

# COUNCIL CATCH-UP



## Hanwood Cycleway and Henderson Playspace officially opened

Griffith City Council officially opened two important projects on Monday, with the Hanwood Cycleway and the upgraded Henderson Oval Playspace both unveiled.

At 2pm on Monday, 31 May 2021 Transport for NSW (TfNSW) representative, Denise Crouch, Acting Senior Manager, Community Partnering – Riverina/Murray and Chris Quinn, Griffith Operations Manager, Baiada joined Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi to open the Hanwood Cycleway.

Councillor John Dal Broi said the Hanwood Cycleway project is the result of good strategic planning for the future.

“As a City we need connective infrastructure such as the Hanwood Cycleway for transport options to get to and from work as well as the opportunity to enjoy a healthier lifestyle by walking or biking,” he said.

“It is wonderful to see so many people using this cycleway.”

The total project was over \$1.4 million with funding from TfNSW under the NSW Government’s Active Transport Priority Cycleways Program over \$1 million and Griffith City Council contributing \$350,000.

The 4.5 km cycleway runs from Stafford Road to Murphy Road south of the Hanwood Village with 2.5m wide asphalt surface. Additional streetlights and pedestrian refuges have also been installed to accommodate the safety of

cyclists and pedestrians. Work commenced on the Hanwood Cycleway project in April 2019.

The custom designed arch bridge, located beside the Kidman Way on Main Drain J is a Concrete Filled Steel Tube (CFST) construction and is believed to be the only one of its kind in Australia.

Meanwhile, the Henderson Oval Playspace upgrade was officially opened at 4pm by Councillor Dal Broi. This is a \$125,000 Griffith City Council project and includes \$50,000 funded by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment under the Everyone Can Play program.

The Playspace is designed to provide an inclusive playground. Everyone Can Play aims to provide people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds with an opportunity to play.

The upgrade includes the play equipment under a large shade shelter, new seating and extended shared pathway from Gorton Street to the playground. Henderson Park is the precinct playground for Yoogali. Trees removed from Jubilee Oval in Griffith have been repurposed to provide a nature play area at Henderson Oval, with local school students leaving a lasting impression on the logs by adding their handprints. The Oval is named after Yoogali residents Roy and Millicent Henderson, whose descendants were in attendance at the opening, helping unveil the plaque.



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# What's on at Griffith City Library?

Looking to beat the winter chill this month? Griffith City Library is the place to be! June is a massive month for the Library with author visits, a multicultural movie, seniors events, and much more!

## FREE MOVIE SESSIONS

**Thursday June 10, 5pm**

Multicultural Movie

**Thursday June 17, 5pm**

Thursday Film Club

**Thursday June 24, 5pm**

Sensory Movie

**Saturday June 26, 5pm**

Senior Saturday Movie

## FREE AUTHOR TALK

**Thursday 24 June, 6pm**

Please join us for the launch of Anita Heiss' new book

*Bila Yarrudhanggalangdhuray.*

Anita Heiss is a proud member of the Wiradjuri nation of central NSW, but was born in Gadigal country.

She is one of Australia's most prolific and well known authors publishing across genres including non-fiction, historical fiction, commercial fiction, and children's novels. Anita's latest book *Bila Yarrudhanggalangdhuray* is a tale of love, loss and belonging.

Anita has dedicated this evening in memory of Roger Penrith, a highly respected community member.

Special guests on the night

include Madison & Lisa Penrith, Maydina Penrith, Yaltara Penrith, Richard Penrith & Letetia Harris. To attend, please book your place at [wrl.eventbrite.com.au](http://wrl.eventbrite.com.au) or call the Library on 6962 8300.

## STORYTIME AND RHYME TIME CHANGES

Please note that as of this month, bookings will no longer be required!

**Storytime** will be held every Wednesday and Friday at 10am.

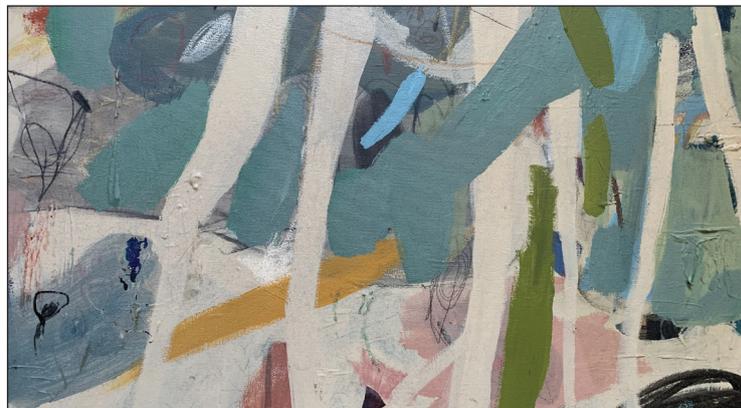
**Rhyme Time** will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am.

## SENIORS BRAIN STRAIN SESSIONS

Join us at the Library every Thursday at 10.30am for some fun and engaging activities. We have a number of different activities such as Sudoku, colouring in, crosswords and word searches. The Library also has a limited number of iPads available to use.

Bookings are not required for these sessions.

The Library also has a great collection of books to borrow in person or online, with new titles added each month. To find out more, or to become a member, please call on 6962 8300 or visit the website at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/library)



## Calling local artists - the Gallery needs you!

Griffith Regional Art Gallery is calling for local artists and craft people to be part of Rethinking the Winter Solstice - their community art exhibition for 2021.

The exhibition will showcase local artists, who are asked to reflect upon what it's like to experience the Riverina winter and what makes our winter like no other time of the year.

Entry is open to all artists aged 15 and over currently living or working in the Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Hay, Carrathool or Narrandera Local Government Areas (LGAs).

Griffith Regional Art Gallery Coordinator, Ray Wholohan, said, "This year we are happy to announce that the theme for our community exhibition will be based around the Winter Solstice. We are calling on local artists of all levels of experience, working in any media, to contribute to this exhibition. Everyone's experience of winter in the region is different and can encompass a wide range of expressions."

Mr Wholohan said "The theme came about by acknowledging our previous community art exhibitions based on spring, such as Flower Power. Griffith is abundantly beautiful in spring and our numerous agricultural industries are in full swing, but all

seasons play their part in the cycle of the year."

Mr Wholohan continued "As author, Paul Theroux stated: 'winter is a season of recovery and preparation'. We hope this theme inspires some factual accounts of our region's winter as well as some imaginative and innovative approaches to the exhibition's title."

Margaret Andreatza, Acting Regional Arts and Museum Manager said, "Community art exhibitions are an important part of our annual program. They give Griffith's numerous talented artists and craftspeople the opportunity to regularly exhibit in our regional gallery. We all can't wait to see what our local creatives come up with."

Entry is \$5 per artwork. Entry forms and terms and conditions are available from the Gallery and online at [www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au](http://www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au) Entries for Rethinking the Winter Solstice close 5pm Friday, 25 June 2021.

To find out more about the Rethinking the Winter Solstice community art exhibition please contact the Gallery on 6962 8338 or visit in person at 167 Banna Avenue, Griffith, Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm.



**Join the Council team!**

We are currently seeking applications for a number of exciting positions.

For more information or to apply visit our website:  
**[www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au)**

## Catch Up with the General Manager – Brett Stonestreet

As 2021 heads toward mid year it is clear that the uncertainty of 2020 (due to COVID-19) has not had a lasting impact on the Griffith spirit. There is so much activity going on and the City is very busy indeed. The "Street Scapes" activities in Kooyoo Street/Banna Lane during May have been a fantastic success with a host of events and a relaxing space enjoyed by our community. The Banna Lane Festival saw more amazing large scale murals painted in the Lane. The evening of Saturday 8 May was the highlight of the Festival with hundreds enjoying the murals, free entertainment, new kiosk, moveable seating, parklets and projector bringing the Westpac Bank wall to life. Kooyoo Street also saw great community support for the Sunday markets on 23 May and last week the space

was transformed into a soccer pitch as the kids stepped up to test their skills. My sincere thanks to Carrah Lymer, organiser of the Banna Lane Festival and Griffith City Council staff who contributed "above and beyond" to make this such a success.

Council has been out and about seeking community feedback as we review the Community Strategic Plan - Guiding Griffith 2040. Thanks for all your comments and ideas so far and please keep them coming.

The West End Oval development is underway with contractors taking possession of the site. This will be a 12 month build but the wait will be worth it. What an exciting opportunity for the future of sport in Griffith.

The new Community Centre building in Olympic Street is in

the latter stages of construction and due for completion early July. The NSW Government has really stepped up to the plate with \$3,650,000 in grant funding to make this Centre a reality. In addition, Council has contributed \$690,000 and the Western Riverina Country Universities Centre Ltd (WRCUC) contributing in excess of \$440,000. Several not-for-profit community service organisations as well as the WRCUC will occupy this fantastic new facility.

The new stage at Community Gardens is complete. A first of two additional car parks in Railway Street is due for completion by the end of June with a second to commence shortly after and due for completion by December.

Jubilee Oval will shortly have a new amenities block ready for use



by the end of July. The building works are complete with the adjoining car park currently under construction.

Council's draft budget for 2021/2022 was on public exhibition during May and councillors will consider submissions received and adopt a final document at the 22 June Meeting. Next year will be another very busy one with approximately \$65M in projects to be constructed.

Till next time wishing everyone an enjoyable second half of 2021.

**Brett Stonestreet**  
General Manager

## We love Griffith photo winners announced

From stunning sunsets and smiling faces to iconic landmarks and diverse agriculture, there is a lot to love about Griffith.

That's what Griffith City Council discovered when local photographers were asked to capture what they enjoy in Griffith. Council recently launched a photo competition for residents for the Imagine Griffith project, which is part of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) – Guiding Griffith – 2040 review. The theme of the competition was We Love Griffith. Congratulations to the winner, Lisa Bertolin who submitted her photo of the Milky Way over Lake Wyangan, who loves the view of the night sky over Griffith.

Second place is awarded to Paul Penrith. In taking his sunset photo from scenic hill Paul described it as "Wild goats mid clash on Scenic Hill here in Griffith".

Third place goes to Isis Ronan, for capturing the joy of children exploring the region's natural

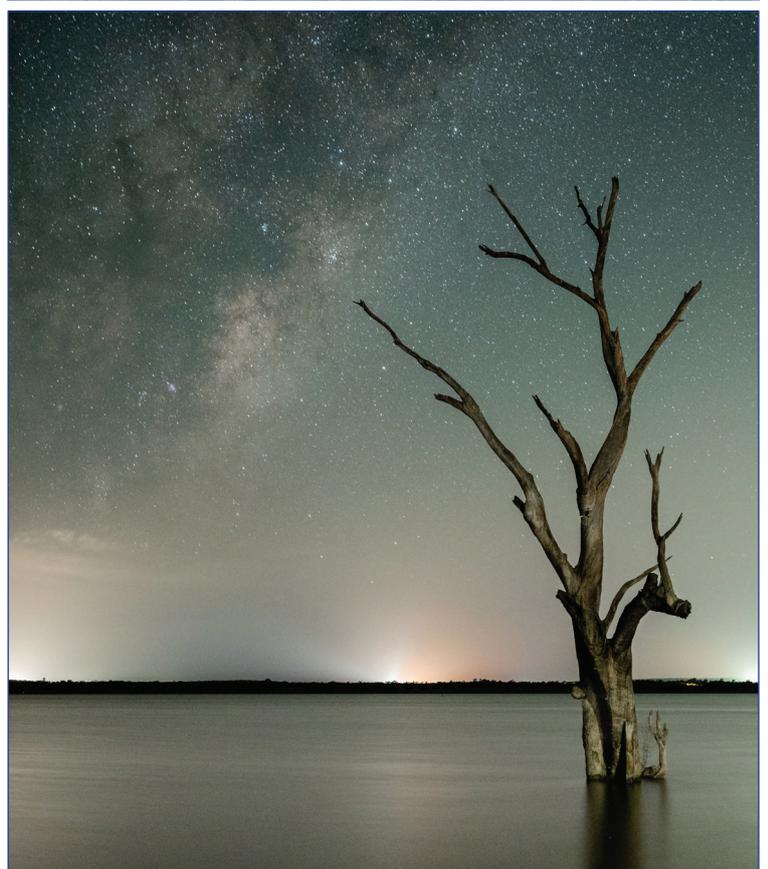
environment.

Ms Ronan describes her photo as "My Griffith, the best life I can give my son. Where we have time to watch the seasons change, crops grow and we get to witness the most beautiful sunset every night." Griffith Mayor, Cr John Dal Broi said, "It is great to see through other people's eyes what is good about Griffith. All of the photos will now form part of an exhibition at a later date, and will feature across Council's documents."

"I thank all those who participated in this competition, we received some really wonderful images.

"Through the review of our CSP we are gaining a better understanding about what is valued by the people who live here and this will help guide future planning priorities and decisions."

Winners receive \$300 for first prize, \$150 for second, and \$100 for third.



# Public Notification

## Draft Kooyoo Street Plaza Concept Plan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 25 May 2021 it was resolved that the Kooyoo Street Plaza Draft Concept Plan be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. The Draft Concept Plan 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/on-exhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition). Anyone wishing to make comment on the Kooyoo Street Plaza Draft Concept Plan 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. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, 25 June 2021**.

## Notice of Intention to Give Consent over a Crown Reserve

Council gives notice of its intention to grant a licence for a term of 3 years over Crown Reserve described as part Lot 3 Section 125 DP 758476, 78 Kookora Street, Griffith to Murrumbidgee Local Health District. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday, 15 June 2021** and addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith. Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration. Once the submission period is completed, Griffith City Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the licence. Contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, 1300 176 077.

## Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy

The Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy is currently on public exhibition for feedback and 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/on-exhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition). Anyone wishing to make comment on the Strategy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website above 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, 25 June 2021**.

## Notice of Proposed Name

Griffith City Council announces that the following name is proposed for a road name within the council boundaries.

**1. Road 1 – Keens Crescent:** Elsie Maud Keens was a WW1 war bride in London who met and married Henry Gustavus Belford. She and her husband returned to his home town of Australia in March 1919 and he was granted farming land in Beelbangera. In approximately 1925, they then made their permanent home on a farm now known as 918 Belford Road, which is whom this road name was derived.

**Locality:** Griffith **Reason for Proposal:** Name to be utilised in the new subdivision on Belford Road, Griffith as defined on the map below:



For further information on this proposal, please contact Council's Information Management Administrator at the Council Offices or by phone on 1300 176 077. Feedback to this proposal is sought from members of the community within 15 working days from the date of this notice. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm, Friday 25 June 2021**. Feedback can be provided by mail to PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680, by email to [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au), or online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition)

## Notice of Closure - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Griffith City Council offices and Works Depots will be closed on **Monday 14 June 2021** for the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. The following facilities will also be closed on Monday, 14 June 2021: Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, Griffith Regional Art Gallery,

Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre, Griffith City Library, Griffith Regional Theatre, Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre, and Griffith Stadium.

Griffith Visitor Information Centre will be **open** Saturday 12 June: 9am to 4pm, Sunday 13 June: 9am to 4pm and Monday 14 June: 10am to 3pm. The emergency after hours numbers are 6964 1160 or 6969 4832.

For all fire emergencies telephone 000. For emergencies relating to dog attacks and stock on roadways please call the Council Ranger on 0408 210 196.

Waste collection and kerbside recycling will remain as normal. Tharbogang Waste Management Centre will be **OPEN** on the Queen's birthday public holiday.

## Notice of Temporary Road Closure

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

**Lenehan Road between Banna Avenue and Bridge Road** will be closed on **Saturday 5 June 2021 from 6am until 6pm** as Western Safety Barriers will be installing a safety barrier. Detours around the site will be provided.

**McCormack Road between East Street and Burley Griffin Way** will be closed from **Tuesday 8 June until Tuesday 31 August 2021** as BC Plumbing will be trenching through roadway to relocate water mains and install new storm water pipe. Detours around the site will be provided. Traffic lights and a speed zone will also be in place during the works.

**Ortella Street between Cutler Avenue and Binguie Street** will be closed on **Wednesday 9 June 2021** as Griffith City Council will be removing pine trees from the northern side of Cutler Avenue.

## Candidate Information Sessions - Local Government Elections

### Candidate Information Sessions provided by NSW Electoral Commission

A series of online candidate information sessions will be conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) in the lead up to the 2021 NSW Local Government elections. The webinars will be held from April to August 2021 and will cover the following topics:

- Election overview
- Election funding and disclosure
- Registration of candidates, groups, and third-party campaigners
- Electoral material (also known as how-to-vote material)
- Nomination process
- Early voting and election day voting
- Candidate workers and scrutineers

• Counting and results

Please see below the details of the first three webinars to be conducted:

- 11am, Thursday 10 June – General Information
- 6pm, Tuesday 15 June – General Information (repeated)

For more information on the NSW Electoral Commission webinars, visit the NSW Electoral Commission website.

If you would like more information please contact Council's Governance Manager, Leanne Austin on 6962 8186.

## Non-residential Roll - Council Elections

Non-residents of Griffith City Council are permitted to enrol and vote in the September 2021 local government elections if they meet eligibility criteria and supply the necessary information to Council.

The non-residential rolls provide people who are non-resident owners, occupiers and rate-paying lessees of rateable land within the Council area an opportunity to have a say who is elected to Council.

You must be eligible to vote at Federal or State elections to be on a non-residential roll.

To be on the roll of non-resident owners of rateable land, you must be:

- the sole owner of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the joint or several owners of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the corporation or trustees who own the rateable land, or
- the lessee of the land from the Crown and the land is rateable Crown land.

To be on the roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees, you must be:

- the sole occupier or ratepaying lessee of rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the joint or several occupiers or ratepaying lessees of the rateable land, or
- nominated as the elector by the corporation or trustees who occupy or are the ratepaying lessee of the rateable land, and have the legal right to occupy the land, or be responsible for paying all or part of the rates on the land for 3 years following the date you apply to be on the roll.

Applications for Non-Residential rolls are to be completed, addressed to the General Manager, and received by the Griffith City Council by **6pm on 26 July 2021**. No late submission of an enrolment form will be accepted. For more information and to access the application forms please visit Council's Local Government Elections page at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/local-government-elections](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/local-government-elections)