

Spring into action with vaccination

As puppy populations traditionally grow in spring, local residents are reminded to ensure their puppies are fully vaccinated, especially against parvovirus which is a serious and potentially fatal virus that spreads easily. Young puppies and unvaccinated dogs are at greatest risk of contracting parvovirus, which can be transmitted through direct contact with the faeces of infected animals and on the soles of people's shoes. Dogs may not show signs of parvovirus for up to 7 to 10 days. Treatment is required if it is contracted and can result in death.

"To protect your dogs from parvovirus and other potentially harmful and fatal diseases, puppies should be broadly vaccinated at the ages of 6, 12 and 16 weeks," said Anthony Napoli, Compliance Coordinator at Griffith City Council.

"After the initial series of vaccinations, all dogs should be given booster injections at least once a year as regular vaccinations for your pets is paramount to protect their

health."

Parvovirus is highly resistant and can only be killed off with a specific germicide, which is available at vet clinics.

"If owners notice their dogs have symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite and lack of energy, or if you have any concerns about the health of your dogs, take them to the nearest vet immediately," he added.

Dog vaccinations are also given for:

- Distemper, a highly contagious disease producing symptoms such as conjunctivitis, nasal discharge, convulsive seizures and spinal cord damage,
- Hepatitis, which can cause sudden death in puppies and weakness, fever, diarrhea, loss of appetite and bleeding in adult dogs, and
- Canine cough, a complex disease caused by bacterium and a virus, producing a hacking cough that lasts several weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local vet.



Real Juice Citrus Sculptures a highlight of the Spring Fest calendar

After many months of preparation, the much anticipated Griffith Spring Fest is finally here with two weeks of events featuring the Real Juice Citrus Sculptures, open gardens, cooking demonstrations, gardening walks and talks, Spring Fest Street Launch Party, Long Italian Table dinner, Spring Market plus the Multicultural Festival – the calendar has something for everyone!

Councillor Christine Stead, Chair of the Tourism Management Committee said the Festival of Gardens Working Group have been hard at work to make sure the Griffith Spring Fest is a success.

"On Sunday more than 700 volunteers came out in droves to erect the 70 Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures, and they look incredible lining our main street," said Councillor Stead.

"To really enjoy the sculptures you need to have a walk around – it's only then that you appreciate the scale and size of these creations and the talent in our wonderful community. There are several new

sculptures this year, including a teepee which is the creation of Griffith Child Care Centre Inc, and giant headphones from Hit 99.7 and 963 Triple M."

In its 22nd year the sculptures have added a splash of colour to Banna Avenue, and among the three-dimensional creations is a grand piano, a reclining chook, a talking robot and a kangaroo or two.

Sponsored by the Real Juice Company who donate over 100,000 oranges, the Citrus Sculptures are unique in Australia but based on the famous Fete du Citron, or Festival of Lemons, which has been running in Menton in the French Riviera for 84 years.

The French festival, which has also become a drawcard for tourists, sees a small park in the seaside town filled with 10-foot-tall sculptures made from thousands of tons of citrus fruit.

Chairperson of the Festival of Gardens Working Group, Councillor Rina Mercuri said the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures are always popular

with visitors and residents, attracting more than 50,000 people.

"Sunday was such a hive of activity, it is incredible to see so many members of our community come out and support the event," said Councillor Mercuri.

"We had volunteers as young as preschoolers all the way up until people aged in their 90s - we are so lucky in Griffith to be part of such a wonderful community."

"The Sculptures remain in place for the two week Spring Fest and will act as a picturesque background for the Launch Party to be held from 5.30pm tonight. This will be a great opportunity for you to come out with family and friends, enjoy a relaxing evening and explore the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures," she added.

The Griffith Spring Fest runs until October 21 and includes gardening workshops, cooking demonstrations, markets as well as a multicultural festival. Head to visitgriffith.com.au for more information.

What's on?

Every Sunday, 7am

Griffith Rotary Markets
15 Collier Street

Every Tuesday, 10am

Baby Bounce, Griffith City Library

Third Thursday of Each Month

Movie Club, Griffith City Library

Every Friday, 11am

Toddler Time, Griffith City Library

Now exhibiting

Justene Williams: The Curtain

Breathed Deeply

Griffith Regional Art Gallery

Now exhibiting

May Gibbs Travelling Exhibition

Griffith City Library

From Sunday 8 October

Real Juice Citrus Sculptures

Banna Avenue

From Friday 13 October until

Monday 16 October

Griffith Spring Fest

Various Locations - see visitgriffith.com.au for all the details or pick

up a program from the Visitor

Information Centre

Saturday 14 October, 11am

Griffith Boat Club Family Fun Day

Griffith Boat Club, Lake Wyangan

Wednesday October 18, 6.30pm

Rosie Waterland: Every Lie I've Told

Griffith City Library

Thursday October 19, 5pm

Thursday Film Club - Phone Booth

Griffith City Library

Sunday October 22, 10.30am

St Mary's School 7th Annual Show n

Shine Family Fun Day

St Mary's School Yoogali

Saturday October 28, 1pm

Free Seniors Movie - Lion

Griffith City Library

Saturday October 28, 2pm

Sunday October 29, 10am

2017 Australian Classic Dirt Track

Masters

Pines Speedway, Remembrance

Drive, Griffith

Saturday October 28, 6.30pm

Ball in the Mall

Griffith Central

See the latest event listings online

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Griffith Spring Fest 8 - 21 October 2017

- Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures**
8 - 21 October
- Griffith Garden Festival**
13 - 16 October
- Spring Fest Launch Party**
13 October 5.30pm
- Griffith Multicultural Festival**
14 October 10.30am
- Long Italian Table Dinner**
14 October 6.30pm
- Spring Market**
15 October 8am

Pick-up your Program from the Visitor Information Centre and local retail outlets