

COUNCIL

CATCH-UP

Council’s ‘Build More Dams Committee’ calls for action

The news of thousands of dead fish at Menindee has prompted renewed calls by the Griffith City Council Build More Dams Action Group to have a proposal to divert water from the Clarence River to the Murray Darling Basin taken seriously.

Build More Dams Action Group Chair Councillor Dino Zappacosta said recent events at Menindee and beyond had only confirmed the need for action.

“It’s a crisis and things will only get worse if something isn’t done. We can’t let what is happening continue without taking another look at this scheme. We’ve tried almost everything we can think of to get Government to make

this happen, but we just haven’t been able to get anywhere,” Cr Zappacosta said.

“There has been public outcry over the fish at Menindee due to the lack of water in the Darling River. I truly believe the answer is to look at our scheme so we can get more water down the Darling to where it’s needed.

“We’ve been doing this for a while. Primarily to encourage Government to look at the possibility of building dams to capture more water to be used particularly in inland Western NSW Region.”

Over the years the Group has approached countless politicians and both federal and state

government as well as local government to look at the possibility of a feasibility study on the Clarence River Diversion Scheme, which was prepared by engineer David Coffey.

“He came up with the scheme in 1984 which showed, in his opinion, that water could be dammed in the Clarence/ Northern NSW region and piped through the Great Dividing Range through a tunnel feeding into the Darling River,” Cr Zappacosta said.

“The Government of the Day, including Malcolm Fraser liked the idea and wanted to look at a feasibility study on it. Unfortunately he lost Government and Bob Hawke and

Labor weren’t interested in the scheme.

“In the last five years our Working Party has lobbied other local government west of The Great Dividing Range and got support from most of them, from the Murray Darling Association, which encompasses local government all the way from the Coorong District in South Australia all the way up to Queensland.

Cr Zappacosta said there had been plenty of support for the scheme in the past.

“Three years ago the NSW Shires Association supported the concept of a feasibility study into the diversion of the Clarence River. Then we went off to the

National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association and at their national conference two years ago in Canberra they wholeheartedly supported the concept of calling on the Federal Government to get behind it,” he said.

“It gave me a lot of heart to have so much support from Federal, State and Local Government.

“We’ve tried almost everything, we’ve looked at all possible avenues to make this happen but we’re not getting anywhere. With what’s happening at Menindee we need to look at a scheme that is more plausible and will assist this region. We just need more water down the Darling.”

Council’s Community Grants Program now open



Above: Councillor Anne Napoli, Chair of the Communities Committee is encouraging eligible organisations to apply for the Community Grants Scheme.

The latest round of the Griffith City Council Community Grant Program is now open with community groups, not-for-profit and charitable organisations or individuals invited to submit an application from Monday 18 February to support their activities.

Applications are welcome for projects and activities which can demonstrate they will deliver achievable and successful outcomes and aligns with Councils’ Strategic Plan – Guiding Griffith 2040.

Chair of the Communities Committee, Councillor Anne Napoli said the Community Grant Program offers local organisations and individuals the opportunity to obtain funds to support their project idea or ambitions.

“Annually Council support many activities which provide positive outcomes for benefit of the wider

Griffith Community,” said Councillor Napoli.

“There have been many standout applications over the years where Council has supported the initiatives in their beginning stages - we welcome applications for new project ideas and initiatives as well as those which have been well established within the community.

“Each round is highly competitive with many applications received and we have staff available in the Community Development Team who can provide sound professional advice which could assist to strengthen your application to be more competitive in this next round,” she added.

A FREE Information Session will be held at Griffith City Council, 1 Benerembah Street, Monday 11 March at 12pm and 5.30pm. The session is open to all community groups and

individuals who would like information about addressing the criteria in the application form.

“We understand the application process can be daunting, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with grant writing,” said Community Development Coordinator, Peta Dummett.

“This one hour information session will guide potential applicants through the process and explain how to complete the Community Grant submission. If you are considering applying in this round, I would recommend you come along to one of the sessions.”

The Community Grant Program will close Friday 22 March at 4pm. 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.

Lake Wyangan Water Update

Amidst concerns about the water quality at Lake Wyangan, Griffith City Council is assuring the community that it is working to ensure the water quality improves, with the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Officer rolling out a number of measures.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said since September 2018, Council has expanded the monitoring of the water quality at Lake Wyangan North, as well as increased the number of sample locations to improve the understanding of the variability within the lake.

“During the winter months sampling is undertaken monthly, however during the warmer months of the year Council increases this to fortnightly and if a Red Alert is issued, this is increased to weekly,” said Councillor Dal Broi.

“Although Lake Wyangan North was under Red Alert during December, very little toxic algae was recorded and has been below the recommended national

guidelines since 2015.”

“Studies of Lake Wyangan North have found that non-toxic algae is in high abundance which is likely to be preventing the growth of toxic algae.”

In addition to increased water quality testing, Council is deploying real-time water quality loggers to monitor algal growth.

“This will assist Council implement a more rapid management response to Blue Green Algae outbreaks,” added Councillor Dal Broi.

Council is pleased to be working closely with Murrumbidgee Irrigation to develop effective and efficient options of delivering clean water into Lake Wyangan North.

Council’s Lake Wyangan & Catchment Officer, Tom Ryan said between January 29 and February 7, Council released 300 mega litres of water into the Lake.

“The purpose of adding the water was to increase dilution of water quality conditions conducive to

algae outbreaks and provide a buffer against the hot weather conditions we were experiencing,” said Mr Ryan.

Mr Ryan noted that Council will shortly commence monitoring of the water flow from the catchment area into the Lake to determine how much sediment and nutrient runoff enters Lake Wyangan North.

“The aim of this activity is to identify the sources of contamination in the Lake and prevent further pollution and will ultimately lead to improved water quality,” he said.

“Council will also be meeting with renowned algae researchers and water managers on Wednesday 20 February to review and guide the future management of Lake Wyangan.”

In addition to improvements to the water quality, Council is working on a number of initiatives to improve the amenity of the foreshore and offshore at Lake Wyangan (North), including restoration activities to improve public safety.



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



NOTIFICATION OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL RECEIVED (Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979)

Planning Proposal: 2/2018 (PP_2018_GRIFF_001_00)	Description: Inclusion of an office premises as an additional permitted use of the subject land in Schedule 1 of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014
Address	Lot 641 DP 751743, 161 Remembrance Dr Griffith
Planning Proposal: 3/2018 (PP_2018_GRIFF_002_00)	Description: Inclusion of an vehicle sales or hire premises as an additional permitted use of the subject land in Schedule 1 of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014
Address	Lot 2 DP 1098689, 8 Pedley Rd Hanwood

In accordance with the Gateway determination made by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Griffith City Council has been authorised as the local plan-making authority for the purpose of the abovementioned planning proposals. The notification of these Planning Proposals are in accordance with Schedule 1, Item 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979. Copies of the Planning Proposal and Gateway determination 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 or online at <http://leptracking.planning.nsw.gov.au/currentproposal.php>. This documentation may be viewed between the hours of 8.15am - 4pm, Monday to Friday **up until Friday 1 March 2019. PLEASE NOTE: Section 147(5) 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 Planning Proposals should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council **up until 4pm on Friday, 15 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. A report taking into consideration any submissions will 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.

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

DA No: 21/2019(1)	Applicant: Walnuts Australia Pty Ltd
Address: Lot 2 DP 122139, 2983 Kidman Way TABBITA	
Description: 795ML Water Storage Dam	

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 1 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 1 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.



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:

GIS/Assets Officer (Permanent)

The purpose of this position is to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) and Asset Management services to Griffith City Council. The position shares responsibility for the management of Council's GIS in a team environment, including support and training, data collection, analysis of information held with the GIS system and Asset management system, map production and asset reporting. The successful applicant will require a Certificate III in Spatial Information Services (GIS) or experience in operation and maintenance GIS/Mapping applications and knowledge with Asset Management principals. Hours of work are 38 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary of \$57,829.72 to \$63,611.60 (Grade 9).and a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions about the role please contact Andrew Keith 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

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CLEANING SERVICES - Tender No: 28-18/19

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the supply and delivery of cleaning services to various Council sites. **Tenders close on Thursday 14 March 2019, 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 Benerembah 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.*

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - SALEYARDS CANTEN

Council is seeking to maintain a catering operation at the Griffith Saleyards on an ongoing basis. To be considered for the role, the successful applicant will need to demonstrate the following:

Hold a Food Safety Supervision Certificate, a good knowledge of food handling and hygiene, be able to clean and sanitise premises and utensils to Councils' standards, knowledge of Council's Emergency Evacuation Procedures, and knowledge of Work Health Safety Procedures.

Conditions of Operation: All sale of goods profit to be retained by the operator. Retainer of \$1,000 per annum will be offered by Council to the successful operator, paid in two equal instalments. Term of agreement is 1 year from date of signing. Operating days are every Friday (46 days per year) with hours from 6am to the discretion of operator. It is expected the successful canteen operator will be available to operate at the livestock sale on Friday 1 March 2019. Applicants must address the above in writing to the Director Utilities at Griffith City Council, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680, by 3pm Friday 15 February 2019. Please contact Les Warren on 0419 422 551 for information.

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the temporary closing of **Benerembah Lane between Banna Lane and Willandra Avenue from Tuesday 19 to Friday 21 February, 7am - 4.15pm** for road excavation.

Detour via Kookora Street or Benerembah Street.

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



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.