



Celebrate Christmas with the GLOW2680 launch and Griffith Rotary Christmas Carnival, Friday December 3

Griffith is set to shine bright this Christmas with the launch of the Glow2680 campaign in conjunction with the 2021 Griffith Rotary Christmas Carnival from 5.30pm Friday December 3 at Griffith Memorial Park.

Council has joined forces with Griffith Rotary Club to bring both events together, creating a wonderful family friendly event for all to enjoy. The Rotary Christmas Carnival will kick off from 5.30pm, where attendees can purchase tickets to win a ham, be entertained by Lorraine Sutton and friends, while enjoying a sausage and drink with thanks to Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti. Dizzy Dilemma will be keeping the crowd entertained with short interactive workshops. Griffith Rotary Club President, David Hammond said the Club is excited to partner with Griffith City Council to bring some Christmas cheer back to residents.

"Due to COVID-19 the Carnival was not held last year and we are pleased to be able to bring back this popular event in 2021," said Mr Hammond.

"This is an event for the entire family to enjoy – we have live entertainment, face painting, jumping castle, sausage sizzle, ice-cream, fairy floss, coffee and the all-important Chocolate Wheel where you can purchase tickets to win a Christmas ham and other fantastic prizes.

Santa will be stopping by as well, so make sure you come along to Memorial Park on Friday 3 December and kick off the Christmas season with your family and friends," he added.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi will be in attendance, with Santa assisting turning on the Christmas Lights from 7.45pm.

Councillor Dal Broi said preparations were well in hand to spread even more Christmas cheer around the region this year.

"With more lights being installed in Banna Avenue and throughout Memorial Park, we wanted to use the opportunity to promote local businesses and community activities," Councillor Dal Broi said.

"Griffith will be bigger and brighter than ever this Christmas, and we are encouraging local residents to enter the Christmas Light and Merry Mailbox Competition at our website at glow268.com.au.

"Once the Banna Avenue and CBD Lights are switched on, take a look at our website and make sure you take the self-drive tour of the local lights – it is always a great way to get into the festive spirit," added Councillor Dal Broi.

Councillor John Dal Broi said he hoped this festive event and the extra glow would ensure locals had something to look forward to after a difficult year.

"The aim is to brighten up our and start doing the things we have missed," he said.

"We invite the community to join in the Christmas celebrations where possible and support local businesses when thinking of gifts and shopping."

Griffith City Council is encouraging residents

to shop local this Christmas through the Star Business Program and Star Shopper Competition, as well as the Glow2680 Sidewalk Sale on Saturday 4 December.

Director Economic & Organisational Development, Ms Shireen Donaldson said many Banna Avenue businesses will head out to the pavement and be part of the Sidewalk Sale.

"More than 20 businesses have registered to bring the shopping to the street, with plenty of bargains to kick start your Christmas shopping," said Ms Donaldson.

"Keep an eye out for the Star Business sticker and enter the draw with your purchase – winners can take home a \$500 voucher or one of five \$100 vouchers to spend at a Star Business of your choosing."

Attendees to the Glow2680 launch and Griffith Rotary Christmas Carnival will be required to check in on arrival and show their vaccination status. NSW COVID-19 regulations state events are only open to those who are double vaccinated, with unvaccinated children under 16 accompanied by an adult who is double vaccinated. COVID-19 Marshalls will be on hand to check your status, please have this ready when you are approached.

For further details about Christmas events, the Star Shopper competition and what local businesses are offering, head to www.glow2680.com.au

#GLOW2680 SIDEWALK SALE Saturday 4 December

Head to Banna Avenue and bag a bargain! #shoplocal



End of an era for Griffith Mayor



Tuesday night marked the end of an era for Griffith, with the City's longest-serving Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi chairing his final Council Meeting.

After representing the Griffith community in Local Government for more than 43 years, 27 as Mayor, Councillor Dal Broi said his one wish for Griffith is that it continues to thrive.

"I am proud to leave Council with a strong balance sheet and a long list of worthwhile projects achieved that have helped make Griffith a great place to live," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"My hope for Griffith is that we keep growing. When I was first elected we had a population of around 18,000 now Griffith is identified as a regional city. I hope we continue to grow and push our population to 35,000, once we've reached that both Federal and State governments will look at us in a different light and with that all of the others services such as higher education and expansions in processing and manufacturing will flow in."

Making a surprise appearance at Tuesday night's meeting via Zoom, President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Linda Scott, congratulated Cr Dal Broi on his lifetime commitment to Griffith.

"I commend John on serving his community over such a long period of time," she said.

"His tireless dedication to Griffith and its people is a remarkable achievement and I wish him the very best in his retirement and in recognition of that, on behalf of Local Government NSW I would like to present the Mayor with the Outstanding Service Award - the highest honour from the LGNSW."

Over the years Councillor Dal Broi has served alongside 7 general managers and 69 Councillors.

Among his many career highlights,



Cr Dal Broi lists the Griffith Regional Theatre, the establishment of St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith, having Griffith declared a City by a special act of parliament in 1987, the Centenary Celebrations and seeing improvements to Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre, including the new 50m outdoor pool, as stand outs.

"There have been so many projects that I have personally seen come to fruition, but I'm probably most proud of the fact that I have been part of a team of elected representatives, who together with Council staff and the community, have been able to improve our City," he said.

"When I came back in 2012 we were in deficit. But working in close cooperation with the General Manager and the Senior Management Team we've been able to run surpluses for the last 10 years and that is something I'm very proud of."

Councillor Dal Broi paid special tribute to his family, in particular his wife Lurline.

"Without Lurline's unwavering support over the years I couldn't have done any of this. She has been my rock and my sounding board," said Cr Dal Broi.

"I would like to sincerely thank the residents of Griffith and villages, who entrusted me to lead Council over the years. I would also like to thank all of the Councillors for their support and the staff at Council for their passion and dedication to serving Griffith."

Following the elections on 4 December 2021 and the announcement of the new Council later that month, he will officially retire. Council is also farewelling retiring Councillors Mike Neville, Eddie Mardon and Brian Simpson. Councillor Dal Broi said he looks forward to growing old gracefully.

New Generation Boarding House approved for Griffith

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 22 November 2021, Councillors resolved to approve a Development Application for a New Generation Boarding House to be constructed in Benerembah Street.

Griffith City Council General Manager, Mr Brett Stonestreet said the New Generation Boarding House is the first of its kind for Griffith, providing 68 boarding rooms as well as an onsite manager's residence.

"Griffith City Council has been working hard to create opportunities for affordable housing, and Council's Housing Strategy aimed to address issues developers faced with providing affordable housing," said Mr Stonestreet.

"I am pleased that this has paved the way for this large scale development through the exemption of the Section 7.12 Contributions under Council's Section 94A Contribution Plan."

Griffith City Council adopted the Housing Strategy in 2019, which included rebates on Section 7.11 and 7.12 contributions for developers who demonstrate their development proposal addresses the affordable housing issue identified in the Griffith Housing Strategy. As this development has been assessed under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009, Division 3 Boarding House, the property will need to maintain boarding room rental rates to

be exempt from Section 7.12 Contributions.

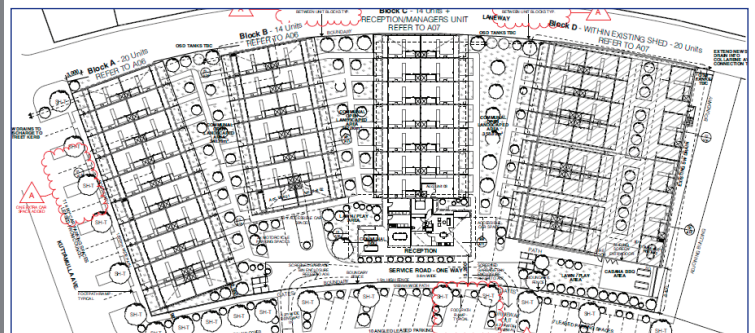
The approved development, which is to be constructed on the ex Colla Bros site in Benerembah Street Griffith, includes the construction of three (3) new freestanding boarding house buildings and the adaptive reuse of an existing building as a fourth block of boarding house rooms.

"The development will see secure, modern and centrally located affordable housing for diverse and low income households, and will create self-contained 68 boarding rooms, each with an open plan design including a kitchenette, ensuite, sleeping area, storage space and a private courtyard," said Mr Stonestreet

"In addition, residents will have access to shared laundry facilities, common open spaces and landscaped areas, creating a comfortable and welcoming affordable home."

The development includes three (3) accessible boarding rooms designed to cater for people with additional accessibility needs, and parking for 32 vehicles as well as bicycle and motorbike parking.

"Council is and has always been committed to finding solutions to the housing crisis, and this project is just one example of how the Housing Strategy can assist developers in providing affordable housing options for our community," added Mr Stonestreet.



Community Grants awarded

Round 1 of Griffith City Council's 2021/22 Community Grants Program will help local groups deliver a diverse range of community based initiatives.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 23 November 2021 Council endorsed awarding a total of \$33,500 to 13 local community organisations.

Chair of the Communities Committee, Councillor Dino Zappacosta said the Community Grant Program gives local organisations and individuals the chance to receive funds to support new projects or initiatives that assist the community.

"To be able to provide financial assistance to these organisations is fantastic because they play such a big part in helping enhance the wellbeing of our community," said Cr Zappacosta.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said Council is happy to support activities which improve welfare and provide positive outcomes for our Community.

"The Community Grant Program is a great way to help local organisations and individuals reach their goals," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"The work being done by these groups is invaluable and will flow

on to our community."

Griffith City Council's Community Grants Program has two rounds per year, with community organisations, services and individuals able to apply.

Community Grants Round 2 for 2021/22 will open first quarter of the new financial year.

The successful grant recipients for Round 1 2021/22 are:

- Barnabas House - \$ 2,500
- CareSouth – \$2,000
- PCYC - \$ 2,500
- Griffith and Regional Association of the Performing Arts (GRAPA) - \$ 1,500
- Griffith and District Football Association - \$ 2,000
- Griffith Baptist Church - \$ 2,500
- Griffith Italian Museum & Cultural Centre - \$ 2,000
- Griffith Local Domestic Violence - \$ 1,000
- Griffith Methodists Church of Fiji - \$ 4,000.00
- Griffith Prostate Cancer Support Group - \$ 1,500
- Griffith Tennis Club - \$ 1,000
- Hanwood Public School P&C - \$ 1,000
- Kalinda School - \$ 3,000
- Multicultural Council of Griffith - \$ 2,500
- Murrumbidgee Regional High School - \$ 2,500

Friends of Griffith Pound hosting Healthy Pets Day Tuesday 7 December



The RSPCA and Friends of Griffith Pound, together with Griffith City Council, are pleased to present The Griffith Healthy Pets Day on Tuesday 7 December to assist eligible pet owners in our community.

Free vaccination, microchipping and health checks for both dogs and cats will be available - bookings are essential and can be made by calling 0429 080 132.

To take advantage of this offer for up to two animals per household, pet owners will need to reside in the Griffith City Council Local Government Area (LGA) and provide proof of being a Pensioner, Healthcare card holder or on Jobseeker. All attendees must be fully vaccinated and follow social distancing advice. Dogs must be on leads and cats must be in carriers. Further information is available on the Friends of Griffith Pound Facebook page.

In addition, Friends of Griffith Pound is inviting eligible Griffith pet owners to take advantage of their latest Mini De-sexing Campaign by purchasing a voucher at a substantially discounted price.

Vouchers are available for both male and female dogs and cats.

Cats: \$60, Small Dogs (under 25kgs): \$95, Large Dogs (over 25kgs): \$120

To purchase a voucher, pet owners must reside in the Griffith City Council LGA and hold a current Pension or Healthcare card. Eligible pet owners can purchase up to 2 vouchers each and sales will cease as soon as the funding limit is reached.

Vouchers can be purchased at the following times and venues:

7 December at the RSPCA Healthy Pets Free Vaccination & Microchipping Day from 9am

• 9 December at the Bunnings Christmas Community Market from 6pm to 8pm

Or fill in the online form on the Friends of Griffith Pound Facebook page.

Friends of Griffith Pound thanks Griffith City Council for their generous support of this Campaign and are very appreciative of the continuing support given by our participating vets – Griffith Veterinary Hospital, All Creatures Veterinary Hospital and Yoogali Veterinary Centre.



Pump Track
Consultation
Saturday 27 November, 9am - 11am
Olympic Street Griffith
Come along and have your say on our exciting new pump track!



Griffith Christmas Light and Merry Mailbox Competition
Register now at glow2680.com.au

Public Notification

Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021

Council has resolved to place the Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021 on exhibition and is required to publically exhibit a Planning Strategy in accordance with the Griffith Community Participation Plan. The Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021 is available on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au along with the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 and the Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement. Anyone wishing to provide a submission on the Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021 can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au. Online submissions can also be made at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. 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. **Comments or submissions will be received until 4pm Tuesday 14 December 2021.** Submissions will be presented in a report to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for review. As such, copies of all submissions (including the writers 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. For further information regarding the Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol on 1300 176 077 or kelly.mcnicol@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Draft Council Committees Policy

Council has resolved to place the draft Council Committees Policy (GOV-CP-402) on public exhibition. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this policy. The draft policy may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Council Committees Policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition.

Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm, Friday 10 December 2021.

Proposed Park Name - Prendergast Park

Council has resolved to place the naming of a previously unnamed park in Ortella Street, Griffith to Prendergast Park on public exhibition. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. Anyone wishing to make comment on the Naming of Prendergast Park can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition.

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 **Friday 10 December 2021.**

Locality: Griffith **Reason for Proposal:** To name an unnamed park.

For further information on this proposal, please contact Council's Information Management Administrator at the Council Offices or by phone on 1300 176 077.

Naming of Hanwood Pathway

Council has resolved to propose the name of 'Bartter Path' for the shared pathway joining Hanwood and Griffith which runs parallel to Kidman Way. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The Naming of Hanwood Pathway may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. Anyone wishing to make comment on the Naming of Hanwood Pathway can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website 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, 10 December 2021.**

Draft Community Development Policy

Council has resolved to place the draft Community Development Policy (CC-CP-703) be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this policy. The draft policy may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au. Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Community Development Policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or online at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition.

Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm, Friday 7 January 2021.

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

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

Tyson Road between Back Hillston Road and Kidman Way will be closed from Monday 29 November until Monday 13 December 2021 for the installation of a pipeline across the road by Stahmann Webster. Detours around the site and access for local traffic will be provided.

Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Banna Lane until Friday 27 May 2022 for the upgrading of Kooyoo Street by Griffith City Council. Access for local traffic and detours around the site will be provided. The pedestrian crossing will also remain open during the works.

Expression of Interest - Cultural Awareness Training

Griffith City Council would like to hear from local Aboriginal people or local Aboriginal organisations who are able to deliver Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training to Council staff and Councillors. Suitably qualified applicants will be contracted as Consultants who will deliver small group interactive Workshops which focus on embedding quality Aboriginal culturally safe and appropriate practices into Council's organisational and service delivery processes.

Workshops would be gradually delivered to all Staff and Councillors in a timetable to be arranged. Consultants will design the content and format for Workshops, including presentations, handouts, and activities and be responsible for the direct delivery and facilitation of the Workshops. In particular, Council would like all Council officers to understand the significance of the land and the water within the Wiradjuri country around the City of Griffith. Workshops could include options for using sites of significance within the City of Griffith as training locations in addition to Griffith City Council provided Training Rooms.

For Selection Criteria and How to apply, please visit griffith.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition. Submissions and questions can be sent to shireen.donaldson@griffith.nsw.gov.au and must be received by **30 November 2021.**

Notification of Pest Control Program at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre

The Waste Department of Griffith City Council will commence a pest control program at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre from 6pm, Tuesday 14 December 2021 ending 6am on Thursday 16 December 2021.

Please ensure that all pets are secured on your property for this period. For further information contact John Roser – Waste Operations Manager during business hours on 1300 176 077.



Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Truck Driver – Team Leader Tar Patch Crew (Permanent)

Swimming Coordinator (Permanent Part Time)

Water & Wastewater Maintenance Operator / Relief Pumpwell Operator (Permanent)

Applications for the above positions close Monday 29 November 2021

Mechanic (Permanent)

Applications for the above positions close Monday 13 December 2021

Trades Assistant - Water & Wastewater (Permanent)

Applications for the above position close Monday 6 December 2021

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