

Griffith Festival of Gardens

October 2016



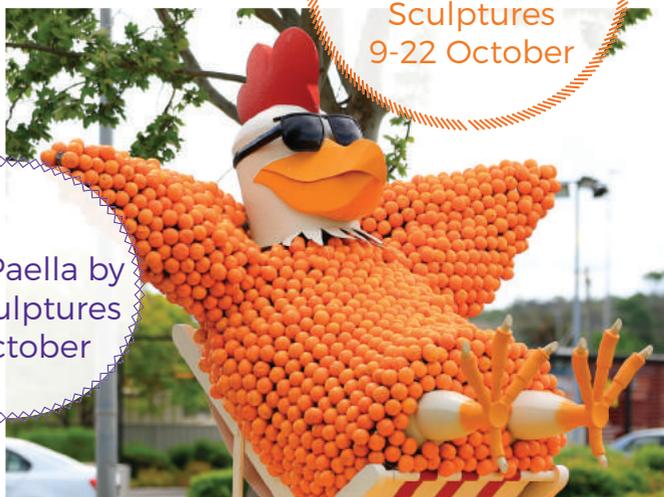
Meet Costa
at the eight
open Gardens
14-17 October



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Sculptures
9-22 October



Enjoy Paella by
the Sculptures
14 October



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Griffith Festival of Gardens



A centenary is a significant celebration and the 2016 Festival of Gardens contributes to the celebrations of Griffith’s centenary with a program which will cater to visitors and locals alike. The festival begins with the construction of the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures on Sunday 9th October. An invitation is extended to all to come along and assist in erecting the 70 citrus sculptures which brighten Banna Avenue for the 2 weeks of the festival.



Costa Georgiadis, ABC Gardening presenter and entertainer, begins his program with a free workshop for families at Griffith City Park on Thursday 13th October. His busy program continues with walks and talks in the open gardens, attendance at the Paella by the Sculptures and presentation at the Long Table Dinner at Pioneer Park Museum.

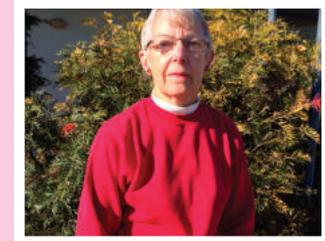
The Festival program includes the Paella by the Sculptures on Friday 14th October in the Visitor Information Centre car park with delicious paella and entertainment by community groups making this a popular attraction for families.

Eight private gardens will be open to the public from Friday 14th to Monday 17th October. These gardens are guaranteed to provide visitors with different visual and sensory experiences and garden owners are on-hand and willing to share their gardening tips and information with visitors.

On Saturday 15th the Long Italian Table Dinner at Pioneer Park Museum provides a unique cultural experience as diners relax under the stars, share a long table, Italian food and local wine and are entertained by Costa and a local Italian piano accordionist.

2016 is a special year for the Griffith community and the 2016 Festival of Gardens will be one of the outstanding centenary festivals.

Come and join the party!



Pat Cox

Chair Griffith FOG committee

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Festival Ambassador Costa

The Greek returns to Griffith



It's an absolute pleasure to be coming back to Griffith and to be part of your Festival of Gardens & Citrus Sculptures for 2016. Being a part of the event in 2015 was an experience that I have been speaking about everywhere I go around the country. The Griffith Community made me feel so welcome during my stay and people approaching me to say hi and welcome and thanks for coming from the moment I touched down and met the staff at the airport. From the Paella night to the retirement village, the long table dinner under the stars, to the school visits, the incredible gardens and the full tilt passionate gardeners it was a no contest when Mirella and the Visitor Centre team asked me before I left if I would come back again this year. And I am really looking forward to returning to Griffith and meeting familiar faces again, making new friends and seeing the gardens, the landscapes and the sculptures in a whole new light. Regional events

like this put places on the map and to all the individuals behind the scenes, the volunteers who do this because they love it and they love their home, their part of the world I respect and acknowledge all you do. See you out in the gardens or on the streets or at one of the many planned events.

Costa

Festival Events October 2016



Compost Rocks Workshop

Thursday 13 October

Come spend some time in Costa's Compost Academy for a fun hands-on look into the wonder of compost. Sign up to the academy beforehand or on the day and take on Costa's one month challenge to getting started or improving your compost. Learn about what you can and can't compost, get some tips and tricks on how to become a compost rockstar. We'll get started at 5.30pm! Mum and Dad bring the kids, bring Nan and Pop, Uncles and Aunts, grab your nieces and nephews and come along for a cool afternoon of fun in the compost. There will also be a free BBQ provided.

Venue: Food Forest, City Park, Kookora Street, Griffith

Time: 5pm for 5.30pm | **Price:** Free

Phone the Visitor Information Centre 1800 681 141



Open Gardens

Friday 14, Saturday 15, Sunday 16 & Monday 17

Eight beautiful gardens, ranging from cottage style gardens to large country estates, are open to the public from 9:30am to 5pm each day. Catering, morning and afternoon tea and/or lunch, is offered at most of the gardens, so you can stay a while, chat and relax in the beautiful surrounds. Costa will present a walk and talk at each garden during the festival. See page 10 for details.

Venue: Various locations | **Cost:** Adults \$6, Children are free



Garden Bus Tours

Friday 14, Saturday 15, Sunday 16 & Monday 17

A great day out with like-minded people! The tour includes garden visits and lunch. You'll also enjoy learning about the region, with commentary from the local driver. Morning and afternoon tea are available at your own expense.

Friday & Sunday: Gardens - 1, 2, 3 & 4

Saturday & Monday: Gardens - 5, 6, 7 & 8

Venue: Meet at the Visitor Information Centre | **Cost:** \$60

Time: Check at time of booking

Bookings Essential: 1800 681 141



Paella by the Sculptures

Friday 14

Celebrate the launch of the Citrus Sculptures and Garden Festival at the street party amongst the Sculptures. Children's activities, games and entertainment for the whole family. Paella and other delicious dishes available to purchase. Meet Costa and admire the Sculptures. A family event. Limited seating available, bring a chair or rug.

Venue: Visitor Information Centre car park, corner Jondaryan and Banna Avenues

Cost: Free entry | **Time:** 5.30pm – 8pm



Long Italian Table with Costa

Saturday 15

Join Costa at a long table event, sharing Italian food, local wine, music and stories under the stars in the gardens at Pioneer Park Museum. This event captures the essence of Griffith and it's people.

Venue: Pioneer Park Museum, Remembrance Drive, Griffith

Cost: \$70 | **Time:** 6pm – 10pm

Bookings Essential: 1800 681 141



Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures

Sunday 9 – Saturday 22

More than 70 large 3D citrus sculptures line Griffith's main street creating a magnificent sight. Floodlit at night to extend viewing.

Venue: Banna Avenue, Griffith | **Cost:** Free | **Time:** Any time



Citrus Sculptures 9-22 October 2016

The Citrus Sculptures are a unique event in Australia and a feature of the Griffith Festival of Gardens. Now in their 21st year, the sculptures have grown from just five in 1995 to more than 70 large 3D sculptures lining Banna Avenue, Griffith's main street in 2016. The sculptures are based on the famous lemon sculptures in Menton, France and with Griffith being a major citrus producing region in Australia the sculpture idea was a good one. After consulting local engineers and contacting France, Griffith was granted permission to use their method of securing the fruit. The Citrus Sculptures have become a major visitor attraction bringing thousands of people to Griffith every year. Since 2013, Real Juice Company has been the naming rights sponsor of the Citrus Sculptures, offering both a wonderful synergy and the opportunity to continue to grow the Festival. Real Juice Company is a local juicing business. The sculptures are erected early on Sunday morning by an army of over 700 community volunteers. More than 100,000 oranges and rubber bands are used to construct the sculptures. It is a fabulous community event with schools, local businesses, banks, cultural, service and church groups, and multi-national companies working side by side to create a magnificent outdoor exhibition.

As this is a free exhibition, any donations will be greatly appreciated and can be made at the Visitor Information Centre

Interesting Fact

The Riverina produces 1/3 of Australia's citrus and is the major orange production region in Australia. Our unique combination of water security, fertile soils, advanced farming practices and warm climate produce some of the highest quality citrus fruit on the global market.



Open Gardens 14-17 October 2016



Gardens Open: 9:30am-5pm

KEY:

Open: F | Friday, SA | Saturday, SU | Sunday, M | Monday

Catering: ☕ Morning & Afternoon Tea 🍴 Lunch

☕: Costa appearance

Cost: Garden Entry - Adults \$6 (includes ticket in the lucky garden entry draw for a \$250 Bunnings Voucher) Children free



1. Robyn & Peter Dal Broi, Farm 1301 Bradley Rd, Griffith

Take a stroll around this delightful garden that has been 18 years in the making. It has been created with large open spaces, complemented with a simple design and sweeping lawns. The garden features a mix of natives and exotics and a number of very old roses. The owners have added many new roses, camellias, gardenias and salvia. Large established trees along with Crepe Myrtles and Bottle Brushes screen the garden from the road with dwarf fruit trees lining the driveway.

Supporting: Griffith PCYC | **Open:** F, SA, SU, M

Providing: ☕ Everyday, 🍴 SA & SU - Catering by Sugarmill

Added Attractions: Raffle handmade quilt, plants for sale, car display. Tobias Sculptural Metal display & sales.

☕: Sunday 16 at 12.30pm Communities of Change - Join Costa for a talk on vegie swaps & community gardens.

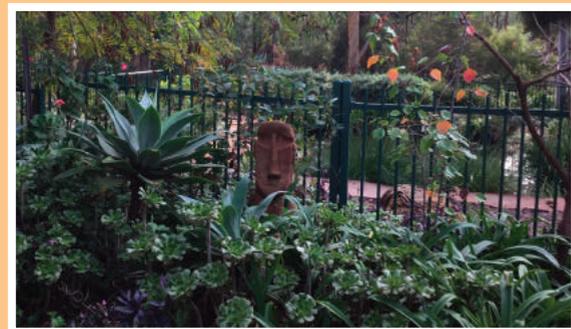


2. Joy & Bruno Plos, 'Belle Amour Garden' 5 Maegraith Place, Lake Wyangan

This award winning garden is surrounded by a peaceful bushland setting. Over some 25 years Joy & Bruno have created a tranquil garden full of irises, perennials, heritage shrubs, trees and roses, including David Austin's which cascade over arbours and arches leading to a sunken rose garden. Exotic hybrid clematis entwine over garden structures built by Bruno, admire the gazebo which contains hand painted porcelain and fine bone china (on display and for sale). Enjoy the delightful vegie garden which features Bruno's espaliered fruit trees. This truly is a garden for all seasons and is at its most desirable in spring!

Supporting: Griffith Social Dancers | **Open:** F, SA, SU, M
No catering | **Added Attractions:** Music, art display, plants

🌱 Friday 14 at 1pm **The Backyard Revolution - Costa shares his philosophy and his dream for every backyard in Australia.**



3. Phoebe Harrison, 8 Maegraith Place, Lake Wyangan

A large established hidden gem set in a private bushland setting. This garden has evolved over 40 plus years. It is informal with a mix of exotic and native plants set among old established local natives including rosewoods, box trees and local pines. There is a beautiful pond with frogs, goldfish and the sound of running water.

Supporting: NEURA (Neuroscience Research Aust) | **Open:** F, SA, SU
Providing: ☕

Added Attractions: Stalls selling hand made goods & plants

🌱 Sunday 16 at 11am **Future Farmers - Join Costa to hear why schools, backyard and community gardens are the key to the future of food.**

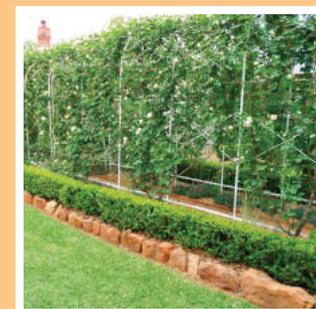


4. Rosa & Simon MacKenzie, 6 Murphy Cres, Griffith

48 years ago our bare, dusty block, with a public park on its western side, began its transformation. Lawn was laid and the beginning of formal plantings, including an extensive rose garden, celebrated the love of colour, flowers, floral scents and beauty – a gift passed on by my mother! Adjusting, over time, to present conditions of added shade, design preferences, space available and optimum growing conditions, the front garden displays individual perennial shrubs, varying in scale and textures, but with complementary splashes of colour, highlighting the fresh greens and powdery greys of understory plantings. The back garden features formal hedges, enclosing perennial shrubs chosen for shape, style, and colour.

Supporting: Can Assist & Griffith Carevan | **Open:** F, SA, SU
No catering | **Added Attractions:** Public playground & park next door

🌱 Friday 14 at 3.30pm **Verge Gardening - Costa talks about his experiences with creating verge gardens. Come and be inspired!**



5. Patricia & Louis Sartor, Farm 2558 Leonard Road, Hanwood

Trish & Lou's garden is set amongst a citrus orchard near the village of Hanwood, south of Griffith. The one acre garden compliments the house with an Australian theme. It has been recently planted amongst established trees, forming paths and arches that exhibit many roses and cottage plants. A section of the rose garden holds many classics. Items of Australiana are scattered throughout the garden, with Sunshine gates, a Furphy water tank and a rose arbour being amongst the features. A small exhibition of local artwork will also be on display and thus infuses the garden with a "heritage feel".

Supporting: Country Hope | **Open:** F, SA, SU, M
Providing: ☕ || F, SA & SU

Attractions: Art & craft display, stalls & plant sales

🌱 Saturday 15 at 2.30pm **Costa's Story – Come and hear all about Costa's life journey into the galaxy of gardening and beyond.**



6. Marj & Mick Careri, 'Rosewood Park on Stokes' 2355A Stokes Road, Hanwood

This three acre garden is hedged by a wall of roses and many flowering trees and shrubs make this garden a perfume delight. 1600 Roses of all kinds, arbours, arches, gazebos and gables lend themselves to hold up the beautiful Pierre De Ronsard and many repeat plantings of Lorraine Lee and Crepuscule. Small garden rooms have been incorporated to provide cool shaded areas for tropical and shade loving plants. A 40 year old Liquid Amber is wonderful here. A gazebo nestled on a large pond filled with water lilies and Irises is a welcome respite after a wander through the garden.

Supporting: Binya School | **Open:** F, SA, SU, M | **Providing:** ☕️ 🍴

Added Attractions: Music and singing performed by Peter Smith from 12pm on Saturday. Antique china, kitchenware, Youmehappy cafe with tea & candles, raffles, stalls, art & craft, plants for sale.

Note: Wheelchair access

🌱🌱 **Saturday 15 at 11am Children's Workshop** – Come to this workshop to learn about gardening with succulents. Children are able to take home their own Costa inspired potted succulent.



7. Tresa & Chint Quarisa, Farm 1069 North Kooba Settlers Rd, Willbriggie

Drive through the sandstone and wrought iron gate down the avenue of gum trees leads you to a 12 year old country garden. An avenue of Manchurian Pears leads you to a roundabout of Peace Roses in a Ligustrum hedge. You will find a feature to the side where you can sit and relax under the pillars of a rotunda or just enjoy a stroll around the rural garden. The view from the courtyard at the back of the house has a pond behind a colonnade of wisteria which edges expansive lawns and cottage style flower beds.

Supporting: Motor Neurone Support Group | **Open:** F, SA, SU, M

Providing: ☕️ **Added Attractions:** Sing Australia performing 1.30pm - 3pm on Saturday

🌱🌱 **Saturday 15 at 12.30pm Chooks, Chooks, Chooks** - Costa shares his tips for keeping backyard chooks; he will give you some crazy ideas on how you can make your own chicken coup using recycled items.



8. Tori Horder & Lawrence Salvestrin, 'Davitt Farm' Cashmere Road, Widgelli

This large country garden is surrounded by mature trees which create summer shade and an exciting tapestry of greens. Visitors are able to stroll from one garden room to another in this tranquil setting. Enjoy all the delights of this garden including formal lily pond, small lake with water iris & rambling roses, a Monet Bridge, species Rose garden, a white trunked forest and many areas of dry stone walls. Tori is always adding new features to this ever changing garden. This elegant country garden invites you to sit and enjoy the vistas, serenity and space. (5 min dry road access to Garden 7, 10 min dry road access to Garden 6)

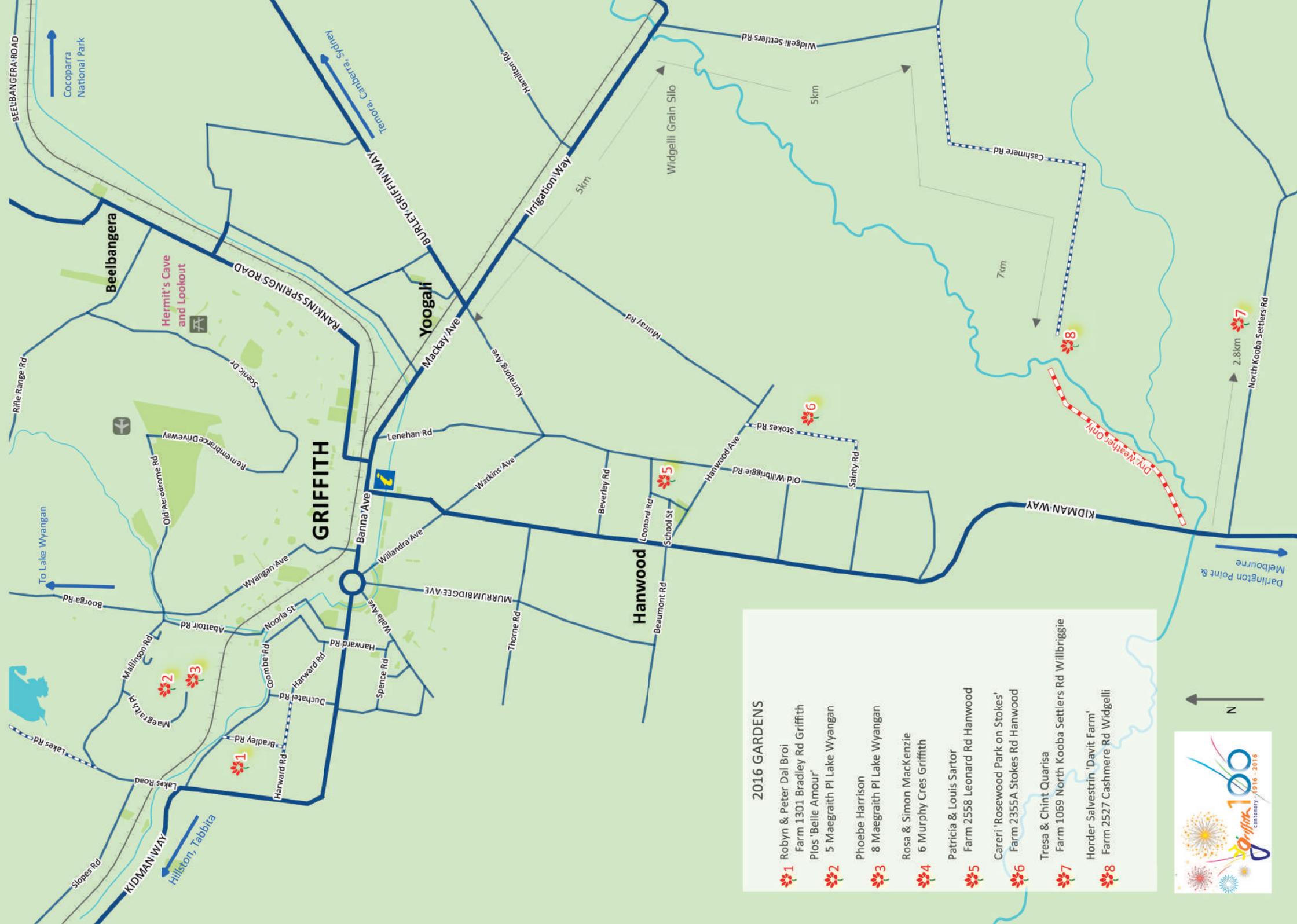
Supporting: Griffith Riding for the Disabled | **Open:** F, SA, SU, M

Providing: ☕️ 🍴

🌱🌱 **Sunday 16 at 2.30pm No Dig Gardening** - Join Costa for a talk on No Dig Gardening and find out how you can build a plot in your garden. It's easy, just come along!

Where is Costa? 🌱🌱

- **Thursday 13 at 5.30pm Compost Rocks Workshop City Park.**
- **Friday 14 at 1pm The Backyard Revolution** - Costa shares his philosophy and his dream for every backyard in Australia. *Plos Garden 2.*
- **Friday 14 at 3.30pm Verge Gardening** - Costa talks about his experiences with creating verge gardens. Come and be inspired! *MacKenzie Garden 4.*
- **Friday 14 at 5.30pm - Paella by the Sculptures.** Visitor Centre car park.
- **Saturday 15 at 11am Children's Workshop** - Come to this workshop to learn about gardening with succulents. Children are able to take home their own Costa inspired potted succulent. *Careri Garden 6.*
- **Saturday 15 at 12.30pm Chooks, Chooks, Chooks** - Costa shares his tips for keeping backyard chooks; he will give you some crazy ideas on how you can make your own chicken coup using recycled items. *Quarisa Garden 7.*
- **Saturday 15 at 2.30pm Costa's Story** - Come and hear all about Costa's life journey into the galaxy of gardening and beyond. *Sartor Garden 5.*
- **Saturday 15 at 6pm Long Italian Table** - Pioneer Park Museum.
- **Sunday 16 at 11am Future Farmers** - Join Costa to hear why schools, backyard and community gardens are the key to the future of food. *Harrison Garden 3.*
- **Sunday 16 at 12.30pm Communities of Change** - Join Costa for a talk on veggie swaps & community gardens. *DalBroi Garden 1.*
- **Sunday 16 at 2.30pm No Dig Gardening** - Join Costa for a talk on No Dig Gardening and find out how you can build a plot in your garden. It's easy, just come along! *Horder/Salvestrin Garden 8.*

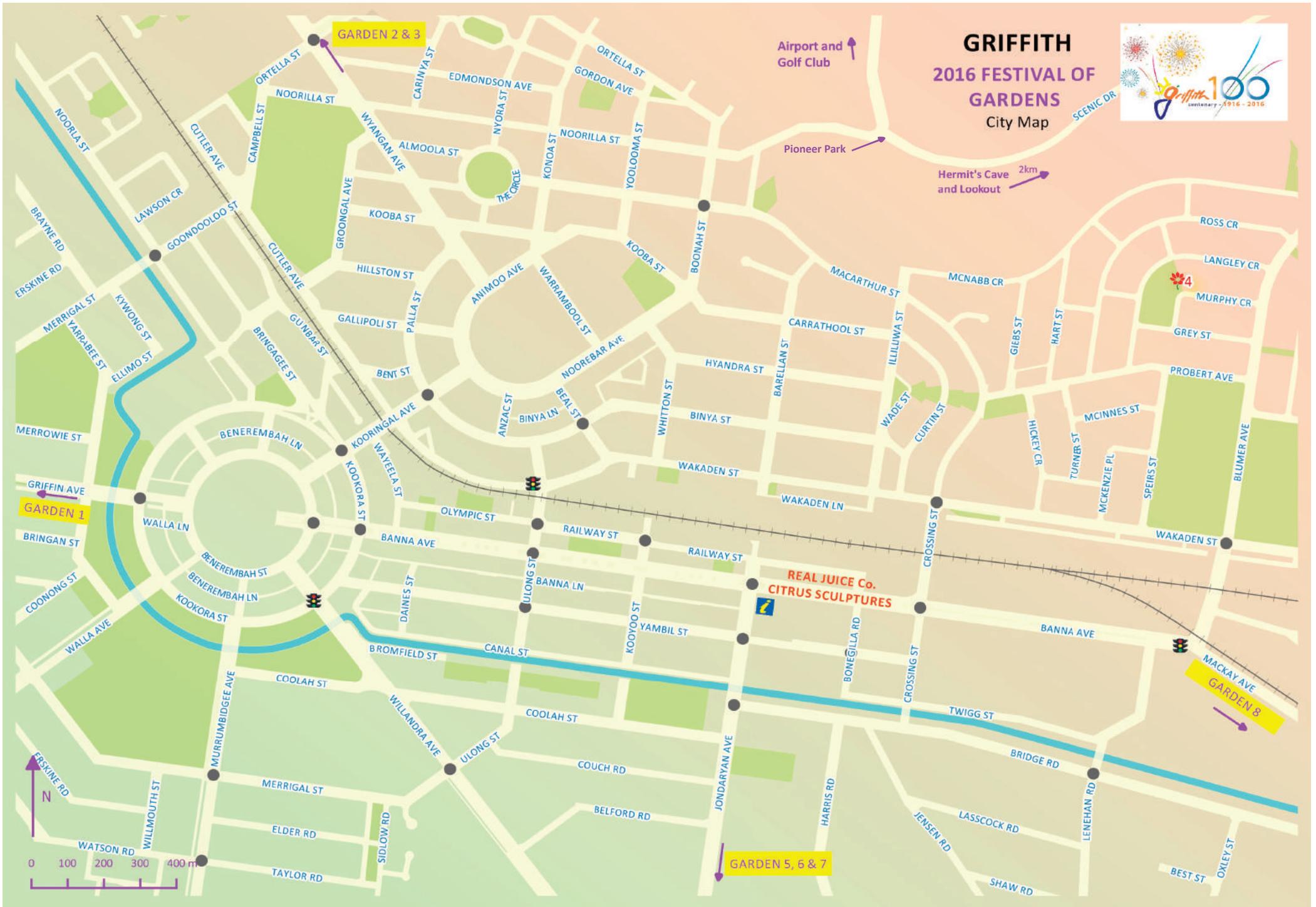


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2016 GARDENS

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Plos 'Belle Amour'
-  **2** 5 Maegraith Pl Lake Wyangan
-  **3** Phoebe Harrison
8 Maegraith Pl Lake Wyangan
-  **4** Rosa & Simon MacKenzie
6 Murphy Cres Griffith
-  **5** Patricia & Louis Sartor
Farm 2558 Leonard Rd Hanwood
-  **6** Careri 'Rosewood Park on Stokes'
Farm 2355A Stokes Rd Hanwood
-  **7** Tresa & Chint Quarisa
Farm 1069 North Kooba Settlers Rd Willbriggie
-  **8** Horder Salvestrin 'David Farm'
Farm 2527 Cashmere Rd Widgelli





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TIME: Saturday & Sunday 10am - 5pm

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CONTACT: Julie 02 6993 5807 for more information



Multicultural Festival

Memorial Park, Banna Avenue

A celebration of Griffith's cultural diversity through dance, song, food and festivities.

WHEN: Saturday 17

COST: Free entry, food available for purchase

TIME: 11am-4pm

Sunday Rotary Market

15 Collier Street

Enjoy a stroll around the market, and meet the growers who offer an abundance of locally grown, baked and made produce.

WHEN: 7am-12 noon Sunday



Hermit's Cave Lookout & Walking Trail

Scenic Drive

A fabulous spot for a picnic, a walk or just to stop and admire the view. Learn the story of Valeri Ricetti, a hermit who made the rocky escarpment his home for many years.

City Park & Centenary Sculptures

Kookora Street

Walk, climb, picnic or play.



Galleries, Exhibitions, Music & Shows



Griffith has a vibrant art scene. Explore the local galleries who feature the work of local artists. The Griffith Regional Art Gallery is also the home of the National Contemporary Jewellery Award and Collection.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery – Flower Power

167 Banna Avenue

A community art exhibition to complement the Festival of Gardens. Local craft available for sale at the gallery shop.

WHEN: Wednesday to Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday & Sunday 11am-2pm



In The Frame Gallery

Shop 4, 20 Banna Avenue Griffith

WHEN: Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-12pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

Bidgee Studio

Cnr Bridge Road & Mackay Avenue

A public workspace of Griffith artist Hape Kiddle, sculpture & hand crafted jewellery.

WHEN: Tuesday to Saturday 11am-5pm

Exies Live Music

Jondaryan Avenue, Griffith

Following the Paella by The Sculptures head across to the Exies for live music.

WHEN: Friday 14 | **TIME:** 7pm-11pm



Damien Leith 10th Anniversary Tour

Griffith Regional Theatre, 1 Neville Place

It's been ten years since Damien won Australian Idol. To celebrate, he'll entertain you with songs from his eight amazing albums.

WHEN: Saturday 15 | **TIME:** 8pm-10pm

COST: \$65 | **BOOKINGS:** 6962 8444

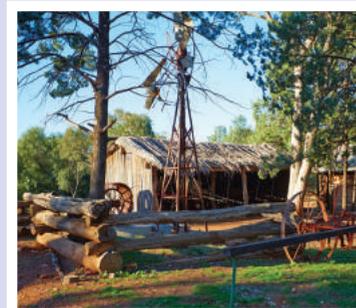
Soft Sculptured Curtain

Griffith Regional Theatre, 1 Neville Place

WHEN: Monday 17

TIME: 11am, 2pm, 4pm

COST: \$3



Pioneer Park Museum

Remembrance Drive

Explore the Italian Museum, wine & water building & the many exhibits.

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VIP WINE DISCOVERY TOUR

Saturday 1 through to Monday 31 October 9am - 5pm

Venue: Berton Vineyards, Calabria Wines, De Bortoli Wines, McWilliam's Wines & Yarran Wines cellar doors, Griffith & Yenda | **No Entry Fee**

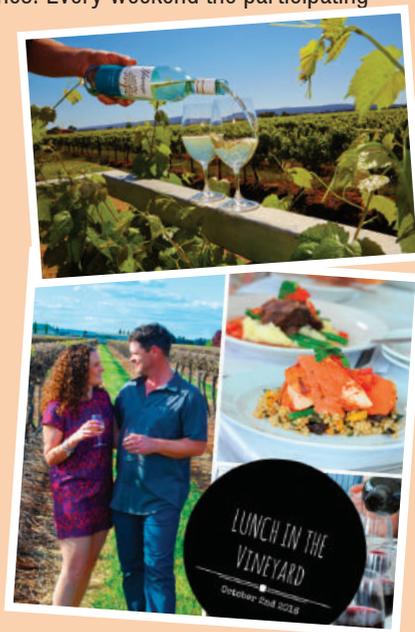
Visit your local wineries and discover Riverina's great wines! Every weekend the participating cellar doors will have local food platters for sale to offer you the ultimate wine tasting experience. Pick up a VIP card at participating wineries or at the Griffith Visitor Information Centre. Have your VIP card stamped at any 3 cellar doors to enter the Premium Wine Draw and win over \$600 worth of wine. Contact participating cellar doors for more information and opening hours.

LUNCH IN THE VINEYARD

Sunday 2 October 12pm - 3pm

Venue: "Wyadra Vineyards" Farm 191 Beaumont Road, Hanwood | **Adults:** \$90

The Riverina Wine Collective invites lovers of fine wine and food to a relaxed luncheon set to easy listening live music amidst a beautiful Riverina vineyard in its spring glory. Diners will be able to taste their way through 6 locally crafted wines from award winning Riverina wineries matched with local gourmet food by Sugarmill Patisserie. This function would suit both the wine newbie and the seasoned wine lover. Bookings necessary tasteriverina.com.au



WINE AND FOOD TWILIGHT MARKET @ THE MUSEUM

Friday 7 October 5pm - 9pm

Venue: Pioneer Park Museum Remembrance Drive, Griffith | **Adults:** \$10

Riverina winemakers and regional food producers will join to present gourmet products and wine for tasting and sales in the tranquil atmosphere of Pioneer Park.

CALABRIA FAMILY WINES WINEMAKER'S DINNER AT LIMONE

Friday 7 October 7pm - 10pm

Venue: Limone Dining 482 Banna Avenue, Griffith | **Adults:** \$90

Limone Dining will be hosting Calabria Family Wines to celebrate local food and beverage. We will be creating a degustation style menu fully matched with beverages from Calabria Family Wines. The menu will showcase local seasonal produce prepared in true Limone Dining style. The menu will be matched by the talented winemakers from Calabria Family Wines. Tickets include live entertainment, food and all matching beverages. Limited tickets available so don't miss out on this great opportunity. For bookings or more info please contact 02 6962 3777.

unWINEd IN THE RIVERINA

Saturday 8 through to Sunday 9 October 10am - 4pm

Venue: Participating wineries, Griffith | **No Entry Fee**

Come and celebrate what the Riverina wine region has to offer with plenty of delicious wines and cuisine, live music, tastings and plenty of other events during our annual unWINEd Festival. Our family owned wineries look forward to seeing you this October.

CHEESE AND WINE MATCHING CLASS

Sunday 9 October 11.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: McWilliam's Hanwood Estate Jack McWilliam Road, Hanwood | **Adults:** \$30

A fun and interactive class in which you will match different styles of premium Riverina wines to different types of cheese at our Hanwood Winery. Bookings necessary 02 6963 3404.



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