

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from the Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi

It's National Volunteer Week and I'd like to acknowledge the generous contribution of volunteers across Griffith.

We are extremely lucky to have many residents who generously give their time, energy and expertise to volunteer in our community.

The theme this year is "Changing Communities. Changing Lives", which is fitting because the work our wonderful volunteers do in the Griffith local government area certainly helps make this a better place to live. On behalf of Griffith, thank you all.

Council's 2020/21 draft budget was presented via Facebook Live on Thursday night. I'm glad that we could offer an opportunity for the community to connect with Council and raise their issues despite the restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you would expect we've had to quickly adapt to the changed economic circumstances facing many residents.

For 2020/21, a number of rate payer relief initiatives have been included. There will be a rebate of 2.6% to all ratepayers to negate any rate pegging increase and business ratepayers, may be able to defer rates for up to 6 months from April 2020, interest free.

An interest free period is also available for ratepayers who apply for and enter into payment arrangements and a reduction in rental or lease arrangements from Council for businesses. Remember also, Council has a financial hardship policy in place where ratepayers can make application for relief. If you'd like further information please call our rates hotline 6962 8466 or you can access application forms and find frequently

asked questions on the website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/rates

We don't want to add further financial burdens to our community as we know there are some under stress.

However, we also know that Council needs to lead the way in kick-starting economic recovery and will do so by committing to our planned major capital works program that will provide an injection of funds into our local economy.

I thank those who took the time to join us for the information session and provide input.

If you haven't seen our draft budget for 2020/21, or missed the presentation, you can still review it at griffith.nsw.gov.au and make submissions up until Friday 5 June 2020.

It is encouraging to see the progress being made

on the redevelopment of Griffith Base Hospital.

I was thrilled to be in attendance at Griffith Base Hospital on Tuesday morning to tour the new Ambulatory Care Hub, which is set to open its doors to the public next week.

This is a fantastic building which brings together a range of outpatient services under one roof. Patients will now find Aboriginal health workers, rehabilitation gymnasium, oncology, dietitian and physiotherapy, among others.

It's an important milestone in the early and enabling works stage of the \$250 million Griffith Hospital Redevelopment. I congratulate all involved in the work so far.

We've now reopened our playgrounds, skate park, and outdoor gyms. This is great news for everyone.

Please enjoy yourselves

but make sure you observe the government's safety rules.

Ensure you are washing your hands before and after use, adhere to the social distancing requirements and if the areas are busy, it is your responsibility to leave the area.

If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms relating to COVID-19, please get tested.

By doing so, it will allow the State Government to get a better picture of how the virus is spreading in the community and that will hopefully lead to even greater easing of restrictions.

The curve may be flattening in terms of the spread, but we still need to remain vigilant to make sure we get on top of this. Until next time, stay safe and keep looking out for each other.

Regards, Cr John Dal Broi

UP CLOSE COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT EXHIBITION

LIKE TAKING PHOTOS? ENTER OUR EXHIBITION!

UP CLOSE is Griffith Regional Art Gallery's first online community exhibition! Locals of all ages are invited to create a photographic portrait of someone who is sharing their isolation. With all that time on your hands why not use it to study the features and capture the unique characteristics of your loved ones – be it partner, kids, parents, grandparents, flatmates – or the family pet! Explore some photographic elements and make some seriously creative images or some just-for-fun portraits of your lockdown buddies!

Entries close Friday 12 June 2020.

For more information or to enter please go to www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au



Growing Griffith to 2045: Have your say



Griffith City Council is seeking public submissions from residents, property owners, developers and key stakeholders to guide the growth and development of Griffith over the next 25 years.

Council would like to understand how the public, including landowners, wish to see their lands developed in the future taking into consideration issues or constraints with existing zoning or development controls.

Submissions are also welcomed on more general issues to do with the growth of Griffith, including:

Issues with the existing strategic planning strategies and plans

How, where and when Griffith should grow?

How prime agricultural lands should be best used?

Where employment lands should be developed

Environmental protection and conservation

Land use conflict.

Griffith City Council Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said that Council is preparing a new planning framework to guide the growth of Griffith to 2045 and it is important that the community is intimately involved in the process.

"Genuine consultation and feedback from the community will help to ensure the framework provides a clear and easily understood vision of how Griffith will grow in the coming years," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"Everyone in the community who has a vision for the future development for their lands is invited to provide a submission which will be considered by both Council staff and elected Council."

Sustainable Development Director Phil Harding, said the outcome of the Growing Griffith to 2045 Project will be a clear and consistent planning framework to guide the way land use is managed across

the Griffith local government area and how Griffith will prosper as a crucial regional centre.

"It is important that our strategic plans are amended and updated to reflect an evolving economy, new infrastructure developments including the construction of the Southern by-pass and a vital need to protect prime agricultural lands," he said.

Council is keen to ensure the following new and updated plans are drafted in a manner which reflects the community's views and a shared vision for how Griffith will grow to 2045:

Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014

This is the existing 'zoning plan' for Griffith. It sets out where and how Griffith can be developed now.

Griffith Land Use Strategy: Beyond 2030

This strategy identifies where and how Griffith should grow in the

future

Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement

This is a new strategic document being prepared by Council. It will represent the vision for the future growth of Griffith and has been required to be prepared by every Council in the state by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Submissions close on 15 June 2020 and 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. Submissions can be made on Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au

For further information regarding the Growing Griffith to 2045 Project, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol on 6962 8100 or Kelly.mcnicol@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Help us

stop the spread



GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL

What happens if my pet is in the the Pound?



There has been some confusion within the community about what happens when a cat or dog is seized or surrendered at the Griffith City Pound and Rehoming Centre.

Council would like to advise what steps are taken when animals find themselves at the Pound.

The owner of the seized or surrendered animal is to be notified

(1) When a seized animal is delivered to a Griffith City Pound and Rehoming Facility (or other approved premises), the Compliance staff give notice of the seizure of the animal to the person who appears to be the owner of the animal. Staff will endeavour to identify and establish who the owner is. Notice of seizure needs not be given if staff are unable to establish the name and address of the owner of the animal.

(1A) When a surrendered animal (other than an animal surrendered by its owner) comes into the possession of the Pound, staff are to give notice of the possession of the animal to the person who appears to be the owner of the animal (as outlined above).

Unclaimed seized or surrendered animal may be sold or destroyed

(1) If a seized animal (including an animal delivered to a council pound under section 63A) or a surrendered animal (other than an animal surrendered by its owner) has not been claimed, Council may sell or destroy the animal:

- (a) If notice under section 63 (1) or (1A) has been given (after the period of 14 days following the giving of the notice), or
- (b) If such a notice is not required to be given, after the animal has been held at the Pound for a period of 7 days.

Animals surrendered by owners may be sold or destroyed

(1) Council may at any time sell or destroy a surrendered animal if the animal was surrendered by its owner to the council pound.

(2) Before destroying a surrendered animal as authorised by subsection (1), it is the duty of Council concerned to consider whether there is an alternative action to that of destroying the animal and (if practicable) to adopt any such alternative.

(3) This section does not authorise a council to sell a dangerous, menacing or restricted dog.

If the animal is identified, the impounding officer must prepare the information required to send a notice of seizure to the registered owner of the animal.

The owner has 14 days from date of notice of seizure to collect the animal plus 7 days' allowance for posting. The first day in the animal shelter is classed as day 0.

If the animal is not identified, then the animal becomes the property of Council after 7 days. Then there is a requirement that council attempt to rehome the animal rather than euthanise. Council has a responsible rehoming policy, which does not allow for animals which have attacked or which may have socially undesirable traits to be rehoused.

Council staff currently work with a number of rescue organisations and groups, and advertise all suitable animals on the website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au

It is the aim of Council to reunite animals at the Pound with their owners, and failing that to rehome either through a rescue group or privately.

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.

GARDENER (Permanent)

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 an Australian Class C driver licence and a White card / General Construction Induction Training card. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your online application.

Hours of work: 38 hours per week

Salary and conditions: Commencement weekly salary from \$949.80 to \$1044.78 (Grade 4). Rostered day off once a fortnight. **Applications close: Tuesday 9 June 2020**

If you have any questions about the role please contact Jemaile Irvine on 6962 8100.

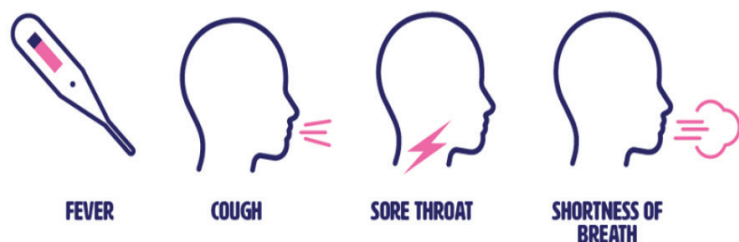
How to apply: Log onto www.griffith.nsw.gov.au, go to the Jobs page and complete your application online. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications.

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.



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Get tested!
Call the MLHD COVID-19 hotline
1800 831 099



Get your flu shot early and take pressure off services

The Australian Medical Association is encouraging everyone to get their flu shot early this year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's ok to leave your house to get vaccinated unless you have been directed to self-isolate.

An annual flu shot is your best protection against influenza.

Flu shots are free for:
people aged 65 years and over
pregnant women
children under 5 years old
Aboriginal people
medically at risk groups.

Speak to your GP and get a flu shot now.



Spring Fest to go ahead a little differently in 2020

The Griffith Spring Fest Working Group and Council's Tourism Team are in the process of finalising a format for Griffith Spring Fest 2020.

With the latest Government advice indicating that we won't see any mass gatherings of more than 100 people within the proposed framework of easing restrictions, it is hard to predict where the situation will be at by October.

Chair of the Griffith Spring Fest Working Group, Councillor Rina Mercuri, said "these are strange times we are in and unfortunately, without any guarantee that we can deliver our key events to the size and standard we hope, it is not viable to continue to plan as normal."

The festival normally attracts in excess of 5,000 people from outside of the region, on top of the thousands of locals who attend the various festivities as well. In 2019, the Citrus Sculptures had an average of over 500 people viewing them on a daily basis, with approximately 800 volunteers there to construct them on the first day of the festival. The well-loved Launch Party attracts around 2,000 people to help celebrate the commencement of the Griffith Garden Festival, where each garden generally see between 400 and 2000 people through their gates.

"The organising group are in the process of developing alternative ways to deliver the events and experiences that shape our flagship

festival, including the Griffith Garden Festival, however as some approvals, costs and planning, are well overdue to have commenced, we will be seeing a very different Spring Fest this year," Councillor Mercuri said.

Although Griffith's flagship event will not be run in its normal format, the Tourism Team have indicated that they intend to create an experience for all ages and interests with a virtual aspect, and hopefully this will help promote the festival to a new audience and encourage visitors to come to our city in 2021.

There were plans in place to celebrate in 2020, the 30th Anniversary of the Griffith Garden Festival and the 25th Anniversary of the Citrus Sculptures, however there is no doubt that 2021 will create a bigger celebration than originally hoped.

The Griffith Spring Fest Working Group will release the format of Griffith Spring Fest 2020 in the next few months and will be in touch directly with key stakeholders where required. Please keep an eye on the Visit Griffith Instagram & Facebook pages and also griffithspringfest.com.au once the format is released.

"We hope that our community support the changes we put in place and that we use the opportunity as a way of promoting our festival on a larger scale as the Tourism and Events industries adapt to life after COVID-19," said Councillor Mercuri.



New building at Griffith Base Hospital set to open

An important milestone in the early works phase of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment will be marked on 25 May when the new Ambulatory Care Hub opens its doors to the public.

MLHD Chief Executive Jill Ludford said the Ambulatory Care Hub will provide additional oncology services, expanded outpatient specialist clinical spaces, rehabilitation gymnasium, allied health and Hospital in the Home.

"This new building gives the community better access to outpatient services, and provides staff with more opportunities to collaborate under the one roof," she said.

Other works completed this month as part of the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment include:

- an expansion to the Medical Services Building to incorporate additional support areas and storage in the Critical Care Unit and Perioperative areas
- expansions to improve functionality of the Medical and Surgical floors in the Inpatient Unit to the south of the building, including an inpatient rehabilitation gymnasium.

"Most specialist clinics have transferred to the Ambulatory Care Hub. The buildings vacated

by those clinics sit within the future redevelopment zone. The obstetrics, gynaecology, pregnancy care, cardiology and paediatric clinics will continue services in the same location in the main hospital building until the completion of the new Clinical Services Building," Ms Ludford said.

The new Ambulatory Care Hub is located off Noorebar Avenue, and car parking is available in front of the building.

The Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment is progressing in two streams: the continuation of enabling works; and the progression of the design for the new clinical services building.

The new Griffith Base Hospital is forecast to be completed by 2024.

Find more information on the project website and How to Build A Hospital by visiting www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/griffith-base-hospital-redevelopment

For further information on the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment, including images, please contact MLHD Public Affairs at MLHD-News@health.nsw.gov.au or 0436 911 753

Updates from Council Committees: Cultural Facilities and Lake Wyangan Catchment Management

Councillor Mike Neville, Chair Cultural Facilities Committee

For all of us, 2020 has been an unusual year with a lot of change and uncertainty surrounding us.

Sadly, due to the Covid-19 situation many of the Cultural Services amenities have had to shut due to social distancing requirements and the Public Health Order.

I would like to commend the staff employed at these facilities and look forward to when restrictions lift and we can get back to a sense of normality.

Forming a significant part of the Cultural Services area, West End Stadium will be undergoing a major works development later this year.

The design and tender work is underway which will see the facility morph into a major regional sporting hub for basketball, netball, hockey and athletics - just some of the sports that will directly benefit.

Just along the road Jubilee Oval will also be the beneficiary of this development for the city, creating a fantastic hub for the community and visitors to enjoy well into the future. Sunshine Super Girl production will also be undertaken at the Stadium in September 2020. Telling the story of Evonne Goolagong, who overcame incredible odds to become

the world number one tennis player, this is a not an event to be missed.

Evonne is still admired and is a proud a Wiradjuri woman who "defied prejudice to become a star".

While we face these unprecedented times, our community and cultural facilities such as the Theatre, Gallery, Aquatic Centre, Pioneer Park and Library will remain closed until further notice. We understand everyone is very keen to access these important Council facilities and we will keep the community informed as to when the restriction will allow them to reopen.



Councillor Brian Simpson, member of the Lake Wynagan Catchment Management Committee



While I am not the current Chair of this Committee, I am a passionate advocate for the Lake Wyangan precinct and am pleased to be able to update the community on the progress being made.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 April 2020, Council appointed a company to commence works on the Lake to intercept and treat the inflows into the Lake. The purpose is to reduce and/or eliminate the levels of unwanted sediments coming into the system as a first step to improve the overall water quality of the water in the Lake.

This is a major project using Council funds for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Many might argue that this should have been done a lot earlier however it is now on track and I trust that the community will see change in the near future.

Keen watchers of the Lake Wyangan precinct would have also noticed the development plan that Council is proposing, the foreshore master plan. Information was recently released 17 April 2020 on Council's Catch Up. The master plan includes a track around the Lake, controlling the invasive weeds around

the banks of the Lake, sporting options and more areas for relaxing and spending time with family.

An amphitheatre for performances. Councillors want to make this happen for the benefit of the community but getting the water quality resolved is the starting point and must be addressed as a priority.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for the extra care they have taken during the COVID-19 pandemic. Keep up the good work and hopefully we can see a further reduction in restrictions in the coming weeks.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Drafting of the Local Strategic Planning Statement

Griffith City Council is seeking submissions from the public to guide the growth and development of Griffith over the next 25 years. Submissions are welcomed from landowners to understand how they wish to see their lands developed in the future including issues or constraints with existing zoning. Council is keen to ensure the following new and updated plans (available on Council's website: griffith.nsw.gov.au) are drafted in a manner which reflects the community's views and a shared vision for how Griffith will grow to 2045:

- Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014: This is the existing 'zoning plan' for Griffith. It sets out where and how Griffith can be developed now.
- Griffith Land Use Strategy: Beyond 2030: This strategy identifies where and how Griffith should grow in the future
- Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement: This is a new strategic document being prepared by Council. It will represent the vision for the future growth of Griffith and has been required to be prepared by every Council in the state by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Anyone interested in developing their lands or has a vision for the growth of Griffith is invited to provide a submission. Submissions will be received until **4pm 15 June 2020** and can be directed to Council in the following manner: email: admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au; post: PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or 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. 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 Growing Griffith to 2045 Project, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol on 6962 8100 or kelly.mcnicol@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Council will host a live and interactive **Information Session and Q&A via Facebook on 4 June 2020 at 5pm**. Participants can submit their questions by either commenting on Facebook posts advertising the Q&A or on Council's website. Alternatively you can email communications@griffith.nsw.gov.au

Draft Residential Development Control Plan 2020

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 28 April 2020 it was resolved that the draft Griffith Residential Development Control Plan 2020 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 45 days. Council is required to publically exhibit a development control plan in accordance with clause 18 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. The draft Griffith Residential Development Control 2020 is available on Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au along with the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014.

Anyone wishing to provide a submission on the draft Griffith Residential Development Control Plan 2020 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 Monday 15 June 2020**.

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 Residential Development Control Plan 2020, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol on 6962 8100 or kelly.mcnicol@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Council will host a live and interactive **Information Session and Q&A via Facebook on 28 May 2020 at 5pm**. Participants can submit their questions by either commenting on Facebook posts advertising the Q&A or on Council's website. Alternatively you can email communications@griffith.nsw.gov.au

Draft Operational Plan 2020/21 (Budget)

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held 5 May 2020, Council resolved to place the abovementioned documents on public exhibition as part of the Office of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding these documents. Due to the recent events relating to COVID-19 the Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2020-2021, including Budget and Fees and Charges, will not be available for public inspection at Council facilities. We encourage you to download a copy of the draft documents for review from Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition or contact Council 02 6962 8100 to have an electronic copy emailed.

Anyone wishing to make comment on the above documents can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday 5 June 2020**.

Expressions of Interest Griffith City to Lake Fun Run

On 28 April 2020, Council resolved that Expressions of Interest be called from not-for-profit registered charitable organisations with a presence in the Griffith Local Government Area to organise and

auspice the Griffith City to Lake Fun Run, for two years from 2021. Respondents are required to submit their Expression of Interest addressing the below criteria:

1. Name of Organisation
2. Contact Details
3. Charitable Status
4. Evidence of Permanent Presence in Griffith Local Government Area
5. Demonstrated Capacity to Organise a Large Public Event of this Nature
6. Intended Use of Funds Raised
7. Submission of a Draft Event Plan.

Submissions will be received by Council until **4pm on Friday 5 June 2020** and can be lodged online at griffith.nsw.gov.au. A report will be prepared for Council's consideration following closure of the Expression of Interest. Council will provide in kind support through the development of a Traffic Management Plan for the event and provide traffic control staff on the day of the event. The successful organisation is required to provide acquittal report on an annual basis.

Removal of House

Council is seeking applications by Expression of Interest for the sale and removal of a 2 bedroom single storey fibro clad house. Asbestos register is available. To view the house please contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer on 6962 8100.

Written submissions will be received by Council until **4pm on Monday 1 June 2020**.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

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

McDonough Road between Beelbanger Road and Zandona Road. McDonough Road will be closed on 28 May 2020 from 8:30am until 5pm as Essential Energy will be replacing multiple power poles. Detours around the worksite will be provided.

Dickie Road from the intersection with Boorga Road. Dickie Road will be closed from 25 May 2020 until 22 June 2020 as Gradian Projects will be completing culvert upgrades. Access for local traffic will be provided.

Sign up for our e-Edition of the Council Catch Up

Would you like to receive the Catch Up directly in your inbox? Sign up now at griffith.nsw.gov.au/catchup

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

DA No: 132/2020(1)	Applicant: Aust Frost Fans Pty Ltd
	Address: Lots 36 & 596 DP 751743, Lee Lane NERICON
	Description: Two new permanent frost fans and the continuation of use of two existing permanent frost fans
DA No: 188/2019(1)	Applicant: Planningmatters Development Service
	Address: Lot 6 DP 847472, Watson Road GRIFFITH
	Description: SSubdivision - Torrens Title Fifty Two (52) Lots

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

The documentation is also available for viewing on Council's website On Exhibition webpage via: www.griffith.nsw.gov.au until 5 June 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 Friday 5 June 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.