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## Call out for Real Juice Company Citrus Sculpture entries

It's that time of the year again when locals are urged to get their application forms in to participate, whether you're old or new in the 2022 Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures as part of Griffith Spring Fest.

Applications for new and returning sculptures are due in on Friday 1 July 2022.

"We are looking forward to growing our event, especially as we celebrate our 25th anniversary this year, which will be a big one," Izabella Apolloni, Griffith City Council Events Coordinator.

"It's such a great event that brings so many people in our community together and it is easy to get involved, just contact our Tourism

Team on [events@griffith.com.au](mailto:events@griffith.com.au) and ask for an application form.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said the citrus sculptures were a wonderful opportunity for businesses to capitalise on the influx of visitors and its economic benefit it provides to our city and region.

"Thousands of visitors come to town for the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures, as a key experience under the Griffith Spring Fest umbrella. Visitors take photos and share on many social platforms reaching millions of prospective visitors for years to come!" Councillor Curran said.

"It's a fantastic way to get exposure especially

if your sculpture stands out as something a bit different."

Construction day for the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures this year will be Sunday 9 October, with dismantle taking place on Sunday 23 October.

Griffith Spring Fest incorporates the De Bortoli Wines Griffith Garden Festival, Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures, LINX Launch Party and so many other events that showcase everything our region has to offer.

For further information contact the Tourism Team on 6962 8400.



## INFORMATION SESSIONS

### 2022-23 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET

#### Get involved by:

Joining us online for our Budget Information Session  
5pm Wednesday 1 June 2022 via Facebook

Or attend a special Community Opinion Group (COG)  
Meeting/Presentation at Griffith City Library  
on Thursday 2 June from 6pm

**WATCH ONLINE** [facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil](https://facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil)



**You are invited to attend and provide feedback**



## 'On thin ice' – An exhibition sharing stories of addiction and recovery



Griffith Regional Art Gallery is set to welcome "On Thin Ice" - an arts-documentary collaboration between journalist and author Ginger Gorman, photographers Hilary Wardhaugh and Martin Ollman, sculptor Tom Buckland, and printmaker Jess Higgins - that tells the stories of seven people who have been living with or recovering from addiction to crystal methamphetamine (ice). Opening on Saturday 21 May, the exhibition originated at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre in Canberra.

Acting CEO Karena Keys says "the multi-disciplinary exhibition goes beyond headlines and stereotypes, beyond snap judgments and prejudices, beyond 'meth crisis' and 'ice epidemic'."

"This project grew out of conversations we had with our public, when it became clear there was a need to tell the real stories of addiction and recovery," said Ms Keys.

"The stigma and isolation too often placed on people struggling with addiction only makes the arduous journey to recovery more difficult. By sharing stories of recovery, we hope to use the arts to encourage empathy in the broader community and promote recovery as a collective effort."

Journalist and author of the bestselling book *Troll Hunting*, Ginger Gorman, who interviewed participants for the project, says she hopes the exhibition will encourage people to think more deeply about the complex nature of drug dependence.

"What I've noticed about drug addiction - and in particular use of the drug ice - is that it's highly stigmatised. The portrayal in the media and in advertising of people who use methamphetamine - and in particular the stronger form of ice shows them to be selfish and violent," she said.

"However, as Paul, one of the participants in the project said to me, 'You don't wake up one day and decide to become a drug addict! Addiction is a disease - and these folk are fighting with all their hearts to get better. Perhaps after reading and listening to these stories and engaging with the imagery and artworks in the exhibition, you will consider how we treat people with addiction and how we can make society fairer.'"

Art Gallery Coordinator Raymond Wholohan stated the 'On Thin Ice' exhibition is a timely reminder of the therapeutic benefits the creative arts can have on individuals recovering and healing from trauma and illness.

"The Art Gallery endeavours to produce an annual program that excites and inspires, but also reflects issues facing contemporary sociality and showcase the therapeutic nature of the creative arts," Mr Wholohan said.

"On Thin Ice" will be exhibited from Saturday 21 May to Sunday 19 June 2022.

For more information please contact the gallery on 6962 8338, email [gallery@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gallery@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au](http://www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au)

## Thank you to residents who provided feedback at Riverina Field Days

Residents provided their input on future community events when Councillors and staff attended the Riverina Field Days last Friday and Saturday.

Griffith City Council was among more than 200 exhibitors who took part in the annual event.

Community members provided feedback on potential events. Others put forward their views on establishing a Youth Council and building a New Art Gallery, while some completed feedback forms

to report various issues affecting them.

Visitors to the Council marquee also shared what they love about Griffith, including our festivals, food, wine, the new pool, theatre and library.

Councillors and staff would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their ideas and pass on feedback. This input is greatly appreciated and will help Council make decisions that are more informed.





## Locals celebrated during National Volunteers Week



In celebration of National Volunteer Week from 16 to 22 May, Griffith City Council Mayor Doug Curran is acknowledging the work of volunteers and the key role they play in the community.

"I want to take the opportunity to reflect on the important role volunteers play in making Griffith a better place to live," Cr Curran said. "Volunteering is known to have health and wellbeing benefits. It helps people feel part of the community, can relieve stress, and gives people purpose."

"On behalf of the Griffith community, I would like to say a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for the time and commitment they put in."

"So many organisations and events cannot function without volunteers and there has been a trend for quite a few years away from volunteering, we need to get back to volunteering and soon or some of these organisations and events will disappear."

At Council, we have more than 120 volunteers collectively contributing hundreds of hours per month across a range of Council areas including arts and culture, library services, tourism and committees. "Across Griffith there are thousands of others giving up

their time for kids' sports, service clubs, carers, charities and the Carevan to name just a few. Many of these important activities would not occur without our valuable volunteers," Councillor Curran said. "The theme of National Volunteer Week 2022 is 'Better together' highlighting the profound impact volunteers make in our community and acknowledging the power of volunteering to bring people together, build communities and create a better society for everyone."

Councillor Curran is urging locals to nominate worthy volunteers in the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards.

"The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards program recognises, celebrates and raises awareness of the outstanding efforts and valuable, selfless commitment of millions of volunteers and not-for-profit organisations in NSW," he said.

"There are a number of different categories available and I encourage people in Griffith to think about nominating those local volunteers they know do great work."

Find out more about the awards or nominate at [volunteering.com.au](http://volunteering.com.au)

## High Tea with Harriet a wonderful morning with Seniors

More than 140 local seniors attended the High Tea with Harriet at the Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club on Wednesday, with thanks to Griffith City Council and Griffith Aged Care Support Services.

Participants were entertained by Harriet with sing-alongs, quizzes, and a hilarious comedy act. Council's General Manager, Mr Brett Stonestreet and Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran provided an up date on Council activities.

A delicious High Tea was enjoyed by all with thanks to the team at Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club.



## Message from Cr Chris Sutton

Hello, and welcome to my first Councillor Column. I would like to thank those people in the community who voted for me, giving me the opportunity and privilege of serving the people of Griffith on Council.

I would also like to congratulate Councillor Doug Curran on his election as Mayor and Councillor Glen Andreazza for becoming Deputy Mayor and my fellow Councillors on their elections.

It is going to be an exciting time in Griffith in the coming months with the opening of the new Pump Track in Olympic Street and the Sports Precinct at Westend Oval. After getting a tour of the facilities and seeing the progress and plans, I can see that it's going to be a thrilling time for those sports involved.

The complex will feature a total of seven indoor basketball courts, seven all weather netball courts, a new synthetic athletics track with new lighting, a new artificial turf hockey pitch and a new grandstand. It's going to be something we can all be proud of. Griffith will be able to host state level sporting carnivals that we previously haven't been able to and boast some of the best sporting facilities outside of Sydney.

I'd like to congratulate organisers of this year's Riverina Field Days, held last weekend at the Showgrounds. Despite the rain and muddy conditions, well over 9,000 people turned out to enjoy the many exhibitions and attractions. It takes a lot of hard work behind the scenes and a real team effort to put on such



a massive event. Thanks to all those who came along and special mention to those who stopped at Council's stand over the two days. We had some great suggestions put forward for community events and some wonderful feedback we can now pass on.

Speaking of opportunities for our residents to tell us what they think, we have a couple of additional options coming up.

The first is Council's 2022/23 budget, which will be presented via Facebook Live on Wednesday 1 June. The community can connect with Council and raise their issues remotely. Alternatively, they can do so in person, with a special COG meeting for the budget at the Library on Thursday 2 June from 6pm. The COG (Community Opinion Group) is a great way for residents to meet with Councillors and Council staff in a more relaxed setting to ask questions and provide suggestions for our city. The next meeting following the special budget night is on Tuesday 5 July at Hanwood. If anybody has any questions, queries or ideas please feel free to email me. I would love to hear from you and my contact details are on the Griffith City Council website, any feedback is always welcome.

Kind regards,  
Cr Chris Sutton





# Public Notification

## Endorsement of the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026, Draft Operational Plan (Budget) 2022/23 and Draft Resourcing Strategy

- Draft Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/26 Incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2022/2023
- Draft Resourcing Strategy consists of:
  - Ten Year Long-Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 to 2031/32
  - Draft Workforce Management Plan 2022/2023 to 2025/2026
  - Draft Asset Management Plan 2022/23 to 2031/32

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 10 May 2022, Council resolved to place the abovementioned Plans on public exhibition as part of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework requirements. The draft Plans 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/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

Anyone wishing to make comment on the above documents can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council.

**Council will host an online information session via Facebook followed by an interactive question and answer session on Wednesday 1 June 2022 at 5pm.**

**A Special Budget COG Meeting/Presentation will also be held on Thursday 2 June 2022, 6pm at Griffith City Library.**

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. The successful lodging of your online submission will be acknowledged upon completion. You will not receive an individual response to your submission however, any related commentary will be addressed when a full report is presented to Council following the closing period.

Comments or submissions received up to **4pm Friday 10 June 2022.**

### Draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 March 2022 it was resolved that the Draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy be placed on public exhibition. The Draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy 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/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition) Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Model Code of Meeting Practice Policy 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 29 May 2022.**

### Draft Plan of Management – North Griffith Precinct Parks

(Circle Park, French Park, Wood Park, Coates Park, Jubilee Park, Ieraci Park, Jacka Park, Kinkead Park, Noel Hogan Park, Ryan Park, Ortella/Gordon Avenue Park)

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for North Griffith Precinct Parks is currently on exhibition until Tuesday 31 May 2022. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday 14 June 2022** and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au). Please note that any submission may be included in the Council business paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council. The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition) or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Mrs Daphne Bruce on 6962 8100.

### Draft Plan of Management – Collina Precinct Parks

(McIvor Park, Jiggins Park, Manser Park, Jessie Farrell Park, Chandler Park, Dei Agnoli Park)

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for Collina Precinct Parks is currently on exhibition until Tuesday 31 May 2022. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday 14 June 2022** and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au). Please note that any submission may be included in the Council business paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council. The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition) or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Mrs Daphne Bruce on 6962 8100.

### Adoption of Plan of Management – Hyandra Precinct Parks (Apex, Lions, McKirdy, Mallinson, part Robb & Wade Parks)

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 May 2022 the Plan of Management for

Hyandra Precinct Parks was formally adopted. For further information contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer on 1300 176 077.

### Classification of Land

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council resolved to classify Lot 1 DP 1280820, North Kooba Settlers Road, Willbriggie as operational land.

The land was transferred to Council for construction of Kooba Rural Fire Brigade Station.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Friday 17 June 2022** and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW via email [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition). Please note any submissions may be included in the Council Business Paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 1300 176 077.

### Notice of Intention to give Consent to a Licence of a Crown Reserve

Council hereby gives twenty eight (28) days' notice of its intention to grant a licence for a term of 10 years over part Crown Reserve 83393, (part Lot 562 DP 751743) Dalton Park, to Melbergen Pastoral Co Pty Ltd as Trustee for Melbergen Farming Trust.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday 7 June 2022** and addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith. Once the submission period is completed Griffith City Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the licence.

For all enquiries contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Ph: 1300 176 077.

### Notice of Temporary Road Closures

**Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Banna Lane** will remain closed for the upgrading of Kooyoo Street by Griffith City Council. Access for local traffic and detours around the site will be provided. The pedestrian crossing will also remain open during the works.

**Moseley Road between Burley Griffin Way and Bilbul Road will be closed from 8:30am until 3pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022** for power pole changes and powerline works by Essential Energy. Detours around the site and access for residents will be provided.

**South Lane, Yenda between Bingar Street and Henry Street and Battocchio Lane between Stanbridge Street and Railway Parade will be closed from 7am until 4pm on Sunday 29 May 2022** for powerline works by Essential Energy.



Griffith City Council is currently seeking applications for the following positions:

**Payroll Officer (Permanent)**  
**Applications for the above position closes 30 May 2022**

**Debtors Officer (Permanent)**  
**Information Technology Manager (Permanent)**

**Swimming Instructor (Casual - no Austswim)**  
**Applications for the above positions close 6 June 2022**

**Environmental Health & Compliance Coordinator (Permanent)**  
**Griffith Regional Theatre & Art Gallery Manager (Permanent)**  
**Applications for the above positions close 13 June 2022**

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

