



## Looking forward to a very merry Christmas in Griffith

The Griffith Christmas Working Group is forging ahead with plans for 2021 despite the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19.

The Group met to discuss Christmas 2021 recently, determined to at least set the wheels in motion to give residents something to look forward to.

Christmas Working Group Chair, Councillor Dino Zappacosta said the meeting was an opportunity to start the ball rolling for the upcoming festive season.

"Now, more than ever we need something positive to look forward to," Councillor Zappacosta said.

"Last year ended up being a big success despite the fact we had some restrictions in place.

"We are investigating what we can do for Christmas this year and fingers crossed we can

bring everyone something special.

"Last year, with the help of local businesses we launched the inaugural Glow2680 campaign."

The campaign saw Banna Avenue businesses open their doors for late-night shopping before lights in Memorial Park and trees along the main street were officially switched on.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi, said he is hopeful restrictions will ease well before late November, in time for the event.

"The uncertainty is difficult for us all, but I think at least planning for the best case scenario isn't a bad idea," he said.

"Even if the COVID restrictions mean we can't do everything as normal, as was the case last year, we would like to do something to help lift spirits." Locals may have noticed electrical work being undertaken on fairy lights in trees along

Banna Avenue to ensure they are in working order.

Additional shooting stars will be added and the giant, 6m high walk-through bauble with fairy lights will be back, following repair work. The Gothic Vault arch way, community Christmas tree and star photo booths will also make a comeback in Memorial Park this year.

"If all goes to plan we are going to have an incredible display for our community and visitors to enjoy," Councillor Zappacosta said.

"We have some other exciting new ideas in the works too and we will be making those public as soon as possible once loose ends are tied up." The next Christmas Working Group Meeting will be held on 29 September 2021. Keep your eye out for more details as plans are finalised.

## Griffith City Library wants your COVID story

Griffith City Library is embarking on a community project, aimed at documenting the COVID stories of residents across the Western Riverina.

Griffith City Library Manager, Karen Tagliapietra said we are living through historically important times, and the Library would like to document and preserve our community's experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are asking residents across Griffith and the Western Riverina to share their stories of personal experiences and the events they may have witnessed during the pandemic," said Ms Tagliapietra.

"These stories will be added to our Local History collection, where they will provide valuable insight for future researchers.

"Along with your story, we would welcome any video or photographs you would like to share with future generations."

The Library aims to document and preserve the stories of what has been a difficult time, particularly throughout lockdowns. Stories can

include what it has been like, how our world has changed and how you and your family were affected.

"It may not seem like it, but this information will be historically significant and provide a snapshot of what Griffith and the wider Western Riverina lockdown was like and provide information and images for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren," added Ms Tagliapietra.

To find out more or to submit your story, please visit [www.wrl.nsw.gov.au/covid-19stories](http://www.wrl.nsw.gov.au/covid-19stories)



YOUR COVID STORY

NSW  
Electoral  
Commission

2021 NSW local  
council elections



25 October, 6pm

**Electoral roll for local  
council elections closes**

# Council encourages residents to 'recycle right'

Griffith City Council is encouraging residents to "recycle right", launching a new campaign and suite of educational programs to support residents in doing the right thing.

Residents can learn about how to correctly use their kerbside recycling bin; recurring contaminants in recycling to be aware of; where to dispose of tricky or hazardous waste items; and how to reduce waste going to landfill.

In the coming weeks, Council will release weekly content via social media platforms on a different waste-related topic.

This will alternate between engaging infographics and video animations, which will provide residents with the opportunity to comment and pose questions about their waste services.

"We hope this campaign will get residents thinking more about what they put in their bins," said Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi.

Based on annual waste audits and bin inspection programs, Council has collected important data about waste behaviours and disposal patterns in the Griffith area, which will be communicated in the weekly content.

Council remains focused on meeting the NSW EPA's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery targets by 2022, whereby 70% of domestic household waste is intended to be diverted from landfill.

"At present, this figure is approximately 63% for the Griffith area, and so we hope the campaign will create opportunities for residents to improve their knowledge and translate this into improved waste practices that will boost this rate," said Cr Dal Broi.

"I'd urge everyone to get on board and help us reduce waste where possible.

"Every year waste and recycling audits are carried out, with Council able to use that information to see if we are on target."

Residents are encouraged to follow Council's social media platforms in the coming weeks to access this information, and looks forward to strong engagement from residents, as well as an increase in the recovery of important resources and a renewed confidence in recycling.

You can also find more information on the Council website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)

# GRALC offers free lessons for Learn2Swim Week



**SIGN UP FOR  
LEARN2SWIM WEEK**



With summer just around the corner, water safety and swimming lessons are front of mind for Griffith residents and Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre is preparing for a busy Learn to Swim Season.

Leisure Services Manager, Alan Anderson said the 2021 Learn2Swim Week kicks off on 25 September and is a great opportunity to remind parents of the importance of swimming lessons.

"Learn2Swim Week is an awareness campaign aimed at educating Australians on the importance of teaching kids aged under five to swim and reminding everyone about water safety," said Mr Anderson.

"Drowning is the number one cause of accidental death in children under five, with swimming pools the most common location for toddler drownings - Griffith is an area surrounded by water and learning to swim is a vital, and

potentially lifesaving skill."

Drowning is one of the most common causes of unintentional death in Australian children aged between 0-4 years, with children aged between 0-2 years being the most vulnerable. Nineteen children under the age of five drowned in Australia last year alone - 12 in backyard swimming pools.

"This year we are pleased to be partnering with Learn2Swim Week to provide one free swimming lesson to children ages three to five to help to reduce the risk of drowning by introducing young children to lessons they otherwise might not have access to."

To book your child in for their free swimming lesson, please visit [www.learn2swimweek.com](http://www.learn2swimweek.com)

Learn to Swim Week runs from Monday 25 September until Friday 3 October and is an initiative of national pool and spa care network Poolwerx.

## Recycling Right in Griffith

Griffith's general waste and recycling bins are audited every year, and recycling bins are inspected annually. This shows Council what materials are being disposed of by residents. The most common contaminants observed in Griffith's kerbside recycling bins were...

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| <h3>Soft plastics</h3>           | <h3>Disposable paper</h3> |
| <h3>Household plastic items</h3> | <h3>Packaged food</h3>    |

**Remember to dispose of these items in your red lid garbage bin, as they are not recyclable.**

Visit the Griffith City Council website for more information on waste and recycling!



## Splash Swim School - Term 4

Now taking enrolments for Term 4 swimming lessons. Visit [gralc.com.au](http://gralc.com.au) for more information or call us on 6962 8228 to make a booking



## Councillor Catch Up – Councillor Anne Napoli

During last week's Council meeting we resolved to allocate \$200,000 in the 2021/2022 Capital Works Program for Memorial Gardens - Banna Avenue Embellishment and \$100,000 to the Art Gallery Project. These funds were previously earmarked for a Rose Garden to be constructed near the Tourist Information Centre but due to overwhelming feedback from our residents this garden will not proceed.

I am delighted to say that Council has listened to community concerns and therefore the resolution is pleasing. I am particularly happy to see that Memorial Gardens will receive a facelift, as I know that this is something our community is keen to see.

Despite Griffith being very fortunate, so far, in terms of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is still a worry, with news last

week that NSW Health sewage surveillance program detected fragments of the virus in Griffith. Murrumbidgee Local Health District has since advised that the most recent test has returned a negative result.

But please continue to wear masks, wash and sanitise your hands and practice social distancing. Let's carry on the great work in keeping our Local Government Area COVID-free. I would like to extend a massive thanks to all of the frontline workers in Griffith including Council workers who have continued to deliver vital services for our community. Your work is appreciated.

As we come to the end of this Council term, I think everyone would agree that we have achieved a lot in Griffith over the past five years. You only have to look around the City to see all the

wonderful progress being made and I'm excited to see how we can build on this work in the next term.

I am looking forward to the completion of works in Yambil Street as I'm sure all of you are. I acknowledge it hasn't been easy for businesses while these works have been carried out, but I'm sure it will be worthwhile when done.

I'd like to make everyone aware of the engagement activity known as Council Café that is held on the third Thursday of each month. During this pop up stall, Council supports local businesses by purchasing coffee vouchers to give away. Council Café was initiated at the end of 2019 and it continues to be another way for residents to connect with us or just provide feedback. It is usually held at the Banna Avenue Kiosk, but there are plans to make this a more



mobile service where Council staff move around to different locations including our villages. Keep an eye out on Facebook or the website to find out where Council Café will be held next. It's a good way to keep up to date with what is happening and you can often help provide input into important projects.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that the Local Government elections will be held on 4 December. This will be a good opportunity to choose who you want representing you. I look forward to welcoming a new Council and all of the great things to come for Griffith.

**Kind Regards, Cr Anne Napoli**

## Work underway on McCormack Road Culvert Yoogali



Griffith City Council commenced works on the McCormack Road culvert upgrade this week, as part of Flood Mitigation Works for Yoogali.

Council's Water and Wastewater Manager, Durgananda Chaudhary said this is Stage One of the three stage project. The works include the installation of an additional culvert at two locations of DCJ605J Drainage.

"The first location is at the McCormack Road and Bosanquet Road intersection, with the second location being the McCormack Road and Burley Griffin Way intersection," said Mr Chaudhary. "Works are completed at the first section, with staff onsite this week undertaking the second culvert upgrade at the McCormack

Road and Burley Griffin Way intersection.

"It is anticipated that these works will be completed by December 2021, weather permitting," he added.

Burley Griffin Way will be reduced to one lane from Monday 20 September for the duration of this project, however access from McCormack Road to Burley Griffin Way will be closed. Please follow the detours.

"Council is currently in the process of finalising a funding deed for the Stage Two and Stage Three which will include an earthen levee along McCormack Road and raising of Burley Griffin Way from the railway line to McCormack Road as a levee," added Mr Chaudhary.

## Vandals strike again: Jubilee Amenities Block targeted

Griffith City Council is struggling with constant vandalism, with the new Amenities Block at Jubilee Oval targeted last week.

Last weekend the roller door of the new block was forcibly opened to illegally gain access to the (empty) kitchen area. Two fire extinguishers were taken outside and emptied before being discarded, and a fire blanket was pulled out of it's pouch and left on the kitchen floor. Police are investigating this incident.

Council will have to repair the roller door, install steel bars to prevent any future illegal access and refill and check both fire extinguishers and fire blanket, which comes at a cost to rate payers.

Council has a policy in place which

is there to encourage the public to play a role in safeguarding the assets of the community. Under this policy, Council will pay a reward of up to \$2,000 to members of the public for information resulting in the conviction against persons damaging Council property – information received will be treated confidentially.

Council is asking that all residents close to public reserves and parks adopt a Neighbourhood Watch style approach.

If any resident should see or hear anything that they believe is suspicious or has information relating to the identity of the culprits, they should report the incident to the local police or to Council on 1300 176 077.





# Public Notification

## Community Grants - Apply Now

The first round of the Community Grant Program for 2021/2022 financial year opened Wednesday 18 August 2021, with community groups, not-for-profit and charitable organisations or individuals encouraged to submit an application. Applications are welcome for projects and activities which can demonstrate they will deliver new initiatives which align with Council's Strategic Plan – Guiding Griffith 2040. The Community Grant Program will close Friday, 1 October 2021 at 4pm. Late applications will not be accepted. Application Forms including the program guidelines and Community Grant Policy can be found at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants) or by contacting Council on 1300 176 077. Should you have any questions or queries in relation to the community grants and eligibility, Please contact Council's Community Development officer Melissa Canzian on 1300 176 077.

## Pest Control Program - 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 Friday 24 September 2021 and the program will end at 6am on Sunday 26 September 2021. Please ensure that all pets are secured on your property for this period. For further information contact John Roser – Waste Operations Manager during business hours on 1300 363 077.

## Kooyoo Street Reconstruction – Banna Avenue to Yambil Street

**Tender No: 08-21/22**

Council invites tenders for a contract for the Kooyoo Street Reconstruction works, between Banna Avenue and Yambil Street, Griffith. Tenders close on **Thursday 7 October 2021 at 2pm**. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith). Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533. Tenders may be lodged by email at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith), hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

## Provision of Security Services of Griffith City Council Properties and Amenities

**Tender No: 10-21/22**

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the provision of security services of Council properties and amenities. Tenders close on **Thursday 21 October 2021 at 2pm**. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith). Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533.

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*Canvassing of any Council members or officers will disqualify tenderers from the tender process.*

## Notice of Proposed Name

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

### 1. Road 2 – Passey Drive

Mr Richard Dawson Passey settled in Griffith in 1920. Mr Dawson Passey was a fruit farmer until 1950 when he took a job as a linesman with the PMG. Mr Dawson Passey served in both the first and second world wars (NX92357 Pte. 2/2 Fld Amb. RSL) and was also an active member on the Lake Wyangan School P & C, Scouts Association and RSL. Mr Dawson Passey was buried in the Griffith cemetery.



Mrs Mabel Anne Passey was the wife of Richard who actively worked for the Red Cross, Scouts Association, Lake Wyangan School P & C and Presbyterian Church. Along with Nancy Blumer, Mrs Anne Passey started the Girl Guides in Griffith and was also buried in the Griffith cemetery.

**Locality:** Lake Wyangan

**Reason for Proposal:** Name to be utilised in the new subdivision within Lot 146 DP 1214737, South Lake Drive, Lake Wyangan as defined on the map below:

## Garden Project – 2021/2022 Capital Works Program

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday, 14 September 2021 it was resolved that the Garden Project – 2021/2022 Capital Works Program be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council has requested notification to the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding the following resolution: Council allocate \$200,000 in the 2021/2022 Capital Works Program for "Memorial Park - Gardens (Banna Ave) Embellishment" and \$100,000 to the Art Gallery Project.

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Garden Project – 2021/2022 Capital Works Program 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) will form part of Council's Business Paper and be available to the public. Should you wish to have your contact details withheld it is recommended that you request this in your submission.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday, 22 October 2021**.

## Naming of Ortella Park/ Gordon Avenue

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday, 14 September 2021 it was resolved that an Expression of Interest be advertised to name "Ortella Park" with proposals to be considered as received from either a community member or organisation to name the park after a person who was significant to the immediate Ortella St / Gordon Ave area.

Anyone wishing to make a proposal on the Naming of "Ortella" Park can do so by online submission or visiting the Council website. Alternatively, you can submit a proposal in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680.

Proposals must include the following: Full name of person being proposed, Date of Birth, Date of Death and the person's significance to the Ortella Street area.

Proposals must address Place Name Guidelines and are subject to approval by the Geographic Names Board prior to adoption.

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A graphic for Griffith City Council featuring the logo with the tagline "...love the lifestyle...". To the right is a large, stylized "JOB SEARCH" text with a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo is a pair of glasses and a keyboard.

**Join the Council team!**

We are currently seeking applications for the following position:

**General Labourer - Casual (Casual)**

**Applications close Monday 4 October 2021**

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