

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Councillor Eddy Mardon



progress - I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful community.

There are a number of events coming up over the next few weeks and I would like to encourage you to get out there and enjoy what Griffith has to offer. The City 2 Lake is on March 10, Rewind in the Vines on March 23 and we are preparing for another fantastic set of events throughout Easter - lots happening!

Kind regards,
Councillor Eddy Mardon

What a start to 2019 we have had already! I am struggling to believe we are half way through February, it feels as though we were just celebrating Christmas. Council is gearing up for a big year with many projects underway or in the planning stages.

One of the most anticipated projects is the Yambil Street Upgrade as part of the overall CBD Strategy.

While the works halted due to the Christmas period and there have been some unexpected obstacles, the project is progressing well. Council staff anticipate Stage 1 will be completed by the end of May, with a large amount of the works already completed.

Planning for Stage 2 of the Yambil Street Upgrade has started, with the preliminary design work underway. Stage 2 will take in from Kooyoo Street to Ulong Street.

I would like to thank the businesses and Yambil Street users for their patience during this time and can assure you, it will be well worth the inconvenience!

It is also an exciting time for housing development in Griffith. Lots which were for sale in the Willandra Gardens Estate have all been sold which is a great outcome.

Additionally, the latest Collina Development taking in Farms 8, 9, 10 and 11 offer 400 lots for

housing construction. Each farm is at various stages of development with lots currently available for sale.

The Council land at Lake Wyangan is progressing and through a Tender process, Council has engaged a company (SMEC - based in the ACT) to prepare a Bill of Quantities which will estimate the cost to develop the land. This will assist Council in their decision regarding the best approach to bring this land to market.

Council will shortly advertise for expressions of interest to prepare a master plan for the development of this land, creating much sought after residential housing blocks.

Despite what we hear about the

Sydney market, where sharp rises and falls in real estate prices occurred, it appears that interest and sales in Griffith are holding up - great news for our City.

Last Saturday our Local Government Area headed to the polls to vote for the next Councillor of the City of Griffith, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Glen Andrezza to Council. It was fantastic to see so many people putting themselves forward for the vacancy. I wish the candidates the best of luck and look forward to working with the new Councillor for the remainder of the term.

We have many locals who are dedicated to seeing Griffith

Financial Guru to visit Griffith City Library this March



Above: Noel Whittaker is set to deliver two sessions in Griffith aimed at empowering locals to take control of their financial situation.

Griffith City Library is pleased to be welcoming Noel Whittaker, finance and investment expert on Thursday 7 March, 10am and 6pm.

Manager Griffith City Library, Karen Tagliapietra said Noel Whittaker is one of the world's foremost authorities on personal finance, having been presented with an Order of Australia for services to the community in raising awareness of the benefits of superannuation, household budgeting and estate planning.

"We are excited to be able

to provide these important and informative sessions for our community," said Ms Tagliapietra.

"Noel is aiming to help ordinary people prosper by educating them on how to maximise their finances, which is something he is very passionate about.

"The first session will be held at 10am on 'The 10 Mistakes Retirees Make and How to Avoid Them', and at 6pm will present 'Building Wealth While Saving Tax' - both sessions are completely free of charge."

The 10am session places

a strong emphasis on retirement and helping retirees keep their finances intact by avoiding some common mistakes.

The 6pm session will be focusing on how to become financially secure which becomes more important as our population ages. Noel will discuss the basic financial principles, and explain how to save tax while building your wealth.

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please RSVP via Eventbrite.com.au or contact the Library on 6962 8300.

Red Alert for Lake Wyangan

Griffith City Council would like to advise a Red Alert warning has been issued for the Blue-Green Algae in Lake Wyangan (North).

This Red Alert warning indicates that the water of Lake Wyangan North is unsuitable for recreational use or primary contact by domestic users and may pose a threat to livestock.

Restricted access to Lake Wyangan North means residents and visitors are advised not to enter the water to undertake recreational activities where they may come into direct contact with the water such as swimming, bathing, boating, water skiing, sailing, kayaking and fishing and are advised to avoid areas where algae is obvious.

Residents and visitors to Lake Wyangan North are further advised not to drink the untreated water or bathe in the water drawn from Lake Wyangan North. Blue-Green Algae may cause gastroenteritis in

humans if consumed and may also cause eye and skin irritations. Please note algae cannot be removed by boiling the water.

Livestock owners are advised to restrict access by removing livestock from the foreshores of Lake Wyangan North where surface scum is visible or Blue-Green Algae is suspected and domestic pets should also be kept away from the Lake, as consumption of the water may pose a threat.

Council actively monitors the water quality of Lake Wyangan North for incidence of Blue-Green Algae, undertaking rigorous sampling and monitoring in accordance with National (NHMRC 2008) and our regions Water NSW (Murrumbidgee Region) guidelines. These guidelines ensure, when Blue-Green Algae Red Alert does occur, that appropriate sampling frequency and alerting measures are put in place, including closure of the affected water body and

notification of all water users.

The total biovolume of all blue green algae is just over the total biovolume of all algae, which was 10.4 mm³/L. The Lake will remain closed until two consecutive samples below the 10 mm³/L are recorded. The total biovolume of potentially toxic blue green algae was 2.9 mm³/L.

Regular users, such as the Griffith Boat Club and Griffith Sailing Club, have been notified of the closure. Warning signs have been erected around Lake Wyangan North to alert users of the restricted access to the Lake. Access to the recreational land such as the picnic area however, will remain open.

Council will continue to monitor the water quality of Lake Wyangan (North), and provide updates to the current Red Alert through our website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au and through the local media.



Congratulations to Greg and Alex, our Festival of Lights Winners



On Tuesday the Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi presented the winners of the Griffith Festival of Lights Competition with their plaques and prizes. It was a hotly contested competition with the Mayor's Choice being awarded to Greg and Meagan Hilton of Harward Road, and the People's Choice going to first time entrant Alex Nichols of Ortella Street. Both are looking forward to the 2019 competition and have began planning already!

Pictured left to right: Alex Nichols, Councillor John Dal Broi and Greg Hilton.

Grants Writing Workshop

Griffith City Council invites you to attend a Grants Writing Workshop. This is a practical workshop where grants from both the public and private sector will be studied and assessed. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and have their own grant applications assessed one-on-one by the facilitator, Keith Whelan.

This Grants writing workshop will provide valuable knowledge on a range of Grants related topics with a focus on:

- * Practical Grant Writing Tricks & Tips
- * Club Grants Application
- * State / Federal Government Grant Application
- * Grant Case study
- * Acquittal of Funding & Evaluation



register online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/grantsworkshop

When: Thursday 28 February 2019 from 9am until 3pm
Where: Rural Fire Service Wakaden Street Griffith
Cost: \$20 plus booking fee - limited spaces available

For more information please contact Council's Community Development Officer, Tanya Aramini on 6962 8100 or email Tanya.Aramini@griffith.nsw.gov.au



Has rubbish got you down in the dumps?

Dump it for free on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility and Sunday 10 March at the Yenda Waste Management Facility between 8am and 5pm. Phone Council on 6962 8100 for more information.



POSITIONS VACANT

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Then join our 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. Council is proactive and passionate about creating ongoing opportunities for our growing population. Council is seeking applications from enthusiastic motivated individuals for the following positions:

Library Manager (Permanent - 12 months Maternity Leave Position)

To provide a quality, current, efficient and effective library and information service to the community of the City of Griffith, through the management of Griffith City Library and its regional organisation, Western Riverina Libraries. A Degree in Information Services or related qualification and demonstrated relevant experience in a senior Library position is essential.

To be considered for this position applicants must have a Working with Children Check Clearance Number for employment screening purposes.

To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au (in child related industry sector, tick clubs or other bodies providing services for children). Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary from \$92,340.04 to \$101,571.60 (Grade 19).

If you have any questions about the role please contact MAx Turner on 6962 8100. **Applications close 4pm, Friday, 22 February 2019.**

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs or contact Council's Workforce Planning Administrator on 6962 8100. Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply.

Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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

Railway Street between Tranter Place and Kooyoo Street.

Railway Street will be partially closed from **Monday 25 February until Friday 1 March 2019** for the construction of a footpath in CWA Park along Railway Street by Griffith City Council.

Parking will be restricted and speed restrictions

will also be in place.

Coolah Street between Ulong Street and Jondaryan Avenue.

Coolah Street will be closed on the **3 March 2019 between 9:30am and 3pm** for the replacement of power poles by Essential Energy. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access for local residents will also be available.

Casella Wines Visy City 2 Lake Road Closures

The above event will be taking place on Sunday **10 March 2019 from 8am**. During the event, the following roads will be closed: **Campbell Street, Wyangan Avenue, Boorga Road and Jones Road will be closed between 6.30am and approximately 11am.**

Residents in North Grove Drive, Fawcett Drive and South Lake Road will be affected. As the event progresses, the roads will be reopened at key intersections, however all detours and the closure of Jones Road will remain in place until the event has concluded.

Motorists and residents are asked to follow all signposted changes in traffic conditions. Please allow extra travel time to accommodate for the detours and delays which may occur as a result of the closure and please take care with pedestrian and cycle traffic you may encounter.

Temporary speed reduction - Jondaryan Avenue

There will be a temporary speed reduction along **Jondaryan Avenue from 12:30pm to 11:30pm Saturday 23 March 2019.**

Drivers are advised to drive with caution due to increased pedestrian activity at the Rewind in the Vines Music Festival being held at the old Miranda Wines site 55-67 Jondaryan Avenue Griffith.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Applications are now open for the 2018/2019 Community Grants Program, with Griffith City Council inviting community groups, not-for-profit or charitable organisations and individuals to apply. The Community Grants Program consist of two rounds per year, capped at \$2,500.

Applications open Monday, 18 February 2019 and closes 4pm Friday, 22 March 2019.

To assist applicants, two free information sessions will be held on **Monday 11 March, 2018 at 12 noon and 5.30pm at Griffith City Council.**

Please call Tanya Aramini, Community Development Officer on 6962 8100 to register your attendance.

Late applications will not be accepted. Application Forms including the Program Guidelines can be found at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants or by contacting Council on 6962 8100.

To find out more about the Community Grant Program please contact Council's Community Development Team on 6962 8100 or email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au

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

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| DA No: 32/2019(1) | Applicant: Dinicola Management Pty Ltd |
| | Address: LOT 215 DP 756035 339 Lakes Road LAKE WYANGAN |
| | Description: Rural Industry (Agricultural Produce Industry) Almond Milk Processing (in 3 production stages). |
| DA No: 33/2019(1) | Applicant: NSW Department of Education & Schools Infrastructure NSW |
| | Address: LOT 3 DP 123963 82-86 Coolah Street GRIFFITH |
| | Description: Demolition, alterations & additions at Griffith Campus of Murrumbidgee Regional High School to create a new entrance hub (including lift & new stairs) for Central Building A. |
| DA No: 215/2017(3) | Applicant: Mr M Acar |
| | Address: LOT A DP 401072, LOT 632 DP 1203546 9-13 Belford Road & 12A Couch Road GRIFFITH |
| | Description: Delete four residential accommodation units and relocate car park & driveway access to back packers accommodation |

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre located on the ground floor of the Griffith City Council's Administration Building, 1 Benerebamb Street, Griffith. This documentation may be viewed between the hours of **8:15am - 4pm, Monday to Friday up until 8 March 2019.**

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 8 March 2019.** 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.