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## At A Glance: Find accessible Griffith Businesses

Finding accessible businesses in Griffith will be made easier over the coming months with the Access At A Glance program being delivered in the city.

The program launch coincides with the annual observance of the International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) on December 3 – a day to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of people with disability.

Intereach is partnering with Griffith City Council, and with the support of the Griffith Business Chamber, is assessing businesses on how accessible and inclusive they are. Access At A Glance focuses on how businesses are currently meeting disability access and inclusion and provides advice on improvements to lift the experience of all customers.

The outcome of that accessibility review can be highlighted with a number of stickers which allow people, at a glance, to make an assessment if they will have access and support in that business.

Intereach Acting CEO Yvette Buhagiar said Access At A Glance was a free service and an opportunity for businesses to have a conversation with Griffith Intereach team to look at ways of gaining a greater

understanding of how small changes can make a huge difference when it comes to access and inclusion.

Being an inclusive business benefits everyone, not just people with disability. This includes people with prams, temporary injuries and older people.

“We would welcome the opportunity to have a conversation with local businesses. In being an inclusive business it simply means providing products and services in a way that ensures people of all abilities are welcome and treated with equity and dignity,” Ms Buhagiar said.

“With the Business Chamber and Council being so supportive, we can see that Griffith wants to be a leader in this space, we really appreciate their support in this partnership.”

A number of local businesses have already registered for an assessment, which will ramp up in 2023. They include the Country Universities Centre Western Riverina, Cater & Blumer Solicitors, Griffith Tourism Hub and PinnacleHPC Accountants.

Griffith City Council Mayor Doug Curran said the program was an opportunity for all businesses to get involved.

“We welcome this partnership and the support that Access At A Glance has

already received, but I would encourage all businesses to think about accessibility and get involved,” Mayor Curran said.

“Council has a well-regarded Disability Inclusion and Access Committee that is supported by Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair) and Councillor Laurie Testoni. They are always advocating for improvements across our region.

“Importantly, we have committee members who can share their lived experience which is crucial when it comes to support and decision-making.”

Inclusion benefits us all, however, can be particularly beneficial for:

- People with physical disability e.g. people who use wheelchairs, mobility aids such as mobility scooters, walking frames or crutches
- People with vision or hearing impairment
- Carers of people with disability
- People with prams and strollers
- People with a learning difficulty, intellectual disability or brain injury
- People who are frail.

If your business would like a free assessment, please contact the Griffith Intereach Office on 0418 951 905 and speak with project leader Simone.



Rotary club of Griffith

## CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

## & glow 2680 launch

### FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 5.30PM

Memorial Park Griffith





## Griffin Green Housing Project recognised



Argyle Housing and Griffith City Council's Griffin Green Project was recognised at the PowerHousing Australia Awards Ceremony last week, being named the runner up of the 2022 Business Partner Award.

The 2022 PowerHousing Academy Scholarships and National Awards are designed to showcase the individuals and teams in their membership who have gone above and beyond to support their colleagues and clients during these unprecedented times. The Awards acknowledge the sector and the community at large, as well as highlighting the difference that PowerHousing members make to the lives of residents, local communities and our nation.

The \$12M Affordable Housing Project, Griffin Green will see 20 townhouses and more than 42 housing lots built around Dave Taylor Park, to help address the housing shortage and provide affordable housing options and a way to enter the competitive home ownership market in Griffith.

Griffin Green has been funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (\$6M), Griffith City Council (\$3M), and Argyle Housing (\$3M).

Council and Argyle Housing have committed to providing residents with new playground equipment, a basketball court, and a large open green space within Dave Taylor Park with consultation sessions being held over the last couple of months, and a new Community Hub will also be constructed by

Argyle Housing.

Carolyn Doherty, Argyle Housing CEO said Argyle Housing are excited to achieve this recognition in our partnership with Griffith City Council.

"We are very grateful to Powerhousing Australia for the recognition of our business relationship with Griffith City Council on the Griffin Green Housing Project," said Ms Doherty.

"Together we are revitalising a community through building 20 medium density affordable rental homes and 42 housing lots in South Griffith."

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said he is pleased to see this unique partnership and project receive acknowledgment at the awards ceremony.

"This partnership with the Australian Government and Argyle Housing is just one demonstration of working with Government and Non-Government Organisations to address the needs of our community," said Councillor Curran.

"This development not only reflects the innovation that can be achieved in regional areas through partnerships but demonstrates the importance and impact of the investment into housing and economic outcomes in areas of regional growth."

Construction of the 20 townhouses is currently underway with framework being erected. Due to the recent rain events and subsequent delays, construction is due to be completed by August 2023.

## Griffith City Library prepares for a very Merry Christmas

It's going to be a very Merry Christmas at the Griffith City Library this year, with a host of activities planned to get everyone in the spirit.

Griffith City Library Acting Manager, Chris Robson, said there was something for just about everyone.

"On behalf of the team here at the Library, I want to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas," Mr Robson said.

"We have lots of activities and events planned, starting with Family Time this Saturday 3 December at 10am where local author Tamara Floriani will be reading her new book *The Lazy Lizard*.

"Library staff and the Book Mobile will also be at the Glow2680 light up event this Friday 2 December from 5.30pm."

Griffith City Library has a special mailbox that goes directly to Santa at the North Pole. Children can write a letter to Santa and will receive their very own personalised reply in the mail, but don't forget to include your full name and address in your letter.

Meanwhile, Library elves have been busy decking the halls in readiness for the season. Visitors can take advantage of the stunning Christmas backdrop. The festive scene has been specially created so that families can capture their own Christmas photos.

A special sensory Christmas photo session will be held on Monday 12 December 2022. Thanks to Camera House Griffith, longer session times are being offered in a quiet environment without any long

queues and no Santa. You will receive a digital version of your photo for free. Tickets are limited and must be booked via [wrl.eventbrite.com.au](http://wrl.eventbrite.com.au)

A special Rhyme Time with Santa Claus will be held on Tuesday 13 December at 10am where Children will get to meet Santa after singing and dancing to Christmas songs. Storytime with Santa Claus will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 10am.

Those looking for something creative to do can design and create a Christmas themed tote bag on Tuesday 20 December and Wednesday 21 December at 10.30am.

### What's on?

- Library Sand Art and Book Mobile at Glow2680 and Rotary Christmas Carnival, Memorial Park, Friday 2 December, 5.30pm

- Family Time with Tamara Floriani - Saturday 3 December 2022 - 10am

- Santa's Mailbox – Now open - closes on 17 December 2022

- Sensory Christmas Photos - Monday 12 December 2022, 9.30am - 1pm

- Sensory Friendly Christmas Movie, Friday 2 December - 12.30pm

- Rhyme Time with Santa Claus - Tuesday 13 December - 10am

- Storytime with Santa Claus - Wednesday 14 December - 10am

- Thursday Film Club Christmas Classic - Thursday 15 December - 5pm

- Design and create a Christmas themed tote bag - Tuesday 20 December & Wednesday 21 December, 10.30am





## Council welcomes new Manager to Griffith Regional Sports Centre



Griffith City Council has appointed a new Manager at Griffith Regional Sports Centre (GRSC), welcoming Griffith resident Ché Jenkins to the role. Mr Jenkins has lived in Griffith since 2011 when he moved to the area to play for the Griffith Swans Aussie Rules Club. Previously living in country Victoria, Mr Jenkins has a passion for grass roots sports and providing country kids with opportunities to develop their abilities.

With a strong network of community, school and sporting contacts locally, regionally and nationally, Mr Jenkins hopes to work closely with organisations to bring GRSC to a level that provides all users with a positive experience.

"I am really excited to be joining the team at GRSC and I look forward to supporting local sporting organisations to showcase their players, parents, supporters and sponsors to a high level and host regional sporting events into the future," said Mr Jenkins.

"I have previously worked as a NSW Development Manager with AFL NSW/ACT for 11 years, and I understand the role organised sport plays in connecting the community – there are so many benefits to sport not limited to physical outcomes, but mentally and socially.

"I am proud to be able to work at GRSC with its state of the art amenities – the Centre is home to many different sports, providing opportunities for local athletes to develop their skills right here in their backyard," added Mr Jenkins.

Growing up in a country town, Mr Jenkins spent his time playing sport including Aussie Rules, Tennis, Cricket, Basketball and Netball and is excited to be able to use his passion for sport to assist local adults and children to participate at an introductory level, through to elite pathways.

"The GRSC has a range of facilities offering a vast array of sports for our community – I welcome you to come down and explore the Centre and try one of our many activities," he added.

Mr Jenkins is proud to call Griffith home, and has deep roots within the community. His wife, Laura is a teacher at Marian Catholic College and they have an 18 month old daughter and twins on the way.

"I'm excited to work with all users of the GRSC to help kids, families and teams achieve great things. After a tumultuous period of lockdowns and inactivity I cannot wait to see the GRSC flourish and become the sporting venue of choice in the region," he said.

## Message from Cr. Melissa Marin

It has almost been 12 months since the Local Government Elections and it has been a bit of a whirlwind.

It has been a particularly busy time and my fellow Councillors and I have had to learn a lot while working toward the best possible outcomes for our community.

The last few months have been especially busy with many projects underway. The Griffith Regional Sports Stadium is one project which is, in my opinion, the jewel in the crown of our sporting facilities.

October 29 saw the Open Day for the community and we were honoured to have Australian Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese in attendance. The community turned out in droves to celebrate the Centre, with local sports representatives on hand to demonstrate local sports such as basketball, netball, hockey and athletics.

It is an exciting time for Griffith, with the Centre able to host Local, Regional and State competitions - great news for our local families and business operators who will benefit from the injection of funds at these events.

I would also like to acknowledge that it has been a difficult time across the State with the recent rainfall creating havoc. Our roads network has suffered and I would like to encourage road users to please be patient. Staff are aware of the numerous issues across the region, and are doing their best to address the damage. Further rainfall



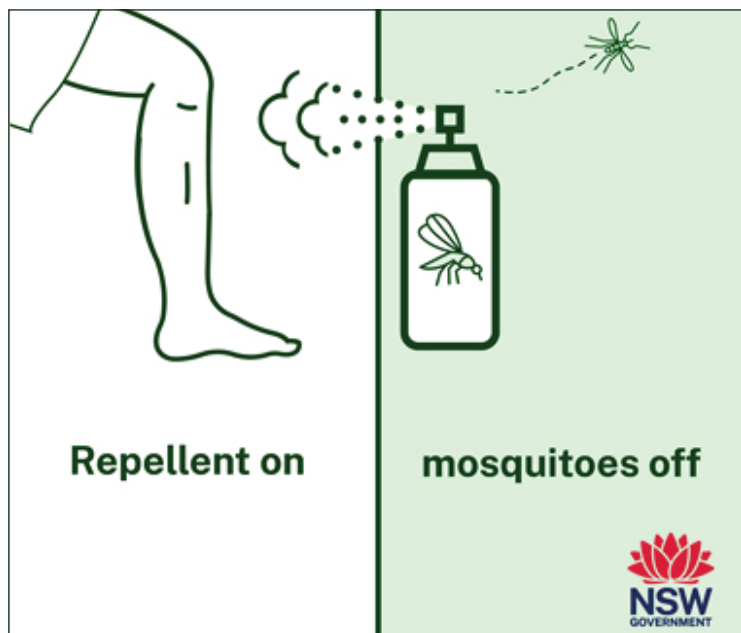
has had an impact and, creating delays in repairing the road, or causing more damage when potholes are filled. Please be patient - staff are doing their utmost to repair the roads as quickly as they can. A little kindness goes a long way.

With around three weeks until Christmas, I would like to encourage you to consider shopping locally. Council has coordinated a Side Walk Sale in Banna Avenue this Saturday morning, while the Tourism Team are hosting a local Christmas Market and late night shopping on Thursday 15 December. By shopping at a Council Star Business, you can go in the draw to win a \$500 voucher or one of five \$100 vouchers - look out for the star stickers!

If you are travelling this Christmas, please take care. If you are staying locally, please consider checking in on your neighbours. Christmas can be a difficult time and a conversation and a smile could make someone's Christmas a little easier.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Councillor Melissa Marin**



# Public Notification

## Notice of Temporary Road Closures

**Bromley Road and Butler Road will remain closed until the end of December 2022** for the construction of the remaining section of Bromley Road and extension of Thorne Road between Bromley Road and Walla Avenue, Upgrade of Thorne Road between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue and the construction of roundabout at Thorne Road and Murrumbidgee intersection. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

**Walla Avenue and Thorne Road will be closed until Saturday 31 December 2022, with Walla Ave anticipated to be opening to traffic by end of December 2022.** Walla Avenue and Thorne Road will be closed for the Construction of Stage 5b, 5a and 4b of the Great Southern Industrial Link Project by Griffith City Council. Detours around the site and access for heavy vehicles will be provided.

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

<b>DA Number:</b> 224/2022(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> Trustees Of The Roman Catholic Church for The Diocese of Wagga Wagga
<b>Address:</b> Lot 2193 DP 720520, Lot 7305 DP 1153367 & Lot 1235 DP 751709 10-24 Edon Street, Burley Griffin Way & 8 Edon Street YOOGALI	
<b>Description:</b> Alterations & Additions to the existing Saint Mary's Primary School	
<b>DA Number:</b> 229/2022(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> Riverina Winemakers Assoc. Inc
<b>Address:</b> Lot 2 DP 777210 & Lot 1764 DP 40518, 55-59 & 65-67 Jondaryan Avenue GRIFFITH	
<b>Description:</b> Vintage Festival - Mar 2023, Apr 2024, Apr 2022	

Copies of the Development Application 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 4:00pm on Friday 9 December 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 – [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://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 9 December 2022**. 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.

WE ARE  
HIRING

Join Our Team!

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

**Animal Rehoming Assistant - Trainee**  
(2 year full time term)

**Griffith Regional Sports Centre Operations Coordinator** (Permanent)

**Applications close 5 December 2022**

**Leisure Services Cashier** (Casual)

**Applications close 2 January 2023**

**Griffith Regional Sports Centre Attendant** (Casual)

**Applications close 9 January 2023**

**Waste Operator - Landfill** (Permanent)

**Applications close 16 January 2023**

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Apply online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)

## Carols by Candlelight

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

GRIFFITH COMMUNITY GARDENS

Kids activities, Rotary BBQ, ice-cream  
from 6.30pm

Carols from 7.30pm

featuring local performers and musicians

# SUMMER CULTURAL CAMP

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Performances with  
Buija Buija Butterfly  
Dance Group and  
Dinawan's Connection

CONNECTIONS

All  
Meals  
Included

Costume  
Design &  
Making

Free  
time in  
the pool

Back to  
School  
Health  
Checks

Traditional  
Dance  
Music &  
Language

## 24 TO 26 JANUARY 2023

Free Cultural and Recreational Camp  
for Aboriginal Kids 12-17 years

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY

Contact Vickie Louise or Michelle at GAMS on 69620000