



## Griffith's Spring Fest back in 2021

After a yearlong hiatus due to COVID-19, Griffith's flagship festival, Griffith Spring Fest is set to return on 10 – 24 October 2021 and will showcase everything Griffith has to offer.

This year will celebrate 30 years of the Griffith Garden Festival and 25 years of the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures.

Griffith City Council Events Coordinator, Georgina Horton said Real Juice Company have come back on board again this year as a major sponsor.

"The Citrus Sculpture application forms have gone out to participating community groups with many already having returned them, demonstrating how much everyone missed the Sculptures last year," said Ms Horton.

"We have had interest for some new sculptures which will make for a fantastic display, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures."

Application forms are due in by the end of July as it is crucial to the planning of construction day and dismantle day to be held in a COVID safe way. Traditionally, around 800 locals meet in the early hours of Sunday morning to help build around 70 sculptures, which is one of the

key component event organisers are working on at the moment.

Although COVID-19 will have an impact on the way various events are run this year, Ms Horton says that it won't stop them delivering some of our favourite events.

"To ensure we are operating under the relevant COVID-19 restrictions, there will be change in the way we do things, but we will do our best to provide a fantastic event while following any instructions given by the NSW Government," said Ms Horton.

"We are excited to be hosting the 25th Anniversary of the Citrus Sculptures, and we know the community will support the plans we put in place to deliver this amazing event, keeping to the NSW Health guidelines."

Chairperson of the Festival of Gardens Working Group, Councillor Rina Mercuri said Griffith will be celebrating the 30th year of the Griffith Garden Festival, featuring new and returning gardens.

"A lot of work has been going on in the background to ensure we host a successful event and I am pleased to announce we will have gardening guru Costa Georgiadis to help

us celebrate - we can't wait to have him back in town," said Councillor Mercuri.

"After delivering an online festival in 2020, celebrating some of our wonderful garden owners, it is exciting to now be able to open up some of the region's most spectacular gardens in person again in 2021.

"We look forward to welcoming everyone to each garden to support the local charities and groups at each of the gardens," she added.

There are plans underway to deliver the LINX Launch Party again in the Griffith Visitor Information Centre Car Park, however specific details on this event are still being finalised to follow all NSW Health guidelines.

"We are working on a few scenarios on how we can deliver this event as we know it is a favourite amongst the locals, and visitors," said Councillor Mercuri.

The full program of events will be released in the coming months as key details are finalised, so keep an eye on [www.griffithspringfest.com.au](http://www.griffithspringfest.com.au) as information is released or follow Griffith Spring Fest on Facebook.

For further information contact the Tourism Team on 1800 681 141.

**Women from all walks of life are being encouraged to stand for their community**

Are you ready to make a difference and run for your local council?

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**  
4 September 2021  
[www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au)



## New Griffith jobs now live!

Are you looking for a new career? 25 new full-time job vacancies have just been added to the Griffith Now Hiring website.

Launched by Griffith City Council, Griffith Now Hiring highlights the immense range of job opportunities in Griffith.

Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson said "The Griffith Now Hiring website makes it easy for local employers to promote their vacancies in order to attract applicants either locally or from across the country."

"Council has committed to funding promotional efforts to link local employers with potential employees, driving the economy and growth across our region."

Council's Economic Development Coordinator, Karly Sivewright said "The Griffith Now Hiring program will benefit Griffith locals in finding employment and getting back into the workforce while also offering Griffith employers a chance to collaborate with Council to fill job vacancies and promote our region," she said.

"Council has delivered a job

search function listing Griffith job availabilities across different industry categories. Interested employers can sign up for \$200 for the 2021/2022 financial year and post their job availabilities to the website, which Council will then promote across various digital channels."

The Griffith Now Hiring marketing program links job seekers with current vacancies through the use of both local and state wide marketing including; fortnightly newsletters, Google Adwords to drive website traffic, Facebook and Instagram promotions as well as promotional videos.

Sign up to our newsletter and follow Griffith Now Hiring on Facebook for regular job updates.

Current positions vacant include a Design Draftsperson, Projects Coordinator, Mechanic, Engineer Apprenticeships, Yard Person, and Systems Analyst. Visit [griffithnowhiring.com.au](http://griffithnowhiring.com.au) for more information.

If you are a business interested in partnering with us please contact Griffith City Council's Economic Development Department 1300 176 077.



## Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training with Wellways Australia



Following a booked out session in July held at Griffith City Library, Wellways Australia will be running another Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training session on Saturday 14 August 1pm-4pm.

The interactive workshop is group-based and runs for three hours. The workshop is suitable for anyone aged over 16 years and is an opportunity to develop knowledge and skills to better recognise and support vulnerable people in your community.

The workshop will look at some

of the myths around suicide, how to recognise warning signs, what questions to ask to support understanding, and how to refer to appropriate support services. It aims to assist you to identify suicide warning signs and make connections with those at risk. Anyone can be a gatekeeper, and gatekeepers save lives.

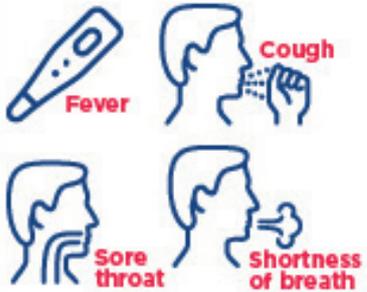
For more information or to book your place to attend Library events, please visit [wrl.eventbrite.com.au](http://wrl.eventbrite.com.au) or call the Library on 6962 8300.



SUBSCRIBE

We are committed to keeping our community up to date. Council has a number of e-Newsletters you can now subscribe to including:

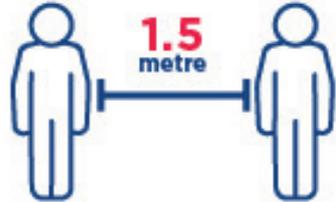
- Council Catch Up**  
[www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/catchup](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/catchup)
- Economic Development**  
[www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/evolve](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/evolve)
- Griffith Now Hiring**  
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**COVID-19 symptoms**



**Practise good hygiene**



**Practise social distancing**



**Self-isolate if you need to**

## Nancy Blumer 'Fountain' turned orange for World Fragile X Day

The Nancy Blumer 'Fountain' was glowing orange last night, to acknowledge World Fragile X Day.

Griffith joins over 200 illuminations worldwide - including Niagra Falls.

Fragile X syndrome (FXS) is the most common inherited cause of autism and intellectual disabilities worldwide and at present, there is no cure.

Fragile X syndrome is a genetic disorder that occurs when a single gene on the X chromosome shuts down. This gene makes a protein needed for normal brain development. In FXS it does not work properly, the protein is not

made, and the brain does not develop as it should.

FXS can affect both sexes. Females generally have milder symptoms than males, although there is a lot of variation and no good way to predict this. While most males have intellectual impairment, only one-third of females have significant intellectual challenges. The rest have either normal IQ or learning disabilities. Math is often a particular challenge for females. Emotional and behavioral problems are common in both sexes.

To find out more, visit [www.fragilex.org.au](http://www.fragilex.org.au)



# Save the date

## 2021 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday  
4 September

Voting is compulsory

[elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21](http://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21)  
1300 135 736

## Check your Electoral Roll details

The 2021 Local Government Elections are being held Saturday 4 September 2021.

Voting is compulsory in Australia and enables you to say who you choose to represent you in federal, State and local governments. You only need to enrol once with the Australian Electoral Commission to vote for all three levels of government.

If you are not sure whether you are enrolled to vote, you can check your enrolment details online. You can also update your details, find out if there's an election being held near you, and sign up to our

free election reminder service to receive SMS or email reminders for when you have to vote at an election.

Griffith Local Government Area residents are required to vote for 11 Councillors and 1 Mayor for the next term, which is a 3 year term.

It is important that your details are up to date on the Electoral Roll. If you have not enrolled to vote, you are required to register.

To find out more, to enrol to vote, or to check your details, please visit [elections.nsw.gov.au](http://elections.nsw.gov.au)

## COVID-19 restrictions – what restrictions apply in regional NSW?

### Do not travel to Greater Sydney areas without a reasonable excuse

If you live in regional and rural areas, you must not enter Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas unless you have a reasonable excuse.

If you enter these areas for any reason, stay at home rules will also apply to you for 14 days after you were last in any of these areas.

### When to wear a face mask

There are rules for wearing a fitted face covering (face mask):

- when you are travelling in a vehicle (car) with a person you do not live with (see the guidance on carpooling)
  - in non-residential indoor areas
  - in airports and on commercial domestic flights.
  - you must wear a face mask in NSW when using public transport
- You do not need to wear a face mask when you are:
- in your home on your own

- in your home with other people you live with, except if someone in your household is self-isolating

- travelling in a vehicle (car) by yourself or with other people you live with.

### Face Mask Exemptions

The public health order includes a number of lawful reasons for not wearing a mask.

You are not required to wear a mask if you have a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, that makes wearing a mask unsuitable. For example, if you have a skin condition, an intellectual disability, autism or trauma, you are not required to wear a mask.

- Masks should not be worn by toddlers under 2 years of age and babies, as they are a choking and suffocation risk.
- Children 12 years and under are exempt but are encouraged to wear masks.

### Household Visitors

Up to 5 visitors may visit another household at any one time. The total number of visitors includes adults and children. A member of the hosting household is not counted as a visitor.

There is no daily limit to visitors to your home, so long as you do not have more than 5 visitors at any one time.

An overnight stay as part of a visit to someone's house is allowed.

As a host, it is your responsibility to ensure that no more than 5 people visit your household at any one time.

As a visitor, it is your responsibility to ensure that you do not visit a residence if there are more than 5 people there.

### Weddings, funerals and memorial services

Dancing is allowed at weddings for the bridal party only (no more than 20 people).

Funerals and memorial services are permitted. Funerals and memorial services outside of Greater Sydney are permitted with a maximum of 1 person per 4 square metres of space on the premises.

### More information:

To find out the latest information on NSW restrictions, please visit [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/what-you-can-do-nsw](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/what-you-can-do-nsw)

# Public Notification

## Notice of Temporary Road Closure

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

**Railway Street, east of the Ulong Street intersection to the entrance of 69 Railway Street carpark from Tuesday 27 July until Friday 30 July 2021** for the construction of a concrete median and driveway access works associated with the construction of 69 Railway Street carpark by Griffith City Council. Detours around the worksite will be provided.

**Crawford Road between Kidman Way and Millis Road will be closed from Monday 19 July until Saturday 24 July 2021** for the backfilling of a culvert by Murrumbidgee Irrigation. Detours around the worksite will be provided.

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

<b>DA Number:</b> 161/2021(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> Mr D D Dinicola
<b>Address:</b> Lots 886 & 887 DP 751709, Lots 172 & 173 DP 1195677, Lot 170 DP 1195674, Lot 2 DP 1007460 - 1165 Mansell Road GRIFFITH, Little Road HANWOOD, Thorne Road GRIFFITH, 308 Murrumbidgee Avenue GRIFFITH	
<b>Description:</b> 60ML Water Storage Facility	

<b>DA Number:</b> 197/2020(2)	<b>Applicant:</b> The Griffith Hotel Pty Ltd
<b>Address:</b> Lot 12, 13, 14 & 15 Section 4 DP 758476, 75-89 Yambil Street GRIFFITH	
<b>Description:</b> S4.55(1A) Modification – Alterations & Additions to an existing licenced premises, expansion of an approved bottle shop, signage and associated works and subdivision	

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Council/Public Notification and Items on Exhibition/Development Applications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 176 077. This documentation may be viewed up until **4pm Friday 30 July 2021**. **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 Friday 30 July 2021**. 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.



## Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for a number of exciting positions including:

**Gardener (12 month term appointment)**  
Application close Monday 26 July 2021

**Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Project Officer**  
Applications close Monday 2 August 2021

**Mechanic (Permanent)**  
Applications close Monday 9 August 2021

For more information or to apply visit our website:  
[www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au)



## Census

# It's time to complete your Census

### We'll be here to help

Location: Griffith Library  
229 Banna Ave  
Griffith NSW

When: Thursday 5 Aug 11am - 7pm  
Friday 6 Aug 10am - 5.30pm  
Saturday 7 Aug 9 - 4pm

[www.census.abs.gov.au](http://www.census.abs.gov.au)

- Learn more about the Census.
- You can collect a paper form.
- We can help you complete your form.

Every stat tells a **story**.



## Census

### Positions available

## 2021 Census Field Officers

### \$25.41 per hour

(incl 25% loading) + super  
Contract/Temporary  
Roles start in July 2021

Apply now: [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

Help tell your community's story

You wouldn't ignore this.. ..so why ignore this?



Wearing a seatbelt significantly reduces the severity of injuries and almost doubles your chance of surviving a crash.  
**It takes one second to click!**



This is a road safety message from Griffith City Council