

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Councillor Christine Stead



And just like that, another month has come to an end and May begins!

April was a particularly busy time for the Griffith region with events happening throughout the month. The Griffith Easter Party was a massive success with an influx of visitors to our city, bringing with them booked out motels and hotels, busy restaurants and successful events.

As a member of the Tourism Management Committee, I was able to participate in many events across that weekend, in particular I was astounded with the support for the Griffith Pioneer Park Action Day. We had more than 3,500 through the gates who all

had a wonderful time exploring the Museum and participating in the large number of events.

I would like to thank everyone who assists with the Easter weekend - we had so much happening, Griffith was a hive of activity and that would not be possible without the support of local business houses, staff and volunteers.

During April I put forward an idea to Council regarding the Silo Trail. We are well positioned to add our own silo mural which will attract many more visitors to our region. The Silo Trail is very popular and I look forward to following this project from the budget process to the eventual unveiling of the

artwork.

Cultural events and activities such as these are important not only to attract the tourism dollar, but to enhance our area. One such event coming up which aims to create a spectacular street scene is the Banna Lane Festival. Coordinated by Emerge Creative, the event kicks off next week and several walls will be painted by local and national artists.

It is a really exciting time to be part of Council at the moment with many fantastic initiatives and projects being carried out and planned. Council is pleased to be able to support many local programs which enhance the lives of locals or attracts visitors

to our area.

During 2018/19 Council has contributed to a multitude of community projects, events and initiatives including \$35,000 for the Banna Lane Festival, \$5,000 for the Riverina Field Days, \$45,000 for Community Grants, \$10,000 for the Sikh Games, \$5,000 for Griffith's Biggest Lap with another \$5,000 committed for 2020, as well as additional funds allocated to local athletes, quick turnaround grants and other projects.

We are pleased to also be the major sponsor for the Griffith Business Awards with a \$7,500 sponsorship.

It is great to see so many members of our community stepping up and coming forward to create events and programs to benefit and grow our community. It is exactly why we continue to thrive.

We are in the process of preparing the 2019/20 budget and I would encourage you to come along to the session at the Library on Thursday 9 May, 5.30pm. You can have your say on Council expenditure and programs.

Regards,
Councillor Christine Stead

Have your say on Council's 2019/20 Draft Budget



Griffith City Council has released its 2019/20 Draft Operational Plan (Budget), with the community now invited to provide feedback. Residents are urged to attend a community meeting on Thursday, 9 May 2019, 5.30pm at Griffith City Library to find out what important services and infrastructure projects Council will undertake over the course of the financial year.

Council's Draft four-year Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2019/2020 is now on public exhibition. The document outlines the proposed projects, programs and activities for 2019/2020. It also includes information about rates, fees and charges, estimated income and expenditure and the capital works program for 2019/2020.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, said the community meeting is a chance for residents to have their say on the Draft

Plan.

"The community meeting is a great way to engage with our residents face-to-face, for the community to understand why particular projects have been prioritised over others, and to talk to them about the future direction and priorities of Council," Cr Dal Broi said.

"Listening to our community and hearing feedback directly allows us to make sure we're servicing the right areas and making the right decisions for our community. "I encourage people to come along to the meeting, but if you can't make it, you can go online to Council's website or hard copies can be viewed at Council's Administration Building or at the Library."

The 2019/2020 Draft Operational Plan highlights a number of major projects such as:

- Regional Sports Precinct

- (including the 50m Pool and Westend Oval)
- Memorial Park improvements (toilet refurbishment and construction of community stage)
- Yambil Street upgrade (part of the overall CBD project)
- Continuation of Griffith Southern Industrial Link (GSIL)
- Community Gardens construction of community stage
- New toilet block at City Park
- Sealing of Boorga Road and part of Dickie Road
- Griffith Youth and Community Centre
- Amenities Upgrade - Jubilee Park

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Operational Plan can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm, Friday 24 May 2019.

Council launches Invest in Griffith Prospectus

Council is pleased to launch a new business prospectus - Invest in Griffith - which will provide valuable information to attract new businesses and development to the region.

The prospectus highlights what Griffith has to offer including services, workforce and market access, economic diversification and development opportunities. Invest in Griffith also provides interesting data including economic profile and growth indicators, an overview of key industry sectors as well as information on transport, housing, industrial and commercial precincts.

Council's Director Economic and Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, said our region faces an exciting future, creating new opportunities for

economic and social vitality in our community.

"Griffith has been earmarked by social demographer Bernard Salt as one of the most desirable places in Australia to live. It has low unemployment, good population growth and affordable housing," she said.

"Griffith is expected to play an important role in accommodating growth and providing employment, health, education and recreation opportunities to the region's smaller communities."

Mrs Donaldson is encouraging anyone wanting to invest in our region or to contact Council's Economic Development Team.

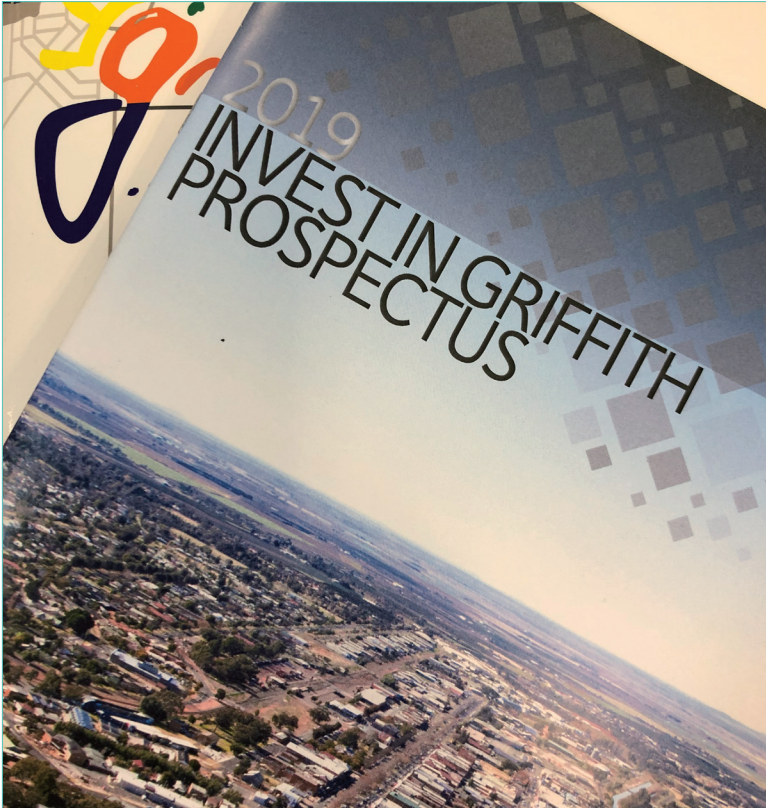
"Our team can assist in discovering the opportunities that exist for you and your enterprise," she said.

"Griffith City Council is extremely keen to assist businesses establish and expand in our region. This Prospectus will also be a valuable tool for local businesses to attract new business partnerships."

Council's Economic Development Unit welcomes business enquiries and is happy to make appropriate introductions and provide information and assistance to facilitate investment planning.

If you would like a printed copy of this prospectus please email Karly.Sivewright@griffith.nsw.gov.au or call Council on 6962 8100.

Invest in Griffith is also available to view or print on Council's Economic Development Website griffithed.com.au



Look out before you step out!



Highly visible pavement stickers are being installed at pedestrian crossings, intersections and pedestrian refuges in nominated locations in the Griffith area to remind pedestrians to cross at the safest locations and to make safe decisions when crossing the road. Roads and Maritime Services and the Centre for Road Safety are working with councils across the state to expand the ‘Look out before you step out’ campaign to combat the number of pedestrians hit on the state’s roads and bring the road toll Towards Zero. “The stickers are at key

pedestrian crossing points a reminder to everyone to ‘Look out before you step out’ particularly when other distractions may take their focus away from crossing the road” an RMS spokesperson said. “More than 1,500 pedestrians are struck across NSW each year and the aim of the initiative is to drive that number down. “Taking risks and not being mindful on the roads can end in tragedy, which is why it is important for pedestrians to have their head in the moment. “We also know this is a two-way street, and drivers also need to play

their part by slowing down on local streets where pedestrians are out and about. “It’s important for drivers to stay vigilant in high pedestrian areas since a car travelling at 50km/h is twice as likely to kill a pedestrian than a car travelling at 40km/h.” Stickers will be installed over the coming days in the lead up to the Easter holiday period. For more information on the project visit <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/look-out-before-you-step-out/index.html>

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SATURDAY 4 MAY, 7:30PM

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Combining explosive fun alongside gripping
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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:

Team Leader Plant Operator - Backhoe and Front End Loader (Permanent)

The purpose of the Team Leader Plant Operator is to operate a backhoe and a front end loader also lead a small crew while performing Council’s construction and maintenance operations in a safe, economical and proficient manner. The successful applicant will be required to hold a certificate of competency for a backhoe and front end loader also needs to have a current HR licence and a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card). Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week with a commencement annual salary range from \$55,738.28 to \$61,313.20 (Grade 8) and a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions, please contact James Taliano on 6962 8100.

Plant Operator - Relief (Permanent)

The purpose of the Plant Operator Relief is to operate and relieve on a daily basis in a range of road construction and maintenance plant including Street Sweepers and Garbage collection in a safe, economical and efficient manner. The successful applicant will be required to hold a current HR driver licence, a General Construction Induction Training Certificate and have the ability to lead a small team. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week with a commencement annual salary range from \$53,670.24 to \$59,035.60 (Grade 7) and a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions, please contact James Taliano 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 will include working in the Kiosk preparing and selling food to patrons. 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 (in child related industry sector, tick early education and child care).

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 \$26.2282 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 Trish Enness on 6962 8100.

Applications for these positions close 4pm Monday 20 May 2019

To apply or formore information about these positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au 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

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017/08 TO 2020/21 INCORPORATING THE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/20 (BUDGET) & DRAFT TEN YEAR LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2019, Council resolved to place the above-mentioned documents on public exhibition as part of the Office of Local Government’s Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding these documents. The draft documents may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benereambah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and on Council’s website at griffith.nsw.gov.au

As part of the public consultation process, members of the public are invited to attend a meeting at the Griffith City Library on **Thursday 9 May 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.**

Anyone wishing to make comment on the above documents can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday 24 May 2019.**

PUBLIC EXHIBITION DRAFT MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2019, it was resolved that the draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy GOV - CP - 413 be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. The draft policy may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benereambah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and on Council’s website at griffith.nsw.gov.au

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, Friday 14 June 2019.**

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the temporary closing of **Gallipoli Street between Animoo Avenue and Palla Street. Gallipoli Street will be closed on 8 May 2019 between 9:30am and 4pm** for the replacement of power poles by Essential Energy. A full road closure will be in place with access for local residents provided. Traffic controllers will also be used for stop slow.

NOTICE OF CLOSURE - GRIFFITH REGIONAL AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE 25M POOL

The Griffith Swimming Club are holding their yearly club championships this **Sunday 5 May 2019** in the 25m pool and as a result there will be **no access for the general public** to that pool.

The program and baby pools will still be open and operating as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL - COMMUNITY OPINION GROUP

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