



Griffith kicks off the festive season with #GLOW2680

Griffith kicked off the festive season on Friday night in Memorial Park with the official launch of Glow2680.

Glow2680, a Griffith City Council initiative, was held in conjunction with the Rotary Christmas Carnival.

The successful event attracted hundreds of families who enjoyed live entertainment, the chance to win hams and other prizes and a range of kids' activities such as face painting, jumping castle and bell decorating, before the lights were officially switched on.

Griffith Christmas Working Group Chairperson, Dino Zappacosta said, it was good to see Griffith shining so bright.

"It was another fantastic night for our community. To see so many happy, smiling faces out and about was incredible," he said.

"I think we can all be very proud of the beautiful lights we now have in place each year, our City centre looks amazing. I thank all of those who worked so hard to have everything in place for everyone to enjoy."

Rotary Club of Griffith representative, David Hammond, said the night was a big success, with many families coming together to enjoy the event.

"We had to cancel our carnival last year due to COVID-19 so it's wonderful to return in such a big way," Mr Hammond said.

To the delight of the many small children in attendance, Santa also made a special appearance on the night.

Around 20 businesses along Banna Avenue opened their doors for late-night shopping as part of the Glow2680 Star Shopper competition.

Visitors to Glow2680 this year noticed a new splash of colour as two large trees at either end of the park have had new up-lights installed which cycle through a variety of colours.

Even more fairy lights have been added to the plane trees along Banna Avenue, additional shooting stars throughout the gardens and the popular community Christmas tree, walk-through bauble and twinkling archway are also

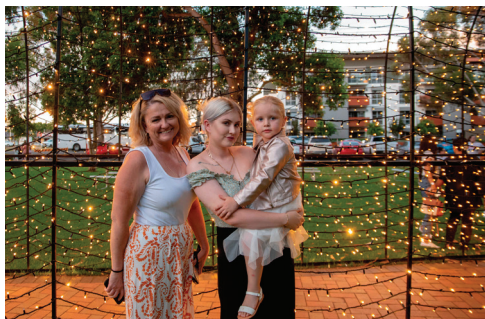
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Festive Christmas banners can be seen along the main street, with carols being played throughout December. The community Christmas tree was installed at Yenda last week and additional shooting stars placed at the Yenda, Hanwood, Beelbanger, Lake Wyangan, Yoogali, Tharabogang, Bilbul and Nericon villages.

Stars can also be seen at many Council facilities dotted around Griffith.

Council is requesting that all residents adopt a Neighbourhood Watch style approach when it comes to the Christmas decorations. If any resident should see any vandalism being caused they should report the incident to the local police or to Council on 1300 176 077.

Council will pay a reward of up to \$2,000 to members of the public for information resulting in the conviction against persons damaging Council property – information received will be treated confidentially.



Local family overwhelmed by Quest Staycation win



Local couple Sheree and Chris Wheelan, along with their son Lucas will enjoy Carols by Candlelight in style this weekend after winning Griffith City Council's Quest Carols Staycation Competition.

Mrs Wheelan and her family were nominated by a close family friend who has witnessed their struggles over the last 18 months.

Lucas, the Wheelan's two year old son was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic disorder affecting the lungs. Due to COVID-19, Lucas has been forced into isolation to reduce the risk of infection, putting a strain on him as well as his mother.

Council teamed up with Quest Griffith again this year to offer one lucky resident the best seat in the house, with an overnight stay in a balcony apartment, complete with grazing and dessert platters to enjoy the Carols in comfort.

More than 40 nominations were received, with Sheree Wheelan being selected from an overwhelming number of inspirational entries.

Upon finding out she had not only been nominated, but had won the Staycation, Mrs Wheelan said knowing someone even nominated them (and that person also has had their fair share of struggles this year) let alone the Mayor being touched by their story, truly made her feel grateful for so much love, kindness and thoughtfulness in her friend and the Griffith community.

"After having Lucas 2 years ago and finding out he has Cystic Fibrosis (shocked is an understatement), it's been hard, but adding COVID to the mix and having to keep away from social events makes my heart break knowing my little man misses out on so many exciting activities, playdates and just getting to have a normal life especially now he is older and starting to understand," said Mrs Wheelan.

"This Staycation is such a blessing,

we can enjoy the Carols without the added stress of worrying if anyone is sick and experience a family night without all that extra worry....but mostly see Lucas experience what all the other kids get to, seeing his face light up, and the joy in his eyes means more to my husband Chris and I than anything in this world.

"When you look at Lucas you wouldn't ever know he is our CF warrior, whatever life throws his way he has taken in his stride with a smile on his face. As his parents we are the same and don't try to show the hard times because we honestly believe there is someone doing it harder in the world than us! From the bottom our hearts, thank you Griffith City Council and Quest!

Griffith City Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, said he was once again amazed by the response to the competition.

"It was very difficult to select a winner because they were all so worthy, however the situation the Wheelan Family were in, made it hard to go past – I am so happy that we can provide a safe environment for them to enjoy the Carols," Councillor Dal Broi said.

"This initiative from Council and the Quest and the number of entries shows how important it is to brighten someone's Christmas like this and spread some cheer to someone who is really deserving."

Quest Griffith Franchisees Yannick Mew and Sophie Sun were delighted to be part of the competition again this year, with Ms Sun saying they are pleased to be able to bring joy to the family.

"Griffith is such a wonderful and welcoming community, and we are pleased to be able to assist in making someone's Christmas a little more special by donating the apartment," said Ms Sun.

"We look forward to welcoming Sheree, Chris and Lucas and hope they enjoy the experience this weekend."

Glow2680 Sidewalk Sale a massive success

Banna Avenue was a hive of activity last Saturday, with the street filled with bargain shoppers taking advantage of the Glow2680 Sidewalk Sale, brunching and enjoying gelati while getting in their Christmas shopping, in what has been described as 'an extremely busy day' for local businesses.

A staff member from Luna Wild, said the day went extremely well and they were pleased with the Council initiative.

"We were busy right up until 4pm, demonstrating how successful sidewalk sales can be. We look forward to working with Council in the future to hold more sidewalk sales," she said.

Lola & Iris also participated in the sidewalk sale, with a representative saying it was a fantastic day.

"The Glow2680 Sidewalk Sale really brought everyone to the main street – everyone was out to shop and we would love to see this happen a few times each year," she said.

"Many of our customers on Saturday were from out of town, particularly Sydney, and they were really impressed with our boutique stores and Griffith's great food and wine."

Griffith City Council's Director Economic and Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson

said the Sidewalk Sale was just one part of the Glow2680 event throughout the Christmas season, aimed at encouraging residents to shop local.

"It has been a tough couple of years for retailers, and the Council team wanted to promote the importance of the shop local message and the flow on effect it has in the community," said Ms Donaldson.

"The Glow launch saw many people gather in Memorial Park on Friday night, many taking advantage of the shopping and heading out for dinner afterward, while Saturday saw Banna Avenue spring to life with the Sidewalk Sale injecting dollars into our local economy.

"In addition, the Star Shopper and Star Business campaign has been a roaring success, with more than 10,000 entries so far – we have truly enjoyed working with our local retailers and hospitality outlets to encourage residents to keep their hard earned money local this Christmas," she added.

The Star Shopper campaign ends this week, with the winners of the \$500 voucher and the five \$100 vouchers announced at Saturday's Carol by Candlelight event in Memorial Park.

The Star Shopper campaign was supported by 40 local businesses.



Black Dog riders acknowledge Griffith City Council



Griffith's Black Dog Riders roared into Benerembah Street last week to show their appreciation to Griffith City Council for helping keep the conversation about depression and suicide prevention going.

During their ride in August this year they managed to raise \$6500 for mental health programs across the country, but Black Dog Ride State Coordinator, Bear Falconer said, while the funds were important, it was getting the message out and sparking conversations that made the biggest difference.

On behalf of around 40 local riders who took part, Mr Falconer presented a special blade shaped plaque to Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, for the support provided.

"We are very, very happy with the support provided by Griffith, it is the friendliest town we've ever been to," Mr Falconer said.

"When a group ride into a small community it always attracts attention which opens up the

opportunity to talk to people and they share their struggles."

While the state-wide ride of thousands of Black Dog Riders was cancelled for the second year in a row this year, Griffith rider Glenn Dal Broi said the date for 2022 was set down for 5 August.

"We will be starting from Griffith City Council again next year and hope to be able to raise funds and awareness again," he said.

In accepting the supporter's blade on behalf of Council, Councillor Dal Broi said he was happy to have helped spread the word.

"This is such a worthwhile cause and one that needs our ongoing support," he said.

To find out more about the Black Dog Ride go to www.blackdogride.com.au

PHOTO: Margarita Day, Black Dog Ride State Coordinator Bear Falconer, Glenn Dal Broi and Barry Day present Mayor John Dal Broi with a plaque to say thank you for supporting the cause.

Carols by Candlelight this weekend!

Griffith residents will lift their voices in song together this Saturday, 11 December when the Carols by Candlelight 2021 is held in Memorial Park.

Curated by local music teacher Matt Segraves, Carols by Candlelight will feature all your favourite local musicians with a set list designed to delight the crowd.

Event Organiser Julie Andreazza is encouraging locals and visitors to bring the whole family along, and enjoy the festive spirit in beautiful surroundings.

"I am thrilled that we will be holding this event again, especially after the trying year everyone has had," Mrs Andreazza said.

"Matt has worked very hard behind the scenes to put together this incredible program and I know everyone will have a wonderful time with family and friends, in a very picturesque and festive environment."

Performers include the Marian Catholic College Band, Romina Tappi, Teneeka Andreazza, Jock Lander, Bonnie Brown, Megan Balind, Chris Tomlin, Lauren Daigle, Jenny Ellis, Ruben Sebastian, James Walsh, the Lake Wyangan Choir, Lilly Harris, Lillie Duxbury, Laura Tarbit, Lara Calabria, and Ben Ceccato.

Attendees will be entertained by local acts, a visit by Santa and

food and drinks available from Peeches Coffee, BBQ from Rotary Club Griffith Avanti, as well as Mrs Whippy.

The winners of the Griffith City Council Star Shopper Campaign will be announced, with more than 10,000 entries in the draw to win a \$500 voucher or one of five \$100 vouchers.

Those attending the 2021 Carols by Candlelight are encouraged to bring chairs or a picnic rug as seating is not provided.

"While restrictions have eased, the event is being run in accordance with the NSW Health Public Order," said Mrs Andreazza.

"Attendees must be COVID-19 double vaccinated to attend, children under 16 years who are unvaccinated must be accompanied by a vaccinated adult. Please have your certificate ready upon check in – we understand that this is disappointing for some, but it is essential that the event is run in accordance with current restrictions."

Council's Christmas Working Group Chair, Dino Zappacosta said, he was glad to see Carols would be held in Memorial Park.

"With all of the extra fairy lights in trees along Banna Avenue and added lights in Memorial Park, it's going to be a magical experience," he said.



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 Community Development Policy

Council has resolved to place the draft Community Development Policy (CC-CP-703) 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, Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition.

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 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 4pm, Friday 7 January 2022.**

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.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing of **Banna Lane between Jondaryan Avenue and Ulong Street on Sunday 12 December from 7am until 4pm and Tuesday 14 December 2021 from 10pm until 7am** for the upgrading of water mains by Griffith City Council. Detours around the site and access for local traffic and businesses will be provided.

Council Christmas Closures

Council's Administrative Office at 1 Benerambah Street and Council Depot be closed for the period of **1pm Friday 24 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022 inclusive and will re-open for business on Tuesday 4 January 2022.**

Griffith City Pound and Rehoming Centre - After hours emergencies for serious dog attacks and straying stock only contact the Ranger 0408 210 196.

Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre will be closed Wednesday 15 December 2021 and will re-open Friday 7 January 2022.

Tharbogang Waste Management Centre will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Yenda Waste Management Facility will be closed Boxing Day.

All domestic recycling and commercial garbage collections will be as per normal over the Christmas/New Year period, i.e. garbage will still be collected on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day holidays. Garbage bins need to be put out the night before as usual.

For a full list of Council facilities including Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Griffith Regional Theatre, Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, Griffith City Library, Westend Sports Stadium, and Griffith Visitor Information Centre please visit www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/notice-of-closures

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

DA Number: 309/2021(1)	Applicant: P & R Piccolo Family Trust T/A Piccolo Family Farm
Address: Lots 678 & 679 DP 39618, 114-116 Mallinson Road LAKE WYANGAN	
Description: Temporary Use of Land as Function Centre for up to 12 outdoor events in any calendar year.	

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Planning & Development/Development Applications - Notifications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 176 077. This documentation may be viewed up until **4pm on Friday 17 December 2021. 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 at 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 Friday 17 December 2021. 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.

DA Number: 317/2021(1)	Applicant: Mr D Kenny
Address: Lot 65 DP 751728, 189 Ross Road YOOGALI	
Description: Event - Temporary use for 1 day event	

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Planning & Development/Development Applications - Notifications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 176 077. This documentation may be viewed up until **4pm on Wednesday 8 December 2021. 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 at 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 Wednesday 8 December 2021. 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.



Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- General Labourer – Casual
- Applications for the above positions close Wednesday 15 December 2021**
- Gardener (Permanent)
- Gardener/Plant Operator - Cemetery (Permanent)
- Applications for the above position close Monday 10 January 2021**
- Assistant Engineer - Traffic and Civil (Permanent)
- Applications for the above position close Monday 24 January 2021**

To apply, visit: griffith.nsw.gov.au