


# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

## Message from the Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi

Australians, along with the rest of the world, are facing uncertain times with the outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. I would like to take this opportunity to ask residents to ensure they are getting the right information and from the correct sources. Social media has become a double edged sword - it is a great source of current information, however it is also an easy way for people to provide incorrect information and create panic. Be sure to source your information from the relevant authorities. Visit websites such as [health.nsw.gov.au](http://health.nsw.gov.au), follow Murrumbidgee Local Health District on facebook, or you can even visit our Council site at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) for relevant links and articles. It is important at this time that we all remain vigilant and calm. Ensure you are frequently washing your hands, avoid large gatherings, and be sure to practice social distancing. The Australian Government have recommended keeping a distance of 1.5m, and please self isolate if you are feeling unwell. I know many locals are experiencing shortages in some supplies such as tissues, toilet paper and hand wash. Please remember to only buy what you need and understand that we are all in this together. Stop hoarding, and take care of the most vulnerable in our community. Over the coming months it is likely there will be disruptions throughout our region. Council will be considering a report at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held next Tuesday, and will advise the community of what actions are likely to be taken. You can read more about what Council is doing in relation to the pandemic below, but rest assured we are following advise from all levels of Government, the World Health Organisation, NSW Health and the Office of Local Government. I understand there is a lot of disappointment amongst the community with the cancellation of events. The most important thing to Council and event organisers is the wellbeing of our residents and visitors, and decisions have not been made lightly. It is hoped that many of these events will be rescheduled to later in the year. While Easter will not be the same, it is a good time to take stock and be reminded how fortunate we are. During this time, I would like to suggest that you check in on our vulnerable residents and see if there is a way you can help - even if it is just a phone call to let them know you are there. I know it is a frightening time for us all, but please know that Council will do it's best to keep you well informed and will provide information as it comes to hand.



Regards, Cr John Dal Broi

### COVID-19 Coronavirus impact on Council operations

Griffith City Council is continuing to review health advice from NSW Health and the commonwealth and state governments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, Council has put into place changes to address public safety. General Manager Brett Stonestreet said Council was monitoring the NSW Health site [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au) and liaising with other government agencies to ensure a best practice response. "It is disappointing to have to cancel our events and close facilities. But these decisions will not be made lightly. We can all play a part in slowing the spread of the virus by reducing contact between people unless absolutely necessary," Mr Stonestreet said. These interim measures are in line with state and federal government advisories about outdoor gatherings of more than 500 people and non-essential indoor gatherings of more than 100 people emphasising the importance of social distancing of 1.5m between people at all times.

**Changes to Council Services:** Access to Council Premises and Facilities Council is constantly monitoring the situation modifying services accordingly. The community is encouraged to avoid face-to-face contact where possible. Alcohol-based hand sanitiser has been placed at Council facilities and visitors are encouraged to regularly wash their hands and maintain social distancing.

**Payment of invoices and customer service enquiries:** Customers of Council are requested to reconsider their need to visit the administration building. Customers are asked to make every effort to pay invoices via phone and internet banking using BPay or other details specified on their invoice. For other enquiries, it is advisable to phone Griffith City Council on 6962 8100 in the first instance as it is likely queries can be resolved without visiting the administration building in person.

**Meetings with Council Staff:** For planning and rates enquiries, please phone ahead on 6962 8100 to schedule an appointment. Where possible, meetings will be conducted over the phone to limit in-person contact.

**Contractors/Consultants:** Griffith City Council requests no site visits by external contractors, consultants or visitors who have come from overseas in the past 14 days. All Contractors and Visitors will need to complete a Quarantine Declaration prior to entry to site.

**Council Meetings:** The ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday, 24 March at 7pm will proceed, however members of the public are strongly encouraged to observe social distancing of 1.5m should they attend. Councillors will be considering a report on further management and operational arrangements for Council facilities should COVID-19 escalate within the Griffith community. A decision regarding future Council meetings will be determined based on advice from NSW Health and the Office of Local Government.

**Changes to date include:**

- Griffith Regional Theatre – Closed until further notice, please contact the theatre on 6962 8444 to arrange refunds
- Griffith City Library – Cancellation of regular programs including Story Time, Rhyme Time and suspension of JP services until further notice.
- Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) – Still operational at this stage (as per statement from the Prime Minister) however, membership refunds are available for all sessions including Swim School, for more information, contact 6962 8228
- Cancellation of Pioneer Park Good Friday Action Day
- Cancellation of Anzac Day Ceremony Memorial Park
- Postponement of Vintage Festival

Council is continuing to review other events and activities, and will keep residents updated as changes are made. Council's Facebook and website [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au) are a great way to keep informed.

### Council launches Invest Griffith Prospectus



Griffith City Council is pleased to launch the new Griffith business investment prospectus - Invest Griffith - which will provide valuable information to attract new businesses and development to the region. The prospectus highlights all that Griffith has to offer including services, workforce and market access, economic diversification and development opportunities. Council's Director Economic and Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson said Invest Griffith provides a range of interesting data including the economic profile and growth indicators, an overview of key industry sectors as well as information on transport, housing, industrial and commercial precincts. "Our region faces an exciting future, creating new opportunities for economic and social vitality in our community," said Mrs Donaldson. "Griffith is getting noticed by investors across the globe. Griffith businesses are continuing to impress taking home national and international awards in various industries." Bernard Salt, well known social commentator and demographer mentioned Griffith earlier this month in The Australian, stating 'In the Riverina's Griffith, far from the chic sea-change coast and the assured knowledge-work of the inner city, there was job growth of 18 per cent. I don't know what they're doing in Griffith, but this town floated through the 2010s on a high-octane vapour of job growth and opportunity.'

"Now is a great time for Griffith, and anyone wanting to in our region to contact Council's Economic Development Team who can assist in discovering the right opportunities for you and your enterprise," said Mrs Donaldson. "Griffith City Council is extremely keen to assist businesses establish and expand in our region. This Prospectus will also be a valuable tool for local businesses to attract new business partnerships."

Council's Economic Development Unit welcomes business enquiries and is happy to make appropriate introductions and provide information and assistance to facilitate investment planning. If you would like a printed copy of this prospectus please email Karly. Sivewright@griffith.nsw.gov.au or download at <https://bit.ly/2ID0l8E>



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

**DA No:** 267/2019(1) **Applicant:** Stimson & Baker Planning

**Address:** Lot 2 DP 827055, 109 Calabria Road GRIFFITH

**Description: Re-Notification** Proposed Manufactured Housing Estate for 129 dwelling sites including construction of Community Buildings and internal roads, with 5 moveable dwelling styles and subdivision for lease purposes

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 Benerembah Street, Griffith. This documentation may be viewed between the hours of **8:15am - 4pm, Monday to Friday up until 17 April 2020**. The documentation is also available for viewing on Council's website On Exhibition webpage via: [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au).

**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 17 April 2020**. 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.



## 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:

### Environmental Health Officer (12 month term position - maternity leave, full time)

The Environmental Health Officer is responsible for the provision of statutory services for the protection and enhancement of community environmental and public health matters. The position is to provide effective, efficient and accountable delivery of environmental, food and public health regulatory programs. The position will include food business, regulated system, skin penetration and public pool inspections, implementation of arbovirus, immunisation and on-site sewage management programs. Inherent to this position is administration and enforcement of related legislation. The successful applicant will require a relevant tertiary qualification in environmental health or equivalent degree in a related discipline. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary from range \$73,487.44 - \$80,835.04 (Grade 14) and a rostered day off once a month. If you have any questions about the role please contact Fiona de Wit on 6962 8100.

### Swimming Instructor (Casual)

The Swimming Instructor is responsible for preparing and conducting quality swimming and water safety lessons in a safe and friendly manner in accordance with the GRALC Learn to Swim program. Working with Children Check Clearance Number and Current CPR Certification is required, and a demonstrated proficiency in instructing Learning to Swim and Demonstrated sound verbal communication skills. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application. To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au) (in child related industry sector tick, entertainment for children). The commencement ordinary hourly rate \$25.9305 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 5).

**This position is designated as a child-related position.** It is an offence under NSW Legislation for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. If you have any questions about this role please contact Vanessa Lanza on 6962 8100.

### Trades Assistant - Water and Wastewater (Permanent)

The purpose of the Trades Assistant – Water and Wastewater is to construct, operate and maintain Council's water and Wastewater supply system to relevant standards in a safe, economical and proficient manner using the equipment and materials supplied. The successful applicant will require a Light Rigid (LR) licence and a White Card/General Construction Induction training card. The successful applicant will also need to demonstrate the ability to complete labouring duties and operate small plant and equipment. Hours of work are 38 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary from range \$51,238.72 to \$56,364.88 (Grade 5) and a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions about the role please contact Steve Crombie on 6962 8100.

Applications for these positions close **Monday 23 March**

### Trainee Building Surveyor (8 year full time appointment)

This traineeship offers the opportunity to undertake part time study while being employed full time with Council. The role is to assess building plans and inspect building construction to ensure compliance with relevant Building Codes and Standards and develop the knowledge, skills and abilities in building certification necessary to assist the functions of Council's Building Certification Section. This

traineeship is **not** restricted to recent school leavers but is available to anyone who is interested in a career in building certification. Mature aged applicants welcome to apply. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week. Remuneration offered will be in accordance with clause 30C Trainee wage rates Part B of the Local Government State Award 2017 (depending on age). Employment conditions: Features will include: payment of all course tuition fees and books, study related travel, study leave and career path with flexible work/study options. If you have any questions about the role please contact Anthea Crack on 6962 8100.

Applications for this positions close **Monday 6 April**

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) 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

### Model Asbestos Policy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 10 March 2020 it was resolved that the draft Model Asbestos Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. The draft policy may be viewed at Council's Administration Building 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and or [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au). Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au). Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday, 17 April 2020**.

### Sustainable Development Policies

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 10 March 2020 it was resolved that the following draft Sustainable Development be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.

- CO-CP-501 Restricted Parking Enforcement
- CO-CP-702 Rehoming and Adoption of Animals from the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre
- CO-CP-703 Keeping of Animals
- CO-CP-704 Management of Infant and Feral Animals at the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre
- CS-CP-601 Customer Service

The draft policy may be viewed at Council's Administration Building 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and or [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au). Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft policies can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au). Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday, 17 April 2020**.

### Expressions of Interest - Disability Inclusion & Access Committee Membership

Council currently has vacancies on the above Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to advise and make recommendations to Council on matters relating to access and mobility with particular emphasis on issues for people with disabilities; e.g. issues relating to the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), Bicycle Plan, CBD Strategy, Development Control Plans, Tourism and Economic Development Strategy or other Plans of Council and their implementation; during planning and design of public buildings, open space and recreational facilities; and concerning access issues relating to public events. If you possess an interest in improving inclusion and access for people with a disability or impaired mobility, you are invited to apply for Community Membership to this Committee. Nomination forms are available at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au) or contact Council's Senior Governance Officer on 6962 8100. **Nominations close 4pm Monday 6 April 2020** and should be addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

### Notification of Pest Control Program and 1080 Bait Product Control of Foxes

Council will commence a pest control program which will include laying of 1080 fox baits at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre from **6pm on 22 March 2020 to 6am 23 March 2020**. All conditions of the Pesticides control order 2018 will be followed. Please ensure that all pets are secured on your property. For more information please 6962 8100.

# GET connected

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Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

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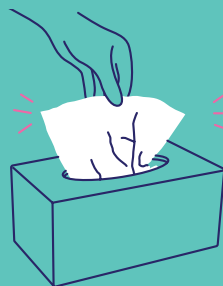
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