

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Mayor John Dal Broi



It's been another busy and productive week. Last Saturday I had the pleasure of attending the unveiling of the Rotary Monument in Banna Avenue. This new monument is a replacement for the previous one erected by the Rotary Club of Griffith in 1966, which celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Griffith in 1916. I was truly honoured and humbled to be able to unveil the monument together with a pioneer of Griffith, Mr Keith McWilliam, who was present when the Governor of the day, Sir Roden Cutler unveiled the original monument in 1966. I thank Rotary for their work in coordinating this project. The end result is a striking piece of artwork that we can all enjoy for many years to come.

On Sunday at 11am, 100 years on from the signing of the treaty that ended World War I, Griffith fell silent as we paid tribute to the soldiers who fought and died in overseas wars and peacekeeping missions. It was a lovely service and wonderful to see such a good turnout. I was honoured to be there to commemorate such an important day. On Monday I attended a forum where we were addressed by Minister for Roads Melinda Pavey as well as executive of Southern NSW RMS, with Member for Murray Austin Evans also present. Those in attendance were briefed on a lot of information and we had the opportunity to have a discussion and lobby for various aspects but most importantly the relocation of the LINX freight hub from Railway Street to the Wumbulgal site. General Manager Brett Stonestreet and I

were in Jerilderie on Wednesday where we attended the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisations (RAMJO) meeting. This was another full and fruitful day with a broad cross-section of topics discussed. Yesterday we were in Echuca for a meeting called by the Murray Darling Association with a view to express concerns over low allocations for Murrumbidgee and Murray regions. I can't believe we are already mid-way through November. That means the end of the year and Christmas is fast approaching. I'm delighted to say that our Festival of Lights is back again. The bus tours around the city proved extremely popular last year and I'm sure they will be again. I urge those residents who plan to add some Christmas cheer to their homes, to register so that others can enjoy them. To have the tours with the buses really adds

something special. Families can jump on the buses and view all the houses and decorations and it won't cost them anything. Don't forget the Consulate General of Italy in Sydney will be in Griffith on 29 and 30 November 2018. A Consular officer will be available in the Dal Broi Room at Griffith City Council each day between 9am -12pm and 1pm - 4pm. You need to book an appointment by 25 November at the latest, and send an email to info.sydney@esteri.it specifying "Appuntamento consolare a Griffith" in the subject line.

Regards,
John Dal Broi
Emeritis Mayor

Tara wins prestigious award

Griffith North Public School can now claim a Prime Minister's NAIDOC Medal of Excellence winner among its students. Tara Muller was one of just 20 students state-wide to be bestowed the prestigious NAIDOC Medal after entering the poetry section of the NAIDOC Week School Initiative Competitions. Tara secured her PM's Medal with a poem she wrote on spirit dreaming. The Year 5 student, who was unaware she had won the medal, was surprised when Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, called her name during school assembly this week. This year, Griffith City Council was pleased to sponsor the Koori Kids' NAIDOC

Week School Initiative. Mayor John Dal Broi said the school did a fantastic job celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with a special emphasis on Griffith's inspirational Aboriginal women. "We were happy to hear that so many of Griffith North's students participated in this initiative by colouring in and writing poems," Cr Dal Broi said. "I'm pleased to announce that Griffith North student Tara Muller won the Prime Ministers NAIDOC Medal of Excellence Award for her poem. "Tara's creativity meant that her poem was chosen out of thousands of entries, earn-

ing recognition at the national level. "Congratulations to Tara and Griffith North, you can now claim a Prime Ministers NAIDOC Medal of Excellence winner among your students." For her efforts, Tara was presented with a certificate, medallion and gift. The NAIDOC Week competitions, which received more than 61,000 entries across the four categories for primary and high school students, provided young Australians with an opportunity to learn more about indigenous heritage and foster understanding. NAIDOC Week 2018 ran from 8 to 15 July. Tara is pictured below receiving her award.



Christmas Lights set to shine



Above: Council is inviting locals to help brighten up the city this festive season, with the return of the popular Festival of Lights.

With December 1 comes the traditional launch of Christmas, decorations go up, lights go on and the Christmas spirit comes to life! Griffith City Council is excited to be presenting the Festival of Lights Christmas light competition for 2018. Residents are being encouraged to register their homes for the popular competition, ensuring their home can not only be included in the route, but can be considered for the Mayor's Choice Award and the People's Choice Award. Council's Director Economic & Organisational Development, Mrs Shireen Donaldson said residents can register online at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/FOLregister to be part of the Festival of Lights. "Last year we had more than 30 properties register, with many more decorating their homes for the Christ-

mas season," said Mrs Donaldson. "Over the last two years Council has provided buses for community members to tour the Christmas lights of Griffith, and we are excited to once again provide this service every Friday night up until Christmas." The Festival of Lights Bus Tours kick off Friday 7 December and is available only by booking in advance at eventbrite.com.au and searching for Festival of Lights. Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said this is a wonderful community initiative and a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. "No matter how big or small your Christmas display is, I would encourage you to head to our website and register – residents enjoy boarding a bus or using our interactive map to see what houses are lit up,"

said Councillor Dal Broi. "In addition, every home that registers will receive 2 tickets to Griffith City Cinemas, 2 tickets to Star Bowling and 2 \$5 vouchers to Family Fun Land with thanks to our sponsors, Griffith City Cinemas." You can register your home online at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/FOLregister. The Festival of Lights runs from Friday December 1 – Friday December 21. Griffith Rotary will be holding their annual Christmas Carnival on Friday, 30 November at 5.30pm in Memorial Park. The annual Rotary Christmas Carnival will be a fantastic family event, with Council's Christmas tree being lit up at sunset. For more information, please contact Council's Corporate Communications Officer, Naomi Brugger on 6962 8100.

Let’s help Stop it at the Start

Griffith City Council is supporting a national campaign to help reduce violence against women and their children. Stop it at the Start aims to show how easily our words and actions can be misinterpreted by young people, how they might take our words at face value, or see them as an excuse or permission to behave in a certain way.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said parents, family members, teachers, coaches, employers or community leaders should be aware of the impact their words and actions have on the next generation.

“It doesn’t matter who you are, violence against women and children is not acceptable and won’t be tolerated,” Cr Dal Broi said.

“We all need to be mindful of the messages we are giving young people. They need to know that certain behaviour is inappropriate.

“As parents, and as influencers of young people, we want the best for our kids. We all need to think about the impact of what we say and do, and start conversations about respect with boys and girls.

“We need to help them understand right and wrong and to respect others, and themselves.”

To show support for the campaign and

White Ribbon Day, which falls on Friday, 23 November, 2018, Council, in partnership with Soroptimist International Griffith, Griffith Leagues Club and Exies Club, has installed White Ribbon Flags along Banna Avenue in Griffith.

Stop it at the Start targets disrespectful attitudes and behaviours adults might dismiss or ignore in young people - often without realising it. We make excuses like “it’s just boys being boys” or “he is only doing it because he likes you.”

The campaign is directed at parents and family members of children aged 10 - 17, as well as the teachers, coaches, community leaders and employers of young people.

Stop it at the Start illustrates how small steps, small moments of change - by all of us - can help break the cycle of violence against women.

Making a change can be as simple as reflecting on what we say and do, or talking to our kids about respectful relationships. In Australia, one woman a week is killed at the hands of a current or former partner.

One in two women experience sexual harassment during their lifetime.

White Ribbon Day is a day to bring awareness to the issue and encourage Australians to stand up, speak out and act.



**HE DID IT BECAUSE
HE LIKES YOU
NO ONE HAS
STOPPED HIM**

When we excuse disrespect, it can grow into violence.

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
LET’S STOP IT
AT THE START**

Learn more at respect.gov.au



Australian Government

A joint Australian, state and territory government initiative.



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:

Economic Development Coordinator

The role of the Economic Development Coordinator is to promote and enhance opportunities for economic growth across all sectors within Griffith City Council by developing economic development projects, programs and services and building strategic partnerships with stakeholders. The successful applicant will require a Diploma in Business Studies or a related field or significant experience in a similar role. Demonstrated experience working in a business development role in a diverse organisation and demonstrated understanding of local, regional, and state economic opportunities are also required. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week with an annual salary range of \$75,629.32 to \$83,194.80 (Grade 15) and a rostered day off once a month. For any questions (or a confidential discussion) about the role please contact Shireen Donaldson on (02) 6962 8100.

GIS Assets Officer

The purpose of this position is to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) and asset management services to Griffith City Council. The position shares responsibility for the management of Council’s GIS in a team environment. This includes support and training, data collection, analysis of information held with the GIS system and Asset management system, map production and asset reporting. The successful applicant will require a Certificate III in Spatial Information Services (GIS) or experience in operation and maintenance GIS/ Mapping applications and knowledge with Asset Management principals. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week with an annual salary range of \$57,829.72 to \$63,611.60 and a rostered day off once a month. For any questions (or a confidential discussion) about the role please contact Andrew Keith 6962 8100.

Applications for the above positions close 4pm, Friday 23 November 2018.

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

Clifton Boulevard operational land

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 13 November 2018 to classify Lots 1, 2 & 3 DP 1245637, Clifton Boulevard as operational land.

The land was purchased for the purpose of drainage swales and detention basin.

Council will receive written submissions up until 4pm on Thursday 13 December 2018. Any submissions made regarding the proposed classification as operational land will be referred to Council at an Ordinary Council meeting for their consideration. A copy of your letter including name and address (unless specifically requested that these details be withheld) will be publicly available as part of that Council’s meeting agenda.

Enquiries: Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Telephone: 6962 8134

**Request for Tender 17-18/19
Construction of Stormwater Drainage & Detention Basins - Griffith**

Griffith City Council invites tenders for the contract to construct approximately 900m of stormwater piping and 34,000 cubic meters of

detention basins.

Tenders close Thursday 13 December 2018,2pm.

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at www.tenderlink.com/griffith. Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service on 1800 233 533 for more information regarding the proposed contract. Tenders may be lodged electronically at www.tenderlink.com/griffith, hand delivered to Council’s Administration Building at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith NSW 2680, or via post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

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

Request for Tender 3-18/19

Design and Construction of Dual Truck Wash, Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre

Griffith City Council invites tenders for the contract to design and construct a 40m long dual bay truck wash with tilt panel sides.

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Consulate General of Italy in Sydney to visit Griffith

The Consulate General of Italy in Sydney will be in Griffith on 29 and 30 November 2018.

A Consular office will welcome attendees in The Dal Broi Room, Griffith City Council (1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680) from 9am-12pm in the morning and 1pm-4pm in the afternoon.

Applicants will need to book an appointment with this Consulate General by 25 November at the latest, and send an email to info.sydney@esteri.it specifying the following words in the subject line: “Appuntamento consolare a Griffith”.

The email must contain the applicants’ exact personal data: name, surname, place and date of birth (women must specify their maiden surname, as per their birth certificate).

Applicants who intend to request Italian citizenship recognition also need to specify their Italian descendants’ personal data (maiden surname for women). This will allow the Consulate General to run an initial check with documents or information possibly already available in the its archives.

Attendees may lodge applications relative to the following procedures:

1. Italian passport, for Italian citizens who are already registered at the AIRE with this Consulate General or who are temporarily residing in the area;
2. Recognition of Italian citizenship by descent, for Australian citizens (or foreigners to Australia holders of permanent resident visa) of Italian descent resident in the area;
3. Submission of Registry documents (births, marriages, divorces certificates). Certificates must have already been legalized by means of an Apostille by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and translated into Italian by a NAATI certified translator. Death certificates can be submitted only as a photocopy, without Apostille nor translation;
4. Signature/photo authentication, certificates of citizenship, residence, family composition and single status.

Please visit the webpage https://conssydney.esteri.it/consolato_sydney/en/i-servizi/per-i-cittadini/ for any further details and forms about passports, citizenship, civil status, the list of NAATI translators, etc.

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