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Griffith Spring Fest back to celebrate all things Spring this October

After a two-year hiatus Griffith's flagship festival, Griffith Spring Fest is set to return from 9 – 23 October 2022 and will showcase everything Griffith has to offer.

This year will finally see the celebration of 30 years of the Griffith Garden Festival and 25 years of the Citrus Sculptures.

Griffith City Council's Tourism Events Coordinator, Izabella Apolloni said Real Juice Company have come back on board again this year as a major sponsor.

"We have all the favourites plus some new sculptures which will make for a fantastic display, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures," she said.

Traditionally, around 800 locals meet in the early hours of Sunday morning to help build around 70 sculptures, which is one of the key components event organisers are working on at the moment.

After two years of cancellations, Miss Apolloni says they are excited to bring back some favourite events such as the De Bortoli Wines Griffith Garden Festival and the popular LINX Launch Party down Banna Avenue.

"We are celebrating the 30th year of the Griffith Garden Festival this year with some new and returning gardens which will be announced soon," said Miss Apolloni.

"De Bortoli Wines have joined us as the major sponsor of the Griffith Garden Festival, and I am excited to announce that gardening guru Costa Georgiadis will be back to help us celebrate - we can't wait to have him back in town!"

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said despite the Covid-19 pandemic cancelling the festival in prior years, it is wonderful to be able to welcome locals and visitors back to celebrate this year.

"The Tourism Team delivered an online

festival in 2020, which celebrated some of our wonderful garden owners, it is exciting that we can now show some of the region's most spectacular gardens in person this year," said Councillor Curran.

"I would encourage you to come out this October to explore them all and support the local charities and groups at each of the gardens."

LINX will again sponsor the LINX Launch Party in the Griffith Visitor Information Centre Car Park, with live music, food, wine, beer and a selection of local stallholders on Friday 14 October from 5.30pm.

The full program of events will be released in the coming months as key details are finalised, so keep an eye on www.griffithspringfest.com.au or follow Griffith Spring Fest on Facebook. For further information contact the Tourism Team on 1800 681 141.

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ADULTS & KIDS**
Tambourine Studio
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Kids 13-18yrs
Monday 26 Sept.
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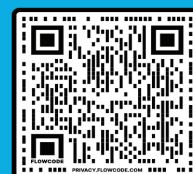
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**GRIFFITH
WEEKLY SESSIONS**

**FROM
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

Venue - West End Sport
Stadium, Griffith
Time- 5.30pm - 7pm

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Bell Shakespeare presents free workshop and scholarship opportunity for high school students



Renowned national theatre company Bell Shakespeare is offering high schools students the opportunity to take part in a free workshop and the chance to audition for a fully funded scholarship.

Both the Regional Access Workshop and John Bell Scholarship (JBS) audition will take place at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Monday 26 September 2022.

The workshop is open to high school students aged 13 - 18 and will be run by a teaching artist from Bell Shakespeare who will help students to unlock Shakespeare's language and bring it to life via dynamic drama-based strategies. This practical and engaging 75-minute workshop covers plot, character journeys, key scenes, production design and backstage insights to enhance students' understanding of Shakespeare's classic play *The Comedy of Errors*. Artistic Director Peter Evans states, "Our mission is to make our work available for all Australians, ensuring those who live outside capital cities don't miss out. We are thrilled to give regional students the chance to experience Shakespeare in a practical and immersive format and encourage all students to sign up for this free workshop, and to audition for the John Bell Scholarship."

Any full-time high school students who will be at least 16 by 31

December 2022 can audition for the John Bell Scholarship. The JBS is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend a week with some of the country's most respected actors, directors, and educators at renowned national theatre company Bell Shakespeare at their premises right on Sydney Harbour.

More information about the John Bell Scholarship can be found here: <https://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/john-bell-scholarship>

Bookings for the workshop and John Bell Scholarship audition can be made by contacting Griffith Regional Theatre's education officer Lea Ligakis at Lea.Ligakis@griffith.nsw.gov.au or 6962 8462 by Tuesday 20 September. A registration form will need to be completed once you are booked in. Bell Shakespeare will be at Griffith Regional Theatre with their production of *The Comedy of Errors* on Tuesday 11 October at 7:30pm. Theatre members can purchase tickets for only \$35 and are welcome to enjoy a pre-show function with complimentary drinks and nibbles before the show. Members can RSVP for pre-show function through the Box Office by Thursday 6 October. General tickets for adults are \$50, concession card holders are \$45 and children tickets are \$30. Tickets can be purchased from the Box Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visiting www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au

Dump for free back next weekend!

Have you just had a big clean out and have waste you need to dispose of? Do you need to have your own backyard blitz or clean out your home, shed or man cave? Why not do it for FREE!

The next Griffith City Council 'Dump for Free' weekend will be held on Saturday and Sunday 24 and 25 September at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre and Yenda Waste Management Centre from 8am to 5pm.

Council's Waste Operations Manager, Mr John Roser said each year Council spends in excess of \$40,000 cleaning up waste from the roadside due to illegal dumping and the Dump for Free weekends are one way Council are trying to address the issue.

"The 'Dump for Free' day was an initiative of Council to address some of the illegal dumping throughout the LGA and to assist residents in the disposal of their Bulky Waste," he said.

"The weekends have proven to be a massive success with close to 1200 residents using the Tharbogang and Yenda service during the event held earlier this year.

"Residents who want to take advantage of the free entry at the Tharbogang and Yenda facilities can dispose of general domestic waste including garden rubbish, mixed recyclables and general waste and is capped at 2 standard loads per household. We will only accept 4 car tyres per load and no commercial or ag tyres will be accepted," added Mr Roser.

A standard load is the equivalent of a ute/car and trailer combo, or just

a ute or car load. It is important to note that no asbestos will be accepted over this weekend.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran is encouraging residents to take advantage of the Dump for Free weekend.

"Illegal dumping continues to be an issue for Griffith, and the Dump for Free weekends are one way Council is trying to address the problem," said Councillor Curran.

"Now is the perfect time to get rid of any excess rubbish you have been storing, have that Spring clean and dump it all for free!"

Remember to take advantage of the free Community Recycling Centre (CRC) located at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility.

"The Community Recycling Centre is a permanent drop-off centre for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services," said Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran.

"Griffith and surrounds householders can drop off problem waste at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility all year round, free of charge – take advantage of this great service at any time and help your local environment."

The CRC can accept paint, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, motor oils, other oil, car and household batteries, smoke detectors and fluoro globes/tubes. The Centre can be accessed 7 days per week, 8am – 5pm.





Griffith Regional Art Gallery set to inspire the next generation of artists with free drawing workshop

During this Spring School Holiday, Griffith Regional Art Gallery is offering two three-hour drawing workshops for young people aged 15-17 years.

The classes, being held on Friday 7 October and Saturday 8 October, will be taught by Anthony Cahill, artist and lecturer, currently teaching at the National Art School in Sydney.

He is also a finalist in the Dobell Drawing Prize #22, which is currently on display at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery.

Anthony Cahill has been exhibiting in commercial and public galleries in Australia and abroad since 1982. His work explores notions of landscape and human presence within a contemporary representation of landscape painting.

Images are derived initially through direct observation, his subjects are varied usually involving a figure in landscape, working without concern for formal boundaries of figuration and abstraction.

Anthony will provide participants with insight into basic mark-making through the practice of drawing. Participants will also gain a better understanding of drawing principles, observation of

a subject and techniques such as outlining and shading.

Gallery Coordinator, Ray Wholohan said it is the Gallery's absolute pleasure to host a drawing lecturer of Anthony's prominence to inspire and educate young artists of our region.

"We strongly encourage any young people between the ages of 15 and 17 who have an interest in drawing to register for this workshop," said Mr Wholohan.

"All skill levels are welcome - we are certain participants will not enjoy the workshops, but take home valuable lessons."

The workshops will take place at the Gallery 9am to 12pm on Friday 7 October and Saturday 8 October.

All materials will be supplied and although the workshops are free registration is essential. The Gallery asks that participants only register for one of the two workshops available.

Interested parties can register at the Gallery or online through the Gallery website www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au

For further information please call the Art Gallery on 6962 8338.

This workshop is proudly funded by the NSW Government.

Message from Councillor Testoni

Spring time brings along with it a huge schedule for the City with a number of major events planned including Street Scapes followed by Griffith Spring Fest featuring local gardens and other attractions.

The staff at the Tourism Hub have been working tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the year with events such as Griffith Spring Fest and Citrus Sculptures, and I thank them for their commitment to seeing Griffith become a main tourism destination. I would also like to thank the Urban Design Team for their work on Street Scapes.

Griffith will be hosting the Basketball NSW under 12s southern jamboree for the first time on the weekend of the 7 - 9 October at the new Griffith Regional Sports Centre (Westend). This event will see 165 young athletes from all around the southern regions of NSW come together to participate in the NSW sanctioned event. This will be a great boost for the economy as participants and their families stay and enjoy what is on offer with our Spring activities.

The impressive sports precinct is getting closer to the official opening scheduled for Saturday 29 October.

Griffith City Council along with the associated sports (Griffith Basketball Association, Griffith Hockey Association, Griffith Netball Association, and Little Athletics Griffith) will be showcasing the state-of-the-art facility by hosting a gala "come and try day". You are most welcome to come along and enjoy the activities during the day. Sporting guests and special dignitaries will be attending the event, and free sporting programs



for everyone to get involved with. There is no doubt that the amount of rain we have been experiencing this year has certainly played havoc with the conditions of our road network and in particular our unsealed roads.

Once the major projects staff are working on near completion, more attention will turn to these roads. Council staff have been doing everything they can to assess and grade these roads as soon as they can weather permitting.

I would encourage members of the community to attend the Community Opinion Group (COG) which is to be held in Yenda on 10 October at the Yenda Diggers Club. In July I moved a motion for a Master Plan to be completed for the village of Yenda. This would help provide a strategy for the village to move forward and plan for the future with housing, infrastructure and other opportunities. Come along and share your thoughts on what a future for Yenda could or should be.

As the surrounding villages of Griffith eventually become a suburb of the City I think the time is right to focus on Yenda and its future. You can go online and submit your questions prior to the meeting, please visit the Griffith Council at griffith.nsw.gov.au and follow the prompts to have your question added to the agenda.

Until next time, **Cr. Laurie Testoni**

Water-Saving Tips

At Home

Only use the washing machine when it's fully loaded

Turn off the tap while washing your hands

Take a shower for 3 minutes or less

Water plants during the coolest part of the day

Remember to use water wisely

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth

Public Notification

Naming – Railway Street Car Parks

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 13 September it was resolved that the selected names of the Railway Street Car Parks be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document.

Anyone wishing to make comment on the selected names for the Railway Street Car Parks can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or griffith.nsw.gov.au/onlineexhibition 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. Comments or submissions will be received up to **Friday 21 October 2021**.

Locality: Griffith

Reason for Proposal: To name the three Council owned car parks situated on Railway Street, Griffith. The three names selected are as follows:

1. Stevenson Carpark – Bob Stevenson built Stevenson's Blue Metal Quarry in 1942 using a steam engine and crusher. The Quarry supplied blue metal to the then Wade Shire Council to develop roads all over the Riverina. In 1956 he established Ready Mix Concrete, the first company in the Riverina, which continues to this day as JJ Stevenson & Sons.
2. Eardley Carpark – Fred Eardley arrived in the area in 1920. He opened the first haberdashery store in Banna Avenue.
3. Jasnos Carpark – Eugene Jasnos was a well-known man to the community for his boot making and repairs. He owned his own shoe repair shop in Banna Lane for over 30 years before he retired. The family also owned the Griffith Tuck Shop where the first pool in Griffith was built.

Endorsement of Community Engagement and Communication Strategy 2022 - with Council's Community Participation Plan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 September 2022 it was resolved that the draft Community Engagement and Communication Strategy 2022 with Council's Community Participation Plan be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The draft Community Engagement and Communication Strategy 2022 - with Council's Community Participation Plan 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/onlineexhibition

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Community Engagement and Communication Strategy 2022 - with Council's Community Participation Plan 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.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday, 14 October 2022**.

Review of Council's Local Policies – Vending Vehicles Policy, Frost Control Fan Policy and Griffith Flood Liable Lands Policy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 September 2022 it was resolved that the following Local Policies be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days.

- Vending Vehicle Policy CS-CP-306;
- Frost Control Fan Policy CS-CP-309; and
- Griffith Flood Liable Lands Policy CS-CP-403.

Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding these policies.

The above policies 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/onlineexhibition

Anyone wishing to make comment on the above policies 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.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday 28 October 2022**.

Expression of Interest – Sporting Business Stall Holder at Westend

Council invites Expressions of Interest from local sporting apparel and/or footwear businesses to be in attendance at the 'We Love Our Westend' Griffith Regional Sports Centre Open Day event on Saturday 29 October 2022 from 10am to 4pm. Interested

local businesses can submit their proposal to showcase apparel and/or footwear suitable for use on the surfaces of Griffith's new sporting complex.

Conditions apply:

1. No sales are to take place at the open day, all prospective sales are to take place at business premises (no cash or eftpos transactions are to be handled at the event)
 2. Businesses are responsible for any shelters, tables or other equipment needed day
 3. A Public Liability Certificate of Currency must be provided to Council prior to the event
- Expressions of Interest are to be emailed to admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au by **4pm on 3 October 2022**. For more information, please contact Joanne Savage on 0455 915 215

Griffin Green Development Subdivision Civil Works - Stage 2 - Tender No: 3-22/23

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the construction of civil works as part of the Griffin Green development subdivision at Dave Taylor Park, Griffith. **Tenders close on Monday 26 September 2022 at 2pm**. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on 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, hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680. Tenderers are advised to refer to the tender documents for information on the tender briefing/site inspection.

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

Supply of Bulk Automotive Fuels Tender No: 7-22/23

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the supply of bulk automotive fuels to Council's Depot in Jensen Road, Griffith. **Tenders close on Thursday 22 September 2022 at 2pm**. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on 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, hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

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

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Yambill Street and Banna Lane between Kooyoo Street and Jondaryan Avenue. Both sides of Kooyoo Street will be closed from Monday 19 September until Thursday 22 December 2022 for the Stage 2 upgrade of Kooyoo Street by Griffith City Council. Detours around the site and access for local residents and pedestrians will be provided during each closure.

East Bound lane of Watson Road between Walla Avenue and Willmouth Street will be closed from 13 September to 23 September 2022 for Griffith City Council to conduct underground maintenance works. A half road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Management Accountant
(Permanent)

Applications for the above position close 10 October 2022

Customer Service Officer - GRALC
(Part-time)

Library Assistant x2 (Part-time)
IT Systems Administrator (Permanent)
Applications for the above positions close 3 October 2022

Gardener (Permanent)
Applications for the above position close 26 September 2022



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