

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Councillor Doug Curran



There are some subjects that are very difficult to write about and I do not want to offend or upset any readers. I would like to say there are many people in our community who want to help, whether it be a kind ear, a gentle word or some sage advice, please always know there is someone out there to help or listen. Our community has really had it tough lately, but I have been fortunate enough to attend some selfless community sessions and speak to many people that want help. I am sure there will be more discussions to come, please keep an eye out for these - we

all want to help, respectfully and compassionately. Discussions about the upcoming Local Government election, to be held September 12 2020, have begun in earnest. I encourage all those interested to find out as much as you can about becoming a councillor. It is a rewarding, albeit heavily analysed, experience. With the introduction of social media, many people have taken the opportunity to criticise a lot of Council's decisions. Whilst some may hit the mark, many do not consider facts, figures and plans, however I also accept we need to better communicate these.

However, there is always the option to ask questions, either of staff or Councillors, via email or the Council Café which is held each month. I see comments and queries on social media, however none ever seem addressed to the correct people and unfortunately rarely get answered as a result. Remain positive and present ideas on how to tackle some of the difficult situations, but continually criticising has little to no positive outcome for the community. Council recently revised the Cemetery Management Plan and while the reasons it had to

take place may not have been so positive, with the overwhelming community input through submissions or the extremely committed working group, the outcome is a vastly improved plan and gives both staff and the community certainty for their loved ones in the cemetery. Thank you to all who consulted with Council to achieve this positive outcome. On the subject of cemeteries, Council is working towards plans for the new cemetery on Rifle Range Road. Our current cemetery is renowned as one of the best in NSW and we want

that to flow through to the new cemetery also. Finally, please communicate in whatever way you feel most comfortable. "Good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity" - Nat Turner. We cannot seek to understand unless we listen, remember two ears, one mouth, utilise in the same ratio and together we can make a difference to those around us.

Regards, Councillor Doug Curran

Community Grants opening Monday

The second round of the Griffith City Council Community Grant Program for 2019/2020 financial year opens Monday 17 February 2020, with community groups, not-for-profit and charitable organisations or individuals encouraged to submit an application. Applications are welcome for projects and activities which can demonstrate they will deliver new initiatives which align with Council's Strategic Plan – Guiding Griffith 2040. Chair of the Communities Committee, Councillor Dino Zappacosta said the Community Grant Program offers local organisations and individuals the opportunity to obtain funds to initiate new activities or support projects that benefit the community. "During the first round of 2019/20 Council supported 8 organisations and five individuals through the grant process worth

more than \$13,000," said Councillor Zappacosta. "There have been many standout applications over the years which Council has supported and we encourage more innovative ideas." "Each round is highly competitive with many applications received and we have staff available in the Community Development Team who can provide advice which could assist to strengthen your application," he added. Two FREE Information Sessions will be held at Griffith City Council, Thursday 5 March, 12noon and Wednesday 11 March, 5.30pm. The sessions are 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. "These one hour information sessions will guide potential applicants through the process and explain how to complete the Community Grant submission. If you are considering applying in this round and would like to discuss your idea I would recommend you come along to one of the sessions." The Community Grant Program will close Friday 20 March 2020 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. Please contact Council's Community Development Officer, Tanya Aramini on 6962 8100 or email Tanya.Aramini@griffith.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Promising results from the 2019 Griffith Business Survey



Above: Winner of the Griffith Business Survey Competition Maria Searle with Council's Economic Development Coordinator, Karly Sivewright.

Over 200 businesses took part in the 2019 Business Survey, which was conducted over the 2019 December quarter by Council and the Griffith Business Chamber. The survey was designed to collect information relating to local investment and businesses in Griffith. Griffith City Council's Economic Development Coordinator, Karly Sivewright said the survey will assist in determining how Council can assist local businesses in the future, as well as analyse the current business climate. "I would like to thank the businesses who took the time to complete the survey and provide us with the insights into their operations," said Mrs Sivewright. "The results of the survey and the subsequent report will help inform the development of strategies and long term plans, as well as support grant applications for our region. "In addition, the report will assist in providing information for major infrastructure projects as well as the long term operational and strategic decisions for Council."

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said the findings will be a valuable tool for local businesses to determine opportunities within their industry, and provide key information to attract investors. "The results show that almost three quarters of the businesses surveyed are happy with how they are operating, and over half are planning expansions over the next five years," said Councillor Dal Broi. "Almost all of the respondents believe that innovation and technology is one of their greatest strengths. "The results are encouraging and demonstrate that while we are affected by external influences such as the drought and water allocations, local businesses and industry are working hard to develop and grow." Council and the Griffith Business Chamber would like to congratulate the winner of the Griffith Business Survey competition, Mrs Maria Searle who won an Apple iPad. The Griffith Business Survey report can be found online at <https://bit.ly/2Sk778S> or by contacting Council's Economic Development Team on 6962 810.



Above: Recipients of Round One of the Community Grants Scheme 2019/2020 with Council representatives.



NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED – JANUARY 2020

(Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979, s. 101)
(Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000, CL. 124)

DA No.	Address	Description
188/2018 (2)	4-8 Dunn Street, Tharbogang	Construction of Place of Public Worship, use of Hall & Subdivision
189/2018	403 Thorne Road, Griffith	Construction and use of a commercial premises including sale and assembly pf agricultural machinery
38/2019	76 Wakaden Street, Griffith	Additions to existing industrial shed
135/2019	72 Binya Street, Griffith	Attached dual occupancy
145/2019 (2)	124-126 Wakaden Street, Griffith	Alterations & Additions to gym & change of use
239/2019	54-56 Bridge Road, Griffith	Office and amenities building – industrial truck and trailer repair/parts business
241/2019	212 Oakes Road, Griffith	Dwelling with attached garage
246/2019	36 Todd Road, Lake Wyangan	Residential development
263/2019	1 Middleton Avenue, Griffith	Shade sails
264/2019	9-11 Winery Road, Beelbangera	Shed
268/2019	7 Davidson Place, Griffith	Alterations & additions to the existing dwelling, fence & swimming pool
269/2019	7 Grange Close, Griffith	Stage 1 domestic storage shed & concept – Stage 2 Dwelling House & Garage approx 360m2
270/2019	9 McKern Place, Griffith	Awning and carport
273/2019	46 Leonard Road, Hanwood	Shed
274/2019	26 Bilbul Place, Bilbul	Attached Carport and internal alterations to existing dwelling
278/2019	13 Elizabeth Drive, Lake Wyangan	Shade sail
4/2020	65 Watkins Avenue, Griffith	Shade sail

Council advises that the following development have been approved in the month of December 2019:

DA No.	Address	Description
254/2019	28 Leonard Road, Hanwood	Patio
265/2019	13 Albion Grove Crescent, Griffith	New deck & enclosed screen on existing area

Copies of the development consents for the development applications listed above are available for public inspection free of charge at Council's Administration Building located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, during normal business hours.

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

DA No: 25/2020(1)	Applicant: F & RN McNabb Pty Ltd Address: Lot 1 DP 1189104, 2-8 Oxley Street GRIFFITH Description: Bulk fuel depot with ancillary use service station
DA No: 32/2020(1)	Applicant: Parisplan Urban & Regional Planning Address: Lot 11 Section 48 DP 758476, 105 Banna Avenue GRIFFITH Description: Use of a vacant business premises as a Dance Studio

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 28 February 2020.**

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 Friday 28 February 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.

GRASS ROOTS

Under 30's Open Mic Comp
Saturday 22 FEB from 2pm
At Griffith Regional Theatre,
Burley Griffin Room
Free Entry

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

WINNER: \$450 cash prize & open A Day in the Orchard.

BEST ORIGINAL SONG WINS: A free recording session at CAD Factory.



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:

Community Development Officer - Aboriginal Liaison (Permanent)

The Community Development Officer – Aboriginal Liaison will implement the social and cultural elements of Council's strategic plans. The position will assist community organisations and groups to build their capacity to develop events, programs, projects and activities. This position will work with the Aboriginal community to implement the elements in Griffith City Council's Reconciliation Action Plan and the ability to engage and work with people from diverse backgrounds and socio-economic groups. The successful applicant will be required to hold a Certificate IV in Community Services or equivalent, or demonstrated experience relevant to Community Development and hold a current driver license. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. To be considered for this position applicants must have a Working with Children Check Clearance Number for employment screening purposes. To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au (in child related industry sector, tick Youth Worker). Hours of work are 35 hours per week with a commencement annual salary (Grade 12) \$67,437.76 to \$74,183.20 and a rostered day off once a month. This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. If you have any questions about this role please contact Peta Dummett on 6962 8100.

Applications close 9am Monday 9 March 2020.

Information Technology Support Officer – Level 2 (Permanent)

The purpose of the Information Technology Support Officer – Level 2 is to provide high level support to users of Council's information technology infrastructure and to assist with the efficient operation of Council's information technology systems. The successful applicant will require a Degree in Information Technology or qualification relevant to the duties of the position and hold a current Australian Driver License. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. The successful applicant will require a high level of knowledge and/or experience in the support and administration of information technology systems, have a working knowledge and experience in Local Area Network (LAN) Wide Area Network (WAN) and virtual network support, also a high level knowledge and/or experience in the support and administration of Microsoft Windows operating systems, both server and desktop. Hours of work are 35 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary range \$71,196.32 to \$78,313.56 (Grade 13) and a rostered day off once a month. For any questions about the role please contact Katherine Elliott on 6962 8100.

Applications for this position close 9am Monday 24 February 2020.

Team Leader - Plant Operator - Backhoe and Front End Loader (Permanent)

The purpose of the Team Leader Plant Operator is to operate a backhoe and a front end loader also lead a small crew while performing Council's construction and maintenance operations in a safe, economical and proficient manner. The successful applicant will be required to hold a certificate of competency for a backhoe and front end loader also needs to have a current HR licence and a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card). Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per

week with a commencement annual salary \$57,131.88 to \$62,846.16 (Grade 8) and a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions about this role please contact James Taliano on 6962 8100.

Team Leader - Traffic Facilities 1 (Permanent) (Re-advertised)

The purpose of the Traffic Facilities 1 (signs) is to provide field support for the creation and documentation of Traffic Control Plans in accordance with Griffith City Council Traffic Management Plan and RMS Traffic Control at Work Sites manual. Also to carry out maintenance, replacements and installation of various signs within Council. The successful applicant will require to hold a current MR driver licence or equivalent, a General Induction for Construction Work in NSW (White Card), hold an RMS Traffic Controllers ticket, an RMS Implement Traffic Control Plans ticket and an RMS Prepare a Work Zone Traffic Management Plan ticket. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week with a commencement annual salary \$55,011.84 to 60,511.36 (Grade 7) and a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions about this role please contact James Taliano on 6962 8100.

Applications for this position close 9am Monday 2 March 2020.

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to 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

Tender for Construction of DC605J Culvert Upgrades, Yoogali - Tender No: 10 - 19/20

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the construction of DC605J Culvert Upgrades at Yoogali. Tenders close Thursday 12 March 2020 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 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680. A non-mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held Tuesday 25 February 2020 at Junction of McCormack Road and Bosanquet Road, Yoogali NSW 2680, commencing at 11am.

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

Community Grants Program - Opening Monday 17 February 2020

Applications will be opening Monday 17 February 2020 for the second round 2019/2020 Community Grants Program. Council invited community groups, not-for-profit or charitable organisations and individuals to apply for a grant capped at \$2,500. To assist applicants, Council is providing information sessions on **Thursday 5 March, 12 noon and Wednesday 11 March, 5.30pm** at Griffith City Council. Please call Tanya Aramini - Community Development Officer on 6962 8100 to register your attendance. The sessions are open to all community groups and individuals who would like information about addressing the criteria in the application form. **Applications close 4pm Friday 20 March**, late applications will not be accepted. Application Forms including the Program Guidelines can be found at griffith.nsw.gov.au/grants or by contacting Council on 6962 8100.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the temporary closing of **Stokes Road between Mirrool Branch Canal Road and Sainty Road on 23 February 2020 from 8am until 4pm** for the replacement of power poles by Essential Energy. Detours around the worksite will be provided.

Notice of Works

Council would like to advise the following:
- Demolition works will be commencing of the old **Skate Park**, Olympic Street Griffith on **Saturday 22 February 2020** with an estimated completion date of **Wednesday 26 Feb 2020**.
- The removal of tree stumps at **Jubilee Oval** will commence **Monday 17 February 2020** with an estimated completion date of **Wednesday 19 February 2020**.

For more information please contact the Griffith Regional Theatre 02 6962 8444, 1 Neville Place Griffith NSW 2680 Register at www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au

