

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Councillor Brian Simpson



Recently I was appointed as the Chair of the Pioneer Park Museum Working Group. I must say at the outset that this is one of Griffith's greatest assets not just for tourism but for the opportunities that it provides residents of the City and region. I, like many other people, have had the opportunity to go up there for functions such as the Salami Festival, weddings and other events but taking time to walk around the history of the site as it continues to grow and develop is something everyone should do. It's our region's history all packed neatly into one site and we all should understand just how far Griffith has come. I am amazed at the work that is being done by the dedicated staff and the cast of volunteers. There is so much community engagement occurring at Pioneer

Park that I encourage all members of the community to get up there at least once a year and learn of our regions humble beginnings. The management of Pioneer Park Museum are now focusing more on engagement with the dedicated community volunteers for without them many of the activities and experiences that occur would be under resourced. I recently had the honour of handing out certificates of appreciation for their work on Action Day to these volunteers at a morning tea. If you are wanting to give some time to the development of such activities please put your hand up. Either call them directly on 6962 4196 to see how you can assist or follow them on Facebook "Griffith Pioneer Park Museum" where they post about

what they are doing and how you can help. Right now they are looking for new volunteers for their "Education Team". This will assist them in their role with school excursions, workshops and programs. You may be able to help in crafts, old fashioned games for the students, history talks. I also sit on the Lake Wyangan Catchment Management Committee at Council and its main focus is on fixing the Lake. Sadly the North Lake is currently at a Red Alert and there continues to be community concern about this which is acknowledged and understood. The Red Alert warning indicates that people should not undertake recreational activities where they may be coming into direct contact with the water. Council has not stood

still on this issue and it is taken very seriously. Following the appointment of a Project Officer to work on this issue, funds are being made available to start the process of ensuring that what water actually makes its way into the Lake is not going to increase the water quality problems within the Lake. This means putting in sediment traps and slowing down the ingress of run-off water. Such a task will involve ground works on a scale not seen at the Lake since I believe when it was initially developed. Yes, we all want it fixed yesterday, last year but it is a terminal system and not easily flushed like a river. Council acknowledges the Community concerns over the water quality and is taking steps in the right direction. Please be

patient as Council works through the technical issues. Once the water quality coming into the Lake has been addressed then continued work to get the water that is in the Lake to an acceptable standard will see an even greater focus. Members of the Committee have toured other sites that had similar problems that are now resolved and these sites are utilised by the entire community. The aim of Council is to have the Lake Wyangan precinct operational and serving the needs of the Community and surrounding districts.

Regards,
Councillor Brian Simpson

Draft Griffith Housing Strategy on Public Exhibition



Grant funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund has enabled Griffith City Council to commission a detailed analysis of the current state of housing availability in Griffith and prepare a Draft Griffith Housing Strategy. The Draft Griffith Housing Strategy prepared by Judith Stubbs & Associates for Griffith City Council is now on public exhibition and available on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au. Projections by .id Consulting show an increase in the number of dwellings required in Griffith LGA from 10,410 in 2016 to 12,154 in 2036, an increase of 1,744 dwellings. The broad breakdown of household types required is 929 smaller households (one and two people) and 585 larger/family households. Griffith LGA is undersupplied with smaller dwellings and we require a larger supply of one and two bedroom strata dwellings. There are three main strategies that are likely to be most effective in increasing the supply of affordable housing in the local context:

1. Ensuring that there is a clear planning framework that supports the Housing Strategy.
2. Ensuring that there are no unnecessary impediments in local planning instruments to effectively facilitate an increased supply of lower cost and affordable housing types through the

market in well-located areas. Griffith City Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) is currently being reviewed to coincide with fundamental changes suggested in the Draft Strategy. The Draft Strategy assessed various Griffith precincts and suggested the following changes; replacing density controls with Floor Space Ratio's and Height Controls, amendments to the 50m2 of private open space per ground floor dwelling requirement, updating the car parking requirements for strata dwellings and suggested re-zoning.

3. The direct creation of affordable housing for very low and low income renters, and for some low income purchasers, through partnerships on land owned by Council and other public authorities. Shireen Donaldson, Director Economic & Organisational Development noted that the implementation of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2019 will provide valuable economic and social benefits to our community. "The Housing Strategy will also be useful in providing Council with direction for addressing the rental shortage," said Mrs Donaldson. "The shortage is constraining local businesses as they are finding it difficult to recruit staff due to affordability and accessibility issues." Council welcomes feedback from the community and encourages any enquiries to contact Council's Economic Development team on 6962 8100.



Red Alert issued for Lake Wyangan North

A Red Alert level warning (high alert) for blue-green algae has been issued for North Lake Wyangan, Griffith. Total blue-green algae biovolume of over 10 mm3/L was detected on September 3, 2019. A combination of low water level conditions and warming temperatures has resulted in an increased abundance of blue green algae this month. A Red Alert level warning indicates that people should not undertake recreational activities where they may be coming into direct contact with the water such as swimming, as well as domestic uses including showering and washing. Contact with the water may also pose a threat to livestock and pets. Warning signs are positioned at key recreational areas and will remain in place while high levels of blue-green algae are present. People are advised not to enter the water, drink untreated water or bathe in water

drawn from the dam while this Red Alert level warning is in place. Town water supplies remain unaffected and safe to drink. Before consumption, any fish caught should be cleaned and washed thoroughly in uncontaminated water and any internal organs disposed of appropriately. It is not possible to predict how long the algae will remain at high levels. Regular monitoring will continue and the alert will be lifted as soon as the high levels of algae dissipate. Updates and information about blue-green algae blooms and red level warning areas can be obtained by calling 1800 999 457 or visiting – <http://www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae> Council will continue to monitor the water quality of Lake Wyangan (North), and provide updates to the current Red Alert through our website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au and through the local media.

Draft Cemetery Management Plan on public exhibition



Griffith City Council's Draft Cemetery Management Plan 2019 is currently on public exhibition.

Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi is encouraging interested residents to make a submission.

"If you are interested in making a submission regarding the proposed Cemetery Management Plan please do so before the end of the public exhibition period on 25 October 2019," Cr Dal Broi said.

The Draft Cemetery Management Plan has been prepared in consultation with members of the Cemetery Working Group as well as the General Facilities Committee, which includes nominated Councillors, local funeral directors, monumental masons, community representatives and Council staff.

The Draft Management Plan sets out the goals, strategies and means of providing cemetery facilities for the Griffith community.

Some of the matters considered in the proposed Plan include:

- The existing and future space requirements for burials to meet ongoing

community needs

- The development of cemetery facilities that provide a range of burial options and an acceptable quality of development
- The conduct of persons involved with burial arrangements
- The application of standards that achieve aesthetic qualities, durability of monuments, and limit maintenance costs to the community
- Maintenance requirements
- Community input and consultation
- Compliance with standards for above ground vaults (Capellas)
- Compliance with burial and other general work practices

The Draft Cemetery Management Plan 2019 may also be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, and Griffith City Library or on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Plan can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Comments or submissions will be received up to 4 pm, Friday 25 October 2019.



POSITIONS VACANT

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Then join our 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. Council is proactive and passionate about creating ongoing opportunities for our growing population. Council is seeking applications from enthusiastic motivated individuals for the following positions:

Gardener (2 year term appointment)

The successful applicant will be required to maintain the neat and high standard of appearance of gardens and lawns, together with providing gardening labouring skills at varying locations within the Parks and Gardens department. The successful applicant must hold a Class C driver licence and General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card). Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week with a commencement weekly salary range from \$949.80 to \$1044.78 (Grade 4) and a rostered day off once per fortnight. If you have any questions, please contact Jemaile Irvine on 6962 8100.

Applications for this position close 9am Monday 30 September 2019.

Assistant Engineer - Traffic and Civil

The purpose of the Assistant Engineer – Traffic and Civil is to assist with a range of traffic and civil management services to Council in an effective and efficient manner. This includes developing concept traffic management plans, undertaking traffic investigations, generating functional design construction plans for various Council assets such as roads, footpath, parking facilities, cycle ways, storm water drainage system, with due recognition of codes, standards and adopted guidelines. The successful applicant will require Tertiary qualification in Civil Engineering, or current enrolment in a Civil Engineering Course which would qualify the applicant for membership to the Institute of Engineers of Australia, with demonstrated experience at an appropriate level to competently carry out the position's key tasks, also with experience in AutoCAD or similar software and demonstrated experience in civil design, problem solving and drafting of roads,

drainage, and parking. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application.

Hours of work are 35 hours per week with a commencement annual salary range from \$71,196.328 to \$78,313.56 (Grade 13) and a rostered day off once per month. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Rizzo on 6962 8100.

Applications for this position close 9am Monday 23 September 2019.

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Workforce Planning Administrator on 6962 8100. Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply.

Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Draft Griffith Housing Strategy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 August 2019, Council resolved to place the Draft Griffith Housing Strategy on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days.

The Draft Housing Strategy, as prepared by Judith Stubbs & Associates, may be viewed on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au or at the Council Chambers located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith and Griffith City Library.

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Housing Strategy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email to admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday 11 October 2019.**

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, No 33, Section 122, for the temporary closing of: **Grimison Avenue from the intersection with Blumer Avenue on 30 September 2019 from 9am until 5pm** as Essential Energy will be replacing power poles. Access for residents will be provided and traffic controllers will also be used for stop slow at Blumer Avenue and Lawford Crescent.

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 on 7 October 2019 and the program will end on 6am on 8 October 2019.** 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 6962 8100.

Griffith Housing Strategy Community Forum

7pm Tuesday 1 October
Burley Griffin Room
Griffith Regional Theatre



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