

Recycling at home workshop

Regional horticulturist and ABC Radio gardening expert Ricky Smith will conduct a series of workshops in the Western Riverina to encourage householders to recycle their kitchen and garden waste at home.

The Griffith workshop will be held on Friday November 3 from 10:30am until 12pm in the Burley Griffin Room at the Griffith Regional Theatre, with bookings being taken by contacting Griffith City Council's Environment, Health & Sustainability Department on 6962 8100.

The one and a half hour session will cover various methods for organic recycling, including composting, worm farming and the Bokashi system, as well as covering the setting up and maintaining the systems, and discuss which system is suitable for different household situations.

The free workshops are for householders who have never recycled organic material before, and for those who want to overcome difficulties they may be experiencing composting or worm farming.

Compost bins, Bokashi, compostable kitchen bags small kitchen bins and/or a worm farm will be distributed at the

workshops, to encourage residents to recycle their food scraps into useful compost, worm juice and worm castings, rather than waste valuable organic materials. There will also be information sheets on all systems for participants to take home.

There are many benefits of organic recycling to householders and their communities. By using their own compost, worm and Bokashi products, residents can improve the condition of their soil, increasing disease-resistance in plants, increasing availability of nutrients to plants, reducing their reliance on artificial fertilisers and soil conditioners, and save themselves some money.

To help the environment organic recyclers can reduce the amount of kitchen and garden waste that goes to landfill, and in so doing reduce the amount of methane and greenhouse gases produced at landfill sites.

For people living in apartments and units the Bokashi method can be used indoors to compost kitchen waste without any smell or issues.

This is a NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More funded initiative from the Waste Levy.



Nominate a local hero today



Above: Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi at the 2017 Australia Day Ceremony

The Griffith Australia Day Awards are an opportunity to honour individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Griffith community during the last year, and the Australia Day Working Party is calling on locals to nominate unsung heroes in a range of categories for 2017.

Councillor Christine Stead, Chairperson of the Australia Day Working Party said the Australia Day Awards are the perfect opportunity to honour those who often are overlooked.

"We are looking for plenty of nominations of people and groups who have made an extraordinary contribution to our community," said Councillor Stead.

"The Australia Day Awards has been running since 1981 with Mr Charlie Beltrame awarded as the first Citizen of the Year. The Award Ceremony is an excellent opportunity to recognise the hard work and personal contribution of our many local heroes - and Griffith is extremely fortunate

to have a huge list of incredible locals who consistently go above and beyond."

The 2017 Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Ceremony held on Thursday 26 January 2018 at the Griffith Regional Theatre commencing at 9.30am.

There are several categories for nominations for both personal and group achievements and sporting awards including:

Junior Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year
Citizen of the Year
Project of the Year
Young Sportsperson of the Year
Sportsperson of the Year
Club Person of the Year
Sports Team of the Year

"Griffith is such a unique community, one which is filled to the brim of locals who are constantly reaching out to help those in need. This is evident in the number of events, projects and activities undertaken throughout the year - the Project of the Year category is a chance to

show those groups how much their efforts are appreciated," said Councillor Stead.

"Nominations of individuals and groups are welcome, including those who may have been nominated in the past - we would like to see a large number of nominations as there are so many within our community who deserve acknowledgment for their contributions."

Past nominees are eligible for re-nomination providing they did not win the category for which they were originally nominated. A list of eligible nominations will be published in The Area News and on Council's website in mid-January 2018.

Nominations forms are available in Wednesday's The Area News and via the Griffith City Council website throughout November with last nominations to be received by 2pm on Friday 10 December 2017. Please contact Griffith City Council on 6928100 or refer to Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au for more information.

What's on?

Every Sunday, 7am

Griffith Rotary Markets
15 Collier Street

Every Tuesday, 10am

Baby Bounce, Griffith City Library

Third Thursday of Each Month

Movie Club, Griffith City Library

Every Friday, 11am

Toddler Time, Griffith City Library

Now exhibiting

Justene Williams: The Curtain Breathed Deeply

Griffith Regional Art Gallery

Thursday December 7

Vision Australia Street Stall

Banna Avenue Kiosk

Saturday October 28, 1pm

Free Seniors Movie - Lion
Griffith City Library

Saturday October 28, 2pm

Sunday October 29, 10am

2017 Australian Classic Dirt Track Masters

Pines Speedway, Remembrance Drive, Griffith

Saturday October 28, 6.30pm

Ball in the Mall

Griffith Central

Sunday October 29, 12pm

Festa Del Porchetta 2017

Yoogali Club

Friday November 3, 5pm

Saturday November 4, 11am

Riverina Wine & Food Twilight Market

Old Miranda Wines Building, Jondaryan Avenue

Sunday November 5, 11.30am

Sacred Heart Parish Fete

St Patrick's Primary School Oval, Warrambool Street

Sunday November 19, 12pm

Long Lunch - proceeds to Juvenile Diabetes

Griffith Post School Options, Yoogali

Sunday December 3, 12pm

Can Assist Griffith Local Craft and Hobby Show

Coro Club

Thursday December 7

Vision Australia Street Stall

Banna Avenue Kiosk

See the latest event listings online at visitgriffith.com.au

Christmas is coming.... stay posted for some exciting plans!

Do you have a keen interest in the building industry and are looking for a great career opportunity to put it into practice? Griffith City Council is pleased to provide an opportunity for a Trainee Building Surveyor to be employed within the Sustainable Development Directorate. It is an exciting time in Local Government building surveying, particularly with the Griffith region experiencing significant growth and development.

As a Trainee Building Surveyor you will be involved with a range of interesting tasks - both in and out of the office, providing a fantastic opportunity to develop a broad skill set in a rapidly expanding Council environment; combining full time work while being supported in part time external studies.

Keen to learn more?

Join us at the information session to be held Thursday November 9 from 5:30pm at Griffith City Council Chambers.