

COUNCIL

CATCH-UP

New project officer for Lake Wyangan appointed



Local Tom Mackerras has taken on the position of Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management - Project Officer, hitting the ground running last week.

Mr Mackerras comes to Council with a wealth of skills and knowledge, which he believes is well suited to the project where it stands at the moment.

Taking over from the previous Project Officer Tom Ryan, who returned to his home in Western Australia, Mr Mackerras is passionate about Lake Wyangan, having been a member of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee and President of the Griffith Sailing Club.

"I am excited to pick up where Tom Ryan left off and look forward to continuing the good work already being undertaken," said Mr Mackerras.

"I think it helps that I am well acquainted with the history and conditions at Lake Wyangan, and have a good working knowledge of the status of the project.

"There is no doubt this is a very complex issue and there are no quick fixes – existing conditions within the Lake have accumulated over the last 50-60 years and it is going to take time to implement programs to not only address these problems, but

reduce the impact of additional nutrients and chemicals coming into the Lake which make the conditions worse," he added.

Council is currently working on the creation of two wetland areas, one on the northern side of Lake Wyangan, the other on the north eastern side.

"The purpose of these wetlands is to act as a natural filter and treat the water entering the Lake at these points," said Mr Mackerras.

"This will assist in reducing the nutrients and minerals within the Lake which contribute to the worsening conditions including Blue Green Algae."

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said Council is excited to welcome Mr Mackerras to the role, and looks forward to working with him to continue the project.

"Council is committed to this project and addressing the issues the Lake faces," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"Not only has Tom got excellent credentials and the knowledge to progress the work, but as a local and as a member of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee, he is well aware of the history and the project to date."

Griffith City Council celebrates Local Government Week

Griffith City Council will celebrate Local Government Week with events, virtual tours and information aimed at helping the community learn more about how Council operates.

Local Government Week 2020 is being held from 3 August - 9 August 2020. This year's theme is Councils Do and due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing restrictions, Council will mark the week a little differently.

Online Virtual Tours via Facebook will take residents behind the scenes of Council facilities to show what Council does.

The Water Reclamation Plant will be featured as well as segments from the Griffith Visitor Information Centre, Griffith Aquatic Leisure Centre, Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, Griffith Regional Theatre, Griffith City Library and Griffith Regional Art Gallery. Details of major projects will also be shared.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, said despite the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions Council was keen to mark Local Government Week 2020.

"There are a lot of things we won't be able to do because of the pandemic, but we still want to celebrate the week with our residents," he said.

"I invite residents to come down and see us at the Kiosk in Banna Avenue and to check out Facebook throughout the week."

Council staff will wrap up the week with Council Café, an information stall in the Main Street of Griffith on Friday, 7 August from 10am to 1pm. There will be lots of great giveaways

including native and herb seedlings, coffee vouchers and balloons. Residents will also find important information about major projects and much more.

If you have any feedback for us about any of the services or facilities Council provides call down to the Café, we'd love to hear from you.

Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) will celebrate Local Government Week by offering the following free classes:

- Monday, 3 August at 8am Gentle Aqua
- Tuesday, 4 August at 10.30am Gentle Exercise
- Wednesday, 5 August at 10.30am Gentle Pilates
- Thursday, 6 August at 8 am Gentle Aqua
- Friday 7 August at 8.30am Gentle Exercise

As Council is unable to hold any large gatherings the annual Mini Action Day won't be held, however a resource pack has been developed and will be distributed to local primary schools. The pack features information on Council services, some activity sheets and book packs. The schools also have the opportunity to book tours for smaller, individual school groups.

Unfortunately the Annual Volunteers' Thank You Lunch and the popular Cultural Walk have been cancelled due to COVID-19 but Council hopes to bring them back next year.

For more information about our Local Government Week events contact Council on 6962 8100 or visit www.griffith.nsw.gov.au



Council Meetings now open to the public

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, Council is now able to have members of the public attend Council Meetings in person.

Director Economic and Organisational Development, Mrs Shireen Donaldson said changes are being implemented to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public, staff and Councillors.

"Council Meetings can now resume in person which enables us to have a number of people attend the Ordinary Meetings of Council," said Mrs Donaldson.

"There are restrictions in place, including the introduction of this being a ticketed event - due to the social distancing measures in place, we are able to welcome 9 members of the public into the Chamber for the Meeting.

"We have made tickets available through Eventbrite - to attend, simply select the relevant Council Meeting and book your seat," she added.

For members of the public unable to book online, please contact Council's Governance Manager, Leanne Austin who will be able to assist.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will continue to be livestreamed through Council's Facebook page at facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil

for those who are unable to attend in person.

"While operating under the COVID-19 restrictions was difficult at times, it enabled us to utilise technology to keep Council operating, ensuring it was 'business as usual' for our Councillors," said Mrs Donaldson.

"We have found livestreaming to be very popular with our residents and will continue to provide this service in the future."

Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

For those interested in attending in person, Council advised that if you have travelled out of Australia in the last 28 days, travelled out of NSW in the last 7 days, came into contact with an person diagnosed with COVID-19 Coronavirus in the last 14 days, or are experiencing any cold or flu like symptoms, you will not be admitted to the meeting.

Please do not reserve a ticket if you fall under one of these categories.

For more information about Council and Committee Meetings, please visit the Council website at griffith.nsw.gov.au

Game, Set, Match! Sunshine Super Girl to premiere in Griffith

The glittering World Premiere of Sunshine Super Girl, a brand new theatre work celebrating National Living Treasure and sporting legend Evonne Goolagong-Cawley, will be the centrepiece of the inaugural Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival, this October.

Griffith Regional Arts and Museum Manager, Raina Savage never doubted the work would premiere on Wiradjuri country.

Ms Savage said, "Evonne was born in Griffith, and when we consulted the Wiradjuri community about the project, they were adamant that her story should open where it had its roots, on her traditional country."

Sunshine Super Girl is a quintessentially Australian story about an Aboriginal girl from the bush who, with the support of a small farming town and her family, became a world tennis champion and household name at 19.

Evonne's heart-warming story is a celebration of spirit and passion over privilege and discrimination; and a tribute to a great Wiradjuri woman who overcame racism and disadvantage and inspired a nation.

The Sunshine Super Girl World Premiere on Wednesday 7 October is the jewel in the crown

of Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival, an exciting new festival promoting and celebrating Wiradjuri arts and culture in the Western Riverina.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi is looking forward to what he expects to be an exciting celebration of Wiradjuri arts and culture.

"The Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival will be a fantastic event and I am extremely pleased that our Theatre and community get to be part of it," he said.

Creative Director Ms Johnson said, "The festival is a ground-breaking cultural occasion to bring the communities together, as we celebrate Evonne Goolagong-Cawley's life-time achievements. An integral element will be to look back to our roots, remember the sacrifices and be inspired to continue the legacy."

Sunshine Super Girl premieres on Wednesday 7 October, with performances on 8th -10 October at 7.30pm, and matinee on Saturday 10 October at 2pm.

Tickets for Sunshine Super Girl are available from Monday 27 July through Griffith Regional Theatre Box Office at 1 Neville Place, Griffith, or contact the theatre on 02 6962 8444.

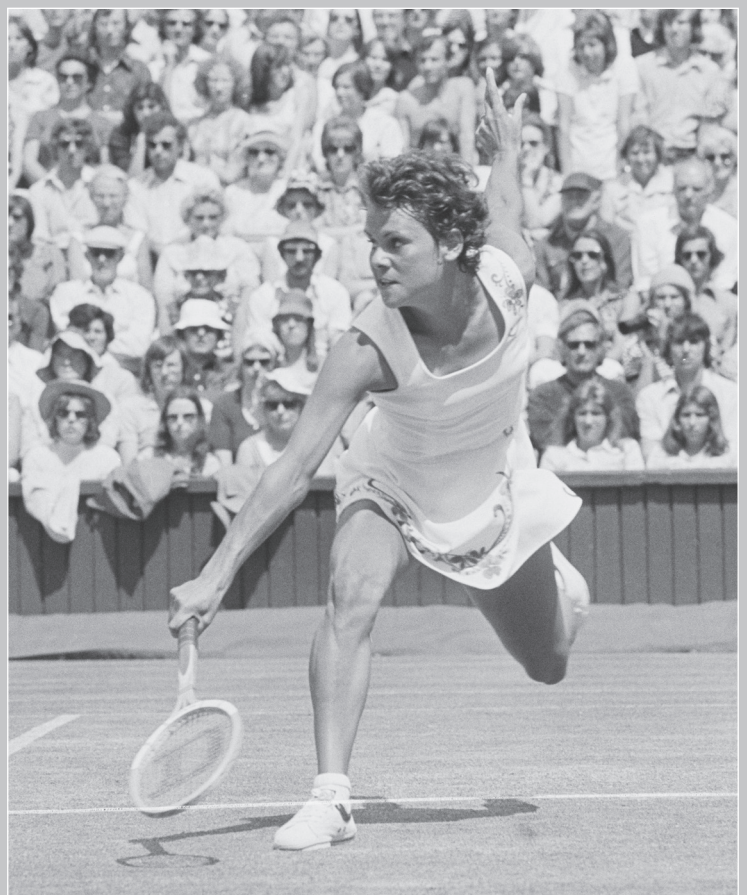


Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for:

- Economic Development Coordinator (Maternity relief position)

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



Henderson Oval Playground Upgrade going ahead

The playground at Henderson Oval Yoogali is set to undergo a \$125,000 makeover in the coming months, following a successful consultation session with Yoogali residents earlier this month.

Council will be upgrading the play equipment, and extending the shared pathway from Gorton Street to the playground.

Five design options were presented at the consultation session using Council's Virtual

Reality technology, enabling participants to become part of the landscape and 'walk through' each design. Votes were then taken, with the most popular design now being assessed and developed.

It is envisaged that the design will be finalised in the coming weeks, with construction set to commence prior to the end of the 2020.

Below: Artist rendering of the chosen option for the playground



Message from the Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi



It has been a very busy few weeks for Council, with many projects underway.

A topical issue is the conditions at Lake Wyangan. As you would have seen on the front page, we have engaged a new Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Project Officer, Tom Mackerras.

Tom comes to us with a wealth of skills and knowledge, not to mention is across the history of the Lake. He is well placed to take on this role and is a passionate supporter of the Lake.

Council is committed to investing in the future of Lake Wyangan, with over \$2M budgeted for the works required, including the creation of the wetlands which will assist with improving the water quality.

Users of Yambil Street will notice the landscaping works are underway, which has made a significant difference to the streetscape.

I appreciate the patience and support of businesses, shoppers and road users during the construction of the Yambil Street upgrades. Contractors and staff continue to work hard to deliver this project and like you, I look forward to seeing it completed.

The Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre Truck Wash works are nearing completion. The Saleyards attracts sellers and buyers from right across NSW so it's important that we can provide carriers with these improved truck washing services.

It is great to see Griffith Regional Theatre opening its doors for the first time since the COVID-19 restrictions were implemented. The Theatre opened Monday for ticket sales and small event bookings only.

You might have also noticed the renovations taking place at the Theatre. Part of the \$1.2M upgrades was the construction of an amphitheatre which is in the process of being painted by renowned local Aboriginal artist, Veronica Collins.

So far the artwork looks amazing and I cannot wait to see what the finished product will look like. It is important to pay tribute to our Wiradjuri history and having a proud Wiradjuri woman paint the

m u r a l is a coup for our City.

Most of our facilities are operational - albeit in a modified way with the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Public Health Orders. If you would like more information on opening hours or what services are being offered, please refer to their websites or Facebook page.

It is worrying to see the numbers of confirmed cases increasing and I would encourage everyone to remain vigilant. It is important to maintain good hygiene practices including washing your hands and using sanitiser, and continue to practice social distancing.

While cases in Griffith remain at zero, we need to remember it is all too easy to see a spike. If you do not need to travel outside our area, please stay home. If you have travelled to a hotspot zone including Victoria, Sydney, and Batemans Bay, you must self isolate for 14 days.

We need to work together to keep our community safe, particularly those who are more vulnerable and in the high risk category.

If you have any questions or require more information about the current restrictions or cases, please visit health.nsw.gov.au or mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au

These are very uncertain times we live in and I understand how difficult it can be to manage day to day. If you are experiencing any mental health issues, please ensure you reach out to your GP, a counsellor or any of the online services - please remember we are all in this together and we will get through it together.

Lastly, I would like to mention that next week will see Local Government Week celebrated across the country. While the events will look a little differently this year, we will be taking a moment to acknowledge the work undertaken by Local Government.

We will be holding a Council Cafe on Friday 7 August, 10am - 1pm at the Banna Ave Kiosk. We will have plenty of information and giveaways so please drop by for a chat.

Regards, Cr John Dal Broi

Bus service improvements for Griffith

from 20 July

Extended operating hours

Better connections with new train services to Goulburn and Sydney

More services on weekdays and Saturdays

Remember to maintain physical distance from others when travelling. Sit or stand where you see a green dot.



Plan your **better** trip at transportnsw.info

POSITIONS VACANT - GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Then join the 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. Griffith is one of the most vibrant regional economies in Australia with a large export sector and mature and developing enterprises in value-added food & wine production, retail, residential and industrial development, tourism and agriculture. The city boasts a cosmopolitan lifestyle that has a young & diverse multi-cultural population with authentic cafes and the region's renowned wine producers. Griffith City Council is proactive and energetic 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 (Maternity relief appointment until July 2021)

This role is a Fulltime position, although a Part-Time proposal will also be considered.

The Economic Development Coordinator promotes and enhances opportunities for economic growth across all sectors within Griffith City Council by developing and implementing Economic Development projects, programs and services. The Economic Development Coordinator builds strategic partnerships and collaborative relationships between business, government, financial and educational institutions.

Skills & Knowledge: The successful applicant will require a Diploma in Business Studies or related field or significant experience in a similar role, experience working in a business development role in a diverse organisation, have an understanding of local, regional, and state economic opportunities, the ability to research and prepare statistical reports. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application.

Hours of work: 35 hours per week

Salary and conditions: Annual salary range from \$77,520.04 to \$85,274.80 (Grade 15). Commencement of the position, including training by the current incumbent, will be on a mutually suitable date in August with full duties to commence in September 2020. It is anticipated the term of employment will conclude in July 2021.

Applications for this position close Monday 3 August 2020

If you have any questions about the role please contact Shireen Donaldson on 6962 8100.

How to apply:

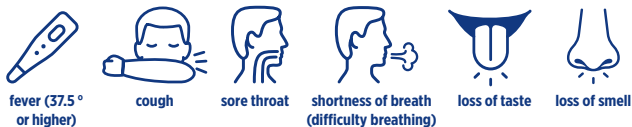
1. Log onto www.griffith.nsw.gov.au, go to the Jobs page and complete your application online.
2. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications.

Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply. Griffith City Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace

Who should get tested for COVID-19?

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include **fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting and loss of appetite.**

Testing is especially important for:

- anyone who lives or works in a high risk setting (e.g. healthcare facilities, aged care and other residential facilities, schools, prisons, and other closed settings)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- people who are close contacts of a confirmed case
- people who have returned from overseas in the last 14 days
- anyone admitted to hospital
- people who reside in areas for increased testing and surveillance

You do not need to be tested for COVID-19 if:

- You don't have symptoms.
- You have recovered from COVID-19 and have been released from isolation and/or are returning to work.

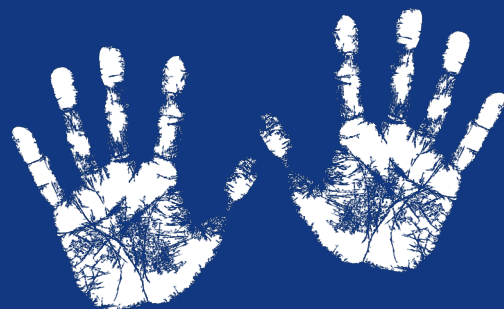
Special circumstances

- If you are part of a public health unit outbreak investigation, you need to be tested.



More information:
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

Have you washed your hands?



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub to protect yourself from viruses.



Find the facts
health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

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

Gillmartin Drive and Rifle Range Road, Madden Drive between Gillmartin Drive and Tucker Street and Gillmartin Drive between Hardiman Way and Citrus Road will remain closed until 23 September 2020 as M.N.C Pipelines will be undertaking roundabout and road construction. Access for residents and detours around the worksite will be provided.

Frazer Road between Boorga Road and New Farms Road. Frazer Road will be closed from 27 July 14 August 2020 for the upgrading of culverts by Gradian Project.

Lake View Branch Road between New Farms Road and Nugan Road. Lake View Branch Canal Road will be closed from 27 July until 14 August 2020 for the replacement of a bridge by Murray Constructions. Access for residents will be provided.

Zandona Road between McDonough Road and Simpson Road and McDonough Road between Beelbangera Road and Simpson Road. Zandona Road and McDonough Road will be closed from 7am until 5pm on 12 August 2020 as Essential Energy will be replacing power poles. Access for residents and detours around the worksite will be provided.

Grant Opportunity

COVID-19 Community Grants Relief Fund Open

Griffith City Council welcomes applications for the \$100,000 COVID-19 Community Grants Relief Fund.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to community groups, not-for-profit organisations and sporting bodies for eligible projects aimed at assisting those organisations affected by the COVID-19 lockdown.

To find out more or to apply, please visit www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants

Development Applications Received and Determined

Please visit www.griffith.nsw.gov.au to view Development Applications Determined for the month of June 2020, and to view current Development Applications on exhibition.

We are committed to keeping our community up to date. Council has a number of e-Newsletters you can now subscribe to including:

Council Catch Up

www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/catchup

Economic Development

www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/evolve

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NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979)

DA No: 198/2020(1)	Applicant: Little Italy Griffith
	Address: Lot 41 Section 2 DP 758476 230-232 Banna Avenue GRIFFITH
Description: Construction of outdoor dining structure and extension in front of adjoining tenancy	
DA No: 204/2020(1)	Applicant: Mrs C J Provera
	Address: Lot 1 DP 1260487 4-8 Harris Road GRIFFITH
Description: Fit out of existing shed for self-storage units	
DA No: 207/2020(1)	Applicant: JZ Management Pty Ltd
	Address: Lot 592 DP 751743 686 Clifton Boulevard GRIFFITH
Description: Concept Development Application under the provisions of clause 4.22 of the Environmental and Assessment Planning Act to subdivide lots approved, but not yet registered as part of development consent 223/2018	
DA No: 55/2016(2)	Applicant: Bartter Enterprises Pty Ltd
	Address: 27 Murphy Road HANWOOD, 2640 Murphy Road HANWOOD, Murrumbidgee Avenue HANWOOD, 126 McGann Road HANWOOD, 3 McGann Road HANWOOD, 2607 Murrumbidgee Avenue HANWOOD, Ben Martin Road HANWOOD, 126 Kidman Way HANWOOD LOT: 162 DP: 751709 FNO: 17, LOT: 2 DP: 1178211, LOT: 185 DP: 1195777, LOT: 356 DP: 751709, LOT: 211 DP: 751709 FNO: 126, LOT: 189 DP: 751709 FNO: 126, LOT: 357 DP: 751709 FNO: 126, LOT: 2 DP: 802982 FNO: 2607, LOT: 213 DP: 751709 FNO: 126, LOT: 1 DP: 42514 FNO: 126, LOT: 358 DP: 751709 FNO: 126, LOT: 188 DP: 751709 FNO: 126, LOT: 187 DP: 751709 FNO: 126
Description: This application seeks to modify DA 55/2016 to allow the largest design vehicle accessing the site to be increased from a B-Double (26m) to any vehicle up to and including a 36.5m A-Double configuration.	

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Council/Public Notification and Items on Exhibition/Development Applications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 02 6962 8100. This documentation may be viewed up until **4pm on Friday 14 August 2020**.

PLEASE NOTE: Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 requires the disclosure of any Political Donations & Gifts made in the two years prior to the application date.

A form is available from Council's Customer Service Centre or Council's website – www.griffith.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on 14 August 2020**.

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. If submissions are received raising concerns with the proposed development a report will be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination.

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.

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