



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Mayor Doug Curran with Local Hero recipient, John Dal Broi and Griffith's Citizen of the Year, Stephen Mortlock.

Australia Day Award recipients proudly celebrated

Griffith's Richard (Stephen) Mortlock has been named the Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Mr Mortlock was presented with the top Australia Day honour on Wednesday, 26 January during the official ceremony, held at the Griffith Regional Theatre.

He received the accolade for his dedication, passion and commitment to protecting and supporting the residents of Griffith and surrounds for over 37 years while serving with the Griffith SES Unit.

Mr Mortlock retired from service in November 2021, marking an end to a stellar career which saw him involved in a wide range of events including car accidents and storms.

He was instrumental in helping protect properties during the 2012 flood event, working alongside his team sandbagging, repairing damage, transporting people to safety and cleaning up.

Griffith Mayor, Doug Curran congratulated

Mr Mortlock and the other worthy award recipients. He also acknowledged the 56 new citizens from 14 countries.

"On behalf of the Griffith community, I congratulate Stephen and all of the other worthy winners," Councillor Curran said.

"The Australia Day awards are an important way we can pay tribute to the commitment and dedication of individuals and groups across Griffith that go above and beyond to support our community."

Unfortunately Griffith's Australia Day Ambassador Mark Warren was unable to attend local events due to COVID-19.

Winners of the Griffith Australia Day awards:

- Citizen of the Year – Stephen Mortlock
- Young Citizen of the Year - Nayani Navaneethan
- Environmental Citizen of the Year - Hampers of Hope
- Community Project of the Year - Griffith

Curry and Jam

- Local Hero Award – John Dal Broi
- Young Sportsperson of the Year - Nicole Taylor
- Sports Team of the Year - U12s Griffith Academy Football Club
- Sportsperson of the Year - Nicole Taylor

Councillor Christine Stead also congratulated the winners and award nominees.

"All those nominated deserve recognition for the hard work and dedication to their community," Councillor Stead said.

"Congratulations and well done to all our award recipients. I am delighted to see that our former Mayor, John Dal Broi has been recognised as this year's hero and commend our new Mayor for acknowledging the incredible work he did over more than 40 years.

"John dedicated so much of his life to this community and he was such an inspirational leader."



Sportsperson of the Year - Nicole Taylor.



Young Citizen of the Year - Nayani Navaneethan.



Community Project of the Year - Griffith Curry and Jam.

First sod turned at Griffin Green Affordable Housing project



Above: Indigenous dancers perform as part of the cleansing ceremony before Wes Fang MLC, Argyle Housing Acting CEO Carolyn Doherty, Sussan Ley MP and Mayor Doug Curran turn the first sod. Griffin Green is a combined \$12 million affordable housing project which will build 20 homes as well as 42 build ready lots to help address the shortage of housing in the Griffith community.

New Griffith City Council meets for the first time

The new Griffith City Council met this week for the first time since the local government elections were held in early December 2021. The ordinary meeting was held on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

The first item on the agenda was the swearing in of the newly-elected Councillors, Mayor Doug Curran, Glen Andreazza, Shari Blumer, Simon Croce, Jenny Ellis, Manjit Singh Lally, Melissa Marin, Anne Napoli, Christine Stead, Chris Sutton, Laurie Testoni and Dino Zappacosta. The election of Griffith's new Deputy Mayor followed, with Councillor Glen

Andreazza elected to hold the office until September 2022. The position of Deputy Mayor is elected by the members of the Council while the Mayor is popularly elected by the community every four years.

Councillor Andreazza said he looks forward to working with the Mayor and fellow Councillors to collaboratively bring new ideas and opportunities to Griffith.

"I am looking forward to working as part of a team to lead the city into an exciting future," he said.

Mayor Doug Curran congratulated Councillor Andreazza on his appointment.

"This is an exciting new period for our City and I look forward to working closely with all Councillors in the best interests of Griffith," Councillor Curran said.

Council General Manager Brett Stonestreet welcomed the new councillors.

"On behalf of all Griffith City Council staff, I'd like to formally welcome our new and returning Councillors and congratulate them on their elections," Mr Stonestreet said. "We look forward to delivering the wonderful projects already in progress, and working together to develop new opportunities for our community."

Other items on the agenda included the adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Financial Statements and the commencement of the review of Council Committee Structure for this term of Council.

To assist Council meet statutory requirements, increase knowledge and acquire skills necessary to perform their roles, all Councillors have participated in induction and professional development training over the past few weeks. The new Council will serve a reduced term (2 years and 9 months), rather than the normal four, due to the 12-month delay of local government elections.



First-ever Survival Day event held in Griffith a success



Message from Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran

So here is my first Councillor Column following the new Council's first meeting, seriously where has January gone?

January has been very busy for our new and returning Councillors, we have been training in all aspects of Council procedure and policy and being briefed by our General Manager and Directors as to their function within our organisation. The challenges and opportunities that we have are extremely exciting, and I look forward to working with each and every elected official and our Council team for the betterment of our City.

To all of the winners of Australia Day Awards, well done and thank you all for your contributions to our wonderful community. Community doesn't start with Council or even awards, it starts with community members and actions done when no one sees them. Then we get the opportunity to recognise wonderful achievements on this

special day, thank you again and well done.

To Councillor Andrezza, well done on your appointment as Deputy Mayor and thank you for assisting me to represent our community. The entire Council has a lot of work to do over the coming 2 year and 9 month term but as leaders we have slightly more to do and I thank you for putting your hand up and I look forward to working with you.

I cannot say enough that we want to hear from you, the community, about concerns and suggestions. We need sincere feedback; we need to hear criticism and be given an opportunity to act on it when appropriate. One of my tag lines during the election was ASK, LISTEN, ACT, I was serious and am committed to this during this term of Council. Please work with us and I commit to working with anyone who puts Griffith first.

**Regards,
Mayor Doug Curran**



COUNCILCAFE

Bringing Council to You

Join us for the first Council Cafe of the year on Thursday 17 February 2022
10am - 11.30am at the Griffith City Library.
Come along and meet your new Councillors.

Public Notification

Provision of Town Planning and Building Surveyor Practitioners

Tender No: 14-21/22

Council invites tenders for a contract to join a proposed panel of suitably qualified Town Planning and Building Surveying Practitioners for the provision of various services to the Council. **Tenders close Thursday 17 February 2022 at 2pm.**

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at 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.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing of:

Erskine Road between Griffin Avenue and Walla Avenue and Moses Street between Harward Road and Merrigal Street. Erskine Road and Moses Street will be closed from Monday 7 February 2022 until Saturday 30 April 2022 for sewer main works by BC Plumbing. Detours around the worksite and access for residents will be provided.

Toscan Road, Hanwood between Hanwood Avenue and Whiting Road will be closed on Friday 21 January 2022 from 9am until 10:30am for the replacing of an HV x arm on a power pole. Detours around the site will be provided.

Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Banna Lane from Monday 22 November 2021 until Friday 27 May 2022 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.

Bromley Road and Butler Road between Bromley Road and Snaidero Road will remain closed until the end of June 2022 for the construction of the remaining section of Bromley Road and extension of Thorne Road between Bromley Road and Walla Avenue, Stage 5B of Griffith Southern Industrial Link Project. During the road closure motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

Yambil Street between Ulong Street and Daines Street and Daines Street between Yambil Street and Canal Street will be closed to west bound traffic from Friday 24 December 2021 until Monday 17 January 2022 as part of the Stage 3 Southern Side Yambil Street construction works by Griffith City Council. Access for pedestrians and businesses will be provided. Detours around the worksite will be implemented for all other traffic.

Storm Affected Landholders - Natural Disaster Recovery Reporting

If you have suffered damage to crops, livestock or infrastructure from the recent storms, hail or flooding you can report it here: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/natural-disaster-damage-survey

Information collected helps to quantify the impact of a disaster on agriculture and target resources and assistance to an area.

Register for an Alfresco Restart rebate

If you are a small or medium food and beverage business wanting to create or expand your outdoor dining area, you may be eligible for a \$5,000 rebate under the NSW Government's Alfresco Restart package.

Find out more here: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/.../alfresco-restart-rebate>

Residents urged to have their say on migrant settlement

Is Griffith ready to welcome newcomers to our community?

What can Griffith do to encourage people to work, live and stay for the long term? Regional Development Australia want to hear from the Griffith community, so let them know what you think!

To have your say please complete the using this Survey Link: <https://bit.ly/GriffithNSW-Grow>

Griffith is a vibrant, innovative hub in the Riverina but like many other regional communities, we are facing significant challenges. However, we have an opportunity to tap into the talents and aspirations of migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum who can help regional communities recover, adapt, innovate and prosper.

The NSW Growing Regions of Welcome (NSW GROW) Pilot Program was launched in June 2021 to and aims to connect candidates in western Sydney with lifestyle and employment opportunities in regional NSW. The Pilot Program locations include Griffith, Leeton and Temora as well as other locations in the Murray.

For more info about the program, head to <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/nsw-grow> or contact Oumi Karenga-Hewitt at projects@rdariverina.org.au.

Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule 2022

In accordance with clause 232 of the Local Government General Regulation 2005, Griffith City Council wishes to advise the following Meeting Schedule for Ordinary Meetings of Council to be held in 2022.

25 January 2022	12 July 2022
8 February 2022	26 July 2022
22 February 2022	9 August 2022
8 March 2022	23 August 2022
22 March 2022	13 September 2022
12 April 2022	27 September 2022
26 April 2022	11 October 2022
10 May 2022	25 October 2022
24 May 2022	8 November 2022
14 June 2022	22 November 2022
28 June 2022	13 December 2022

Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Dates for Council Committee meetings are available on Council's website at: www.griffith.nsw.gov.au



Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Services Coordinator - Permanent
- Leisure Services Maintenance Coordinator - Permanent
- Library Assistant - Casual
- Waste Operator - Landfill (Permanent)

Applications for the above positions close Monday 14 February 2022

For more information or to apply, visit: griffith.nsw.gov.au



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