

MESSAGE FROM CR NAPOLI

As the saying goes, “Good things come to those who wait.”

And oh, how we’ve waited for progress to be made on redeveloping our hospital.

It hasn’t been an easy journey and there is still a very long way to go, but stage 1 early site works have commenced at Griffith Base Hospital and that is something to celebrate.

A temporary modular building to house the Renal Dialysis Unit has been delivered. It will need to be refurbished to suit our needs before it opens to the community and this will take several months, but to see things finally progressing in this way is encouraging.

As Chair of the Griffith Health Facilities Ltd Fundraising Committee it is my goal to do whatever I can to ensure the Griffith community and surrounding area get the best health care possible. I am excited at the prospect of a newly refurbished hospital, it is long overdue.

When the work is complete it will be amazing to have two excellent hospitals in Griffith, Griffith Base and St Vincent’s Community Private Hospital, delivering and sharing medical services to benefit our community.

We held our successful City2Lake last month and I am delighted with the results of that.

It is another example of how much our community recognises the need for improved health services.

This year we had many people join us to help raise \$36,000, with those funds going to Griffith Base Hospital to purchase medical equipment.

I am extremely proud of the huge effort put in by everyone associated with staging the fun run and with those who participated, thanks again.

The 9km course started at Jubilee Oval and finished at Lake Wyangan.

It was such a rewarding thing to watch everyone cross the finish line with big smiles on their faces



and then enjoy the team spirit as they congratulated each other on a job well done.

Lake Wyangan is such a wonderful space for events such as this and I’m confident that in the future we will see more things happening there.

I can assure the community that Council is doing its best to improve conditions out at the Lake. A fulltime Lake Wyangan project officer role has been added to the organisation structure.

This person will oversee any lake issues and explore avenues to improve the quality of the water. This shows that Council is serious about finding a solution, but there is no easy fix when it comes to something as important as this and it’s going to take a collaborative approach from Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) and Council.

I think the key is to gather as much information as possible so we can plan ahead to ensure that whatever happens is the best for Griffith into the future.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve the Griffith community as a councillor for the past 14 years and I will continue to do my very best in representing all of you.

As your Councillor, I also always appreciate speaking with residents directly, so if you have any issues that you think I can help with, please feel free to contact me.

This Anzac Day I urge residents to join together with the RSL sub branch to march and pay tribute as we remember those who served in all conflicts.

Kind regards,
Councillor Anne Napoli

Residents invited to provide feedback on draft budget

Council is calling for public feedback on its draft budget after it was endorsed at last week’s Council Meeting.

Council’s Operational Plan for 2018-19, as well as its Delivery Program for the next four years has gone on public exhibition, with Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi inviting residents to attend a public information session on Thursday 26 April, 5.30pm at Griffith City Library.

Cr Dal Broi said, as with previous budgets, the documents detail the resources required over the next year to fund the wide range of services provided to the community.

“It outlines where we plan to invest in infrastructure, buildings and operational assets, as well as funding proposals for a range of projects,” Cr Dal Broi said.

Cr Dal Broi is urging all community members to take a look and provide feedback.

“Our city is in an increasingly strong economic position and that’s due to solid growth and expansion of local industries,” he said.

“This budget is focused on continuing to work towards delivering the high level of services and programs resi-

dents have come to expect and deserve.

“The aim is to capitalise on our strong financial position so we can invest in large-scale infrastructure and capital projects in the coming years to enhance the lives of residents in Griffith and surrounding villages.”

Cr Dal Broi encouraged community members to have their say on the budget.

“I urge everyone to have a look at the draft budget to see if it meets their aspirations or not,” he said.

“See where your money is going and see what services you are getting. We encourage the community to take part in our community consultation on both these documents and help us shape the Budget and the Council Plan.”

The 2018/19 Budget provides \$22.3million in capital works. Significant projects to be undertaken by Council in the next 12 months include:

- Enticknap Park makeover
- Memorial Park upgrade
- Yambil Street upgrade (part of the overall CBD project)
- Village Pathways for Hanwood, Yenda and Yoogali
- Southern Industrial Link –

Stage 2b Thorne Road and Kidman Way intersection (commenced)

- Skate Park relocation and renewal

“There is a lot of good work being carried out by Council staff to ensure we deliver the services and facilities required and expected by our community.

“The projects listed are just some of the large scale projects being undertaken or scheduled to be undertaken, however there is a lot more happening in the background,” Councillor Dal Broi said. The draft Delivery Program, incorporating the draft Operational Plan can be viewed at Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith and the Griffith City Library or on Council’s website at griffith.nsw.gov.au

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Delivery Program can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Comments or submissions will be received up to 4 pm, Friday 11 May 2018.

50 years of service for John

Last month marked an incredible 50 years of service for Griffith City Council truck driver John Catanzariti.

John started as an 18-year-old carpenters off-sider with Council on 11 March 1968.

Over the years, John has tried his hand at a few different roles including tar patching, plumbing and work on the water and garbage trucks.

John, who is now a truck driver with the Works Department, says it is the variety of the work and the friendships he has formed throughout his career that has kept him with Council for

this remarkable length of time.

“I’ve found it’s been a good job,” Mr Catanzariti said.

“Being able to do different things gives you more motivation and keeps it interesting.”

General Manager Brett Stonestreet congratulated John on his years of dedicated service.

“John takes a great deal of pride in his role,” Mr Stonestreet said.

“It’s because of people like John that Griffith is the best place to live in NSW.”



REMARKABLE MILESTONE: Half a century on and John Catanzariti still enjoys his work at Griffith City Council.



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

Friday April 20 to Friday May 27

Balnhdhurr - Exhibition

Griffith Regional Art Gallery

Saturday April 21

Printmaking Workshop, Basil Hall

Griffith Regional Art Gallery

Wednesday April 25

ANZAC Day Services

Sunday April 29

Festa Delle Castagne Luncheon

(Chestnut Feast)

Yoogali Club

Tuesday May 1, 6pm &

Wednesday May 2, 11am

(schools)

Roald Dahl’s George’s Marvellous

Medicine

Griffith Regional Theatre

Wednesday May 2, 11am to 1pm

Community Centre Open Day

80 Benerembah Street, Griffith

Thursday May 3

Eireborne

Griffith Regional Theatre

Friday May 4 to Sunday May 6

Sydney Writers Fest

Griffith Regional Theatre

Saturday May 5, 11am-3pm

Information Centre Open Day

Saturday May 6

Ride On Lawnmower Racing

Pines Speedway, Remembrance Dr

Sunday May 6

Cystic Fibrosis Charity Golf Day

Griffith Golf Club

Thursday May 10

Frankly Sinatra

Griffith Regional Theatre

Friday May 11 & Saturday May 12

Riverina Field Days

Griffith Showgrounds

Friday May 18, 10am to 2.30pm

Griffith’s Biggest Morning Tea

Exies Bagtown

Tuesday May 22, 12pm and 2pm

Peppa Pig’s Surprise

Griffith Regional Theatre

See the latest event listings
online at visitgriffith.com.au