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Have your say on the proposed Mountain Bike Track

Griffith City Council is asking residents for their feedback on a proposed Mountain Bike Park, as part of a grant application under the NSW Government's Open Spaces Program: Places to Play 2021/22.

Council's Urban Design Team are currently working on a grant application which if successful, will see the development of a Mountain Bike Park located on the north-eastern side of the City, adjacent to the Scenic Hill Reserve.

Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst is putting the call out to all members of the community to have their say on the proposed plan through an online survey.

"For projects such as this Mountain Bike Park, it is vital we have input from the community – we want to make sure our grant application takes into consideration the needs of our residents and provides us with the best possible chance to be successful," said Mr Badenhorst. "We know there is a demand for a facility such as this, but would like to further understand how and why it will be used, what facilities

would need to be included and what might stop residents from using the Park. I would encourage you to head to Council's website or Facebook page and complete the 1 minute survey to assist our team in preparing the Grant Application."

The proposed Mountain Bike Park includes tracks, roll over and kicker ramps, and consists of three (3) trails of differing lengths and catering to all abilities. The design includes a one (1) kilometre Airflow (jump) track, a two (2) kilometre Adventure Loop and a skills track. Each track will have different features, ensuring riders can choose the right track according to their skill level.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said he would like as many residents to complete the survey as possible.

"During the community consultation for the new Community Strategic Plan, it was identified that Council needs to improve and create additional outdoor recreational spaces, and the opportunity to apply for this grant for a Mountain Bike Track does just that," said Councillor Curran.

"Council is committed to providing the infrastructure required to ensure Griffith continues to be a great place to work, live and raise a family – but we need your input to achieve that goal. Please consider taking the short survey and help us provide the facilities you want into the future."

The survey can be found on Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au or on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil

The NSW Places to Play Grant Program for 2021/22 is a \$16.7M investment from the NSW Government over 3 years to support the creation of innovative and inclusive adventure, water and nature playspaces for people of all ages and abilities.

The Program builds on the principles of the Everyone Can Play program, building on the message that play doesn't just mean playgrounds and isn't just for children – everyone in the community can come together to play and have fun.



FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Join us February 26 from 12pm for the first birthday of our 50m Pool

Free entry, free BBQ & fruit salad from 12pm, try Water Polo, Griffith Swim Club conducting trials and a DJ to keep you entertained!



Councillors set to join Regional Planning Panel

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday night, it was resolved that Councillors Christine Stead and Manjit Singh Lally be appointed as Council representatives on the Regional Planning Panel (RPP), with Councillor Anne Napoli as the alternate.

RRPs were introduced to NSW in 2009 to strengthen decision making on regionally significant development applications and other planning matters.

The RRP consists of three members appointed by the NSW Government and two members appointed by Council, with the new Councillors appointed following the December 2021 NSW Local Government Elections.

Regional Planning Panels operate in the following four regions of the State: Hunter and Central Coast, Southern, Northern, and Western which Griffith City Council is a member, and are responsible for a variety of tasks including:

- Determine 'regionally significant' development applications (DAs) and certain other DAs and modification applications
- Act as the Planning Proposal Authority (PPA) when directed CLO1 Appointment of Regional Planning Panel Members
- Undertake rezoning reviews
- Provide advice on other planning and development matters when requested, and
- Determine site compatibility certificates under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said the role was a vital one for the region, and is pleased Councillors Christine Stead and Manjit Singh Lally have been appointed.

"I would like to thank Councillor Stead and Mrs Rina Mercuri for their service on the RRP, having been appointed in July 2019 and congratulate Councillor Stead on her reappointment," said Councillor Curran.

"Councillors Stead and Singh Lally have a big job ahead of them throughout this term and I am sure they will excel."

Councillor Stead said she is pleased to have been able to extend her time on the Regional Planning Panel and is looking forward to working with the Panel throughout this term.

Councillor Singh Lally said he hopes to gain valuable insight and extend his knowledge base for the benefit of the Griffith community.

The RRP meets on an as needs basis.



Calling all young thespians: Theatre Youth Troupe is back!



Does your child dream of being on the stage? Their name up in lights? Young theatre-lovers are invited to join the Youth Theatre Troupe at Griffith Regional Theatre, returning after a COVID-forced hiatus.

These six-week blocks of after-school drama classes are available for junior students aged 9 to 12 on Wednesday afternoons and senior students aged 13 to 18 on Tuesday afternoons.

Theatre Troupe Leader, Bonnie Owen said, "Troupe is a great way for kids to further develop their skill set, not just for performing, but also for public speaking and their own confidence. They can learn to think more creatively, make new friends, plus we have a lot of fun."

Students will learn a range of drama and performance skills in a fun and supportive environment. Junior Troupe will enjoy improvisation, scripted workshopping, group and solo performance work as well as theatre sports and games. Senior Troupe will focus on self-devised and scripted workshopping, group performance work, and writing for the stage. Senior Troupe can also enjoy special pricing for two night-time performances at the Theatre, perfect for students.

Acting Manager of Griffith Regional Theatre, Marg Andreadza said, "We're looking forward to having the drama troupe back again at the Theatre, the kids enjoy it, and we receive great feedback from parents too. It is such a great

program for kids interested in the performing arts or just looking for something different to do."

Junior Troupe costs \$80 for a six-week block and runs on Wednesdays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, commencing on Wednesday 2 March and will finish up on Wednesday 6 April.

Senior Troupe costs \$100 for a six-week block and runs on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6.30pm, commencing on Tuesday 1 March and finishing up on Tuesday 5 April.

Service NSW Creative Kids and Parents NSW vouchers can be used to pay for enrolment.

Senior Troupe students are invited to partake in special ticket offers of \$15 for Amphibian on 1 March and Jack & Millie on 8 March. After their Troupe class, students can stay and experience real theatre shows with simple sets and small casts and see examples of using several theatrical devices to great effect. Students can share a pizza (included in ticket price) and see the show with Troupe Leader Bonnie Owen.

Troupe parents can also attend the shows for a special price of \$30 per person – a discount of \$20. These special offer tickets are not available on-line must be purchased directly from Box Office.

Enrolments can be made at the Box Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visiting www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au

Rotary Tree Planting marks a centenary of service



The combined Rotary Clubs of Griffith will celebrate a hundred years of service to the community by planting a commemorative grove of trees in Venetian Park.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 22 February 2022 Council endorsed the planting project to mark the centennial of the Rotary Foundation.

Following investigation, Venetian Park was found to be the ideal spot for the planting of approximately 40 trees.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran, congratulated the combined Rotary Clubs on the incredible milestone.

"I think having Rotary plant a commemorative grove is very fitting, as it's another example of Rotarians doing something worthwhile for the community," he said.

"It will be a pleasure to watch

these trees grow and I thank them for their ongoing support."

Venetian Park is bounded on the western side by Yarrabee Street and on the Eastern side by the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Supply Channel reserve.

The two species of trees nominated by Rotary to be considered for planting are the red flowering Ironbark and Australian native pencil pines.

Rotary proposes to plant the trees in spacing of approximately 5m which would extend the grove from Griffin Avenue to Bringan Street.

It is anticipated the tree planting will take place in June-July 2022.

The proposal includes the installation of a plaque funded by Rotary, with Council covering the expense for the installation of irrigation.

Message from Councillor Shari Blumer

My five-year old son is fond of telling me that 'sharing is caring' – especially when he wants something that is mine – or chocolate. In his case, I don't always agree, but what the last month or so has taught me is that Council's role is to share our community's knowledge and resources.

On 12 February 2022, the Griffith Regional Art Gallery hosted a presentation by the artists behind Political Women, an exhibition of the diversity of the female political voice.

'Strong Goanna', a sculpture by Wiradjuri Elder Lorraine Tye, was a sharing of ancient knowledge about the forming of the Murrumbidgee.

Her work retold a Dreamtime drought, during which Spirit Men kept hidden a water source, until a young Goanna woman followed them to the secret spring and struck her yam stick into the ground, forming the Murrumbidgee for all to share.

13 local artists contributed pieces to the 'Disobedient Aprons' section of the exhibition with playful yet thought provoking takes on the humble kitchen apron. If this exhibition is a sample of the artists working in the region, we have a thriving arts sector to build upon.

At the Council meeting on 8 February 2022, I was honoured to be elected to the Headspace Consortium, a group of allied mental health providers for those aged 12 to 25.

We met on 16 February 2022, to



discuss ways to share resources and enable better access to mental health services.

During the Council Café on 17 February 2022, at the Griffith City Library, I was glad to meet a wide range of community members.

I would like to thank those who attended, who shared their knowledge and ideas about how to improve our local government area.

Harnessing information directly from residents is essential if we are to properly identify Council's priorities - the recently released Draft Community Strategic Plan is an excellent summary of the community's perspective.

I encourage you to attend the next Council Cafe, to share your thoughts directly with Councillors. Another great way of keeping up to date with Council events, news and public notices is to subscribe to the Council Catch Up. The publication is delivered directly to your inbox every Friday. You can subscribe at griffith.nsw.gov.au/ subscribe or pick up a hard copy at one of several locations across the LGA.

Kind regards,
Councillor Shari Blumer



Artwork by Rhonda Miranda

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Public Notification

Draft Child Safe Policy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 February 2022 it was resolved that the draft Child Safe Policy be placed on public exhibition. The draft Child Safe Policy 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/onexhibition. Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Child Safe Policy 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. Should you wish to have your contact details withheld it is recommended that you request this in your submission.

Draft Community Strategic Plan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 8 February 2022, Council resolved to place the draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 on public exhibition providing the opportunity for submissions regarding this document.

The draft Community Strategic Plan may be viewed at the Council Administration Building, 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Community Strategic Plan can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Wednesday 9 March 2022**

Classification of Land

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council resolved to classify Lot 230 DP 1196370, Wattle Street to Bugno Lane, Hanwood as operational land. The land is to be purchased for construction of a levy.

Written submissions will be received up until 4pm, Monday 14 March 2022 and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au. Please note any submissions may be included in the Council Business Paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 6962 8134.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

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

McCormack Road between East Street and Burley Griffin Way will remain closed until Friday 4 March 2022 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.

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

DA Number: 20/2022(1)	Applicant: Planningmatters Development Service
Address: Lots 7 & 8 Section 31 DP 758476 1 Palla Street & 2 Animoo Avenue GRIFFITH	
Description: Construction of a health services facility to be used for the purposes of a medical centre with associated carparking	

Copies of the Development Applications and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Planning & Development/Development Applications - Notifications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 176 077. This documentation may be viewed up until **4pm on Friday 11 March 2022**.

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 griffith.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions regarding the Development Application or modification should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on Friday 11 March 2022**. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number and the DA number the submission relates to. 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.

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DOG DESEXING UNDER 25KG \$95 | DOG DESEXING OVER 25KGS \$120
CAT DESEXING \$60 | VACCINATIONS \$35 | MICROCHIPPING \$15

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We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Principal Officer - Environment (Permanent)
- Front of House Duty Manager Theatre (Casual)
- Front Of House Support - (Arts & Museum (Casual)

Applications for the above positions close Monday 28 February 2022

- Library Manager (Permanent 12 Month Maternity Leave Appointment)

Applications for the above position closes Monday 7 March 2022.

- Team Leader - Sportsgrounds (Permanent)

Applications for the above position closes Monday 14 March 2022.

- Mechanic (Re-advertised)(Permanent)

Applications for the above position closes Monday 21 March 2022.

For more information or to apply, visit griffith.nsw.gov.au