections to the fairy lights along Banna Avenue after it was discovered the outdated La Festa infrastructure was not suitable. These works are expected to be completed in June. Part of this project is also to install color lights at the Fairey Fire Fly ('plane on a stick'), which can be used to accent the icon of city during festive events.

Railway Street Carpark

Work is underway on the Railway Street carpark which will provide 49 car spaces including two accessible spaces and provision for bicycles. Work is expected to be completed prior to the end of the financial year.

Healthy Streets

Council was successful in receiving funding from Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) to



evaluate and remedy parts of the Griffith CBD using the published 'Healthy Streets Metric'. This metric looks at key components of a streetscape and calculates the livability and health of the street in relation to several key indicators. This will be used to help strengthen the Kooyoo Street activities which are part of Street Scapes Griffith, currently underway.

Street Scapes Griffith

Heading into its third week, this 'activation program' has proven that streets can be livable vibrant and exciting places. The aim is to show the public that pedestrians deserve spaces in our urban environments just as much as cars. When designing cities in the past, urban planners have tended to focus more on vehicles and transport, while recent research indicates that building more pedestrian centric areas improves livability, health outcomes, social cohesion, economic activity and decertification which all contribute to improving our city.

This program is a pilot program that will be followed up by the 'Your High Streets' program later in the year. Feedback has been very much appreciated and Council would encourage residents to submit feedback via email at admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au or via a survey which will be launched shortly via the website and Facebook page.

Public Notification

Notice of Intention to Give Consent over a Crown Reserve

Council gives notice of its intention to grant a licence for a term of 3 years over Crown Reserve described as part Lot 3 Section 125 DP 758476, 78 Kookora Street, Griffith to Murrumbidgee Local Health District. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday, 15 June 2021** and addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith. Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration. Once the submission period is completed, Griffith City Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the licence. Contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, 1300 176 077.

Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy

The Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy is currently on public exhibition for feedback and 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/on-exhibition. Anyone wishing to make comment on the Strategy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website above 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, 25 June 2021**.

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/on-exhibition. 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 to provide an online submission. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, Wednesday 26 May 2021**.

Adoption of Plan of Management – Small Village Parks

(Brolga, Rowley, Cyril Morris, Restyn, Tharabogang Tennis Courts & Public Recreation Reserve, Mallee, Worthington, Halse and Meggitt Parks)

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 11 May 2021 the Plan of Management for Small Village Parks was formally adopted. For further information please contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, on 1300 176 077.

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. 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, 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. 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.*

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 – Cadonin Street

Pietro Cadonin 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

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.

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.

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

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 Jondaryn 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.

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