



## Massive weekend for Sport

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TRIAL MATCH DOUBLE HEADER

## ACT BRUMBIES VS NSW WARATAHS & SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BLACK FALCONS



### LOCATION

EXIES OVAL, GRIFFITH, NSW

### DATE

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY

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Griffith sport lovers are in for a treat this weekend with a range of top class events added to the usual fixtures.

The ACT Brumbies and NSW Waratahs will battle it out in a pre-season trial at the Exies Oval on Saturday, 4 February 2023 from 4pm. The historic game in Griffith will be the first time the Brumbies have played at Exies Sports Club, the trial against the Waratahs doubling as Stephen Larkham's side's first look at their round one opposition, with Scott Fava taking charge of his first game as Super W head coach against the South Australian Black Falcons.

For those who prefer their sport poolside, the Speedo Sprint and Southern Inland Swimming Association Championships, attracting swimmers from as far as Wagga and Tumut, will take place on Saturday, 4 February and Sunday, 5 February at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre.

The Griffith Regional Sports Centre will also be a hive of activity, with the Little Athletics Region 4 Championships. Around 850 athletes from 32 clubs will compete from East and Western Riverina, Mid-South Coast and South Coast Highlands. The first two place-getters in each event will progress to State competition.

Basketball fans won't miss out either when the region's best representative junior players and officials come together on Saturday 4 February for a Gala Day in preparation for the first round of Basketball NSW Western Junior League for 2023. Athletes from Leeton, Narrandera and West Wyalong are expected to attend.

Griffith City Council Mayor, Doug Curran said: "It is great to see Griffith recognised as a place to hold significant sporting events such as these.

"The Brumbies Rugby Roadshow is a wonderful opportunity for our community, including school children to be exposed to elite athletes," he said.

"It's going to be a massive weekend in Griffith. Accommodation has been booked out for weeks. Having so many people visit for these events not only helps raise the profile of Griffith but boosts our economy.

"Accommodation, clubs, pubs, restaurants and retailers are all set to benefit. I want to welcome all of the visiting competitors and wish everyone the very best for a top weekend of sport," he added.



## AUDITIONS NOW OPEN!

We're looking for a diverse cast of performers to bring the 'The Wedding Singer' to life. Whether you have a bucket load of stage experience or you're just starting out, we want you to join us.

Audition applications close Tuesday 7 February

## FIND OUT MORE!

Come along to an info session at the Theatre on Sunday 5 February at 4pm or visit our website.

# the wedding singer

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# Survival Day a huge success

Thanks to everyone who attended Griffith's Survival Day event last week hosted by the Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council. Over 1,500 locals and visitors from Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, Cowra and Narrandera joined together at the Griffith Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre to show respect for our First Nations Wiradjuri People.



# Country Education Fund awards grants to local students

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran attended the Country Education Foundation Griffith's tertiary scholarship presentation last week.

The event, held on Wednesday 25 January at the Yenda Producers, saw more than \$30,000 awarded to local students to assist with costs associated with their tertiary education.

Twelve students were selected for the grant which is given directly to course related goods and service providers, ensuring the money goes where it is needed most.

Events such as Curry and Jam assist in raising money for the Foundation, which was established to give a helping hand to local youth and support a diverse range of education and career pursuits including apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, degrees, diplomas and certificate level studies or entry careers.

Since its inception, the Country Education Foundation has distributed more than \$200,000 and has helped more than 70 local students.

Councillor Curran said he is certain all the recipients have a

bright future ahead of them. "It is important to support students whilst they study and encourage them to return home to Griffith to help further grow our community," Councillor Curran said.

"I look forward to the future for you all and welcoming you back into the Griffith workforce."

Students selected are studying a range of degrees including Radiation Science, Medical Studies, Engineering, Commerce, Construction Project Management, Education, Vision Science, Business Studies and Occupational Therapy.

This year's scholarships were awarded to:

Sasha Blumer, Jordan Austin, Jackson Austin, Danielle Spencer, Isabel Chuquipionda, Kiara Chuquipionda, Emily Vasta, Kolby Seers, Khush Patel, Charlie Power, Jariah Gannon, and Imreet Singh.

To make a tax deductible donation to CEF Griffith please visit [www.cef.org.au/donations](http://www.cef.org.au/donations) and select Griffith as the Local Donation.

*Pictured: Recipients with Mayor, Doug Curran, Anthony Nehme and Craig O'Keefe.*

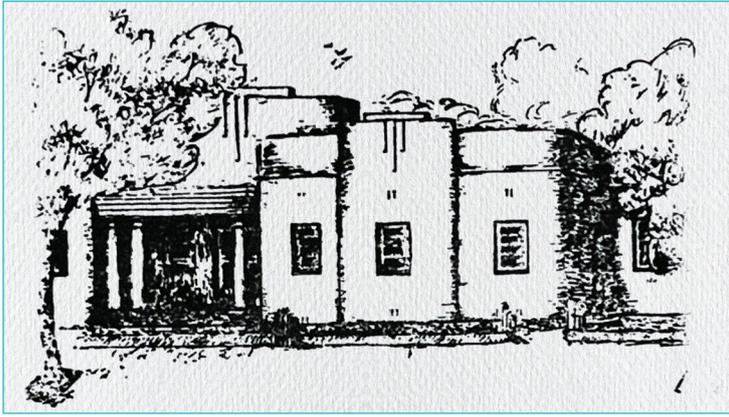




Join Councillors and Senior Staff on  
**Tuesday 7 February, 7pm**  
 at the  
 Griffith Regional Sports Centre  
 for the  
**Community Opinion Group (COG) Meeting**  
 View the Agenda at  
[griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)



## Gallery celebrates 40 years with program launch



Griffith Regional Art Gallery will celebrate 40 years with the launch the 2023 exhibition program and a very special guest.

The official launch will take place at the Gallery on Friday, 10 February 2023 at 6pm. The event will include a full rundown on all upcoming exhibitions for the year, as well as public programs including workshops and art classes.

Art Gallery Manager, Marg Andrezza said, "We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming artist Alison Mitchell to our launch. Alison's exhibition *Unlemon: A Meandering tale of Citrus* is currently on exhibition at the Gallery, so we are delighted she can join us to talk about her beautiful artworks."

"This year marks a milestone in the history of the Gallery as we celebrate its 40th birthday. To commemorate this, we will be curating an exhibition of artworks, historical information and other ephemera highlighting the Gallery's 40 year history. This event, taking place in September, will be a highlight of our 2023 program," Mrs Andrezza said.

Art Gallery Coordinator, Ray Wholohan said, "Our 2023 program will focus on exhibitions and projects that engage artists based in the Riverina or how they have practiced art making the Riverina and themes that are relevant to our diverse community. Our Public Programs Officer, Melanie Toscan has been busy planning a number of engaging public programs and workshops, art talks, after school kids' art classes and holiday programs

throughout this year."

The Gallery is also pleased to announce the continued partnership with local winery Dee Vine Estate.

"We thank Dee Vine Estate for again coming on board to supply our patrons with their fine wines for our events, and encourage everyone to come and join us on Friday, 10 February," Mrs Andrezza said. The current Exhibition *Unlemon: a Meandering Tale of Citrus* is an exhibition of over 40 still-life oil paintings that unfolds the story of citrus. From its origins approximately 20 million years ago on the Gondwana supercontinent, through its trade routes from China and Persia to the Mediterranean and the Americas, and on to its uses in medicine and culinary practices, the humble citrus is elevated in this exquisite exhibition.

Alison Mitchell will also give an artist talk and demonstration on Saturday, 11 February at 11.30am. This is likely to be a very popular event and spots are limited so the Gallery advises to register for the event to avoid disappointment.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery invites everyone to join them for their 2023 launch, on Friday, 10 February from 6pm to find out what's showing at the Gallery this year. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased from the Gallery or online [www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au](http://www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au)

For all enquiries contact the Gallery on 6962 8338.

*Griffith Regional Art Gallery is a cultural facility of Griffith City Council and is proudly sponsored by Dee Vine Estate.*

## Message from Cr. Laurie Testoni

Welcome to 2023, January was a busy month in and around the Griffith Local Government Area. The grain harvest is now over and the grape harvest is about to begin, a little late but needless to say it will be in full swing very shortly. With the harvest please be mindful of machinery moving around from farm to farm.

The first weekend of February is going to be one of the biggest weekends Griffith will experience with visiting sport hitting the city all at once. The Griffith Swimming Club, Griffith Little Athletics, Griffith Basketball and the local Rugby club will all be hosting events that will see visitors coming from all around the state to compete in their respective events.

Sporting tourism is one of the biggest industries that has the potential to inject a lot of money into the local economies. Our city and region has the opportunity to show visitors that their visit to the region will be a great one and we will look forward to seeing them all return again one day for a longer enjoyable stay.

Australia Day saw a packed Theatre for the annual Australia Day Awards. It is a proud moment when you see the efforts of all the nominees that come up on stage to receive their Certificate of Appreciation from the City. There is only one



winner at the end of the day, but to us every nominee, whether it was a sporting achievement or a citizen award, we thank you for your contribution to the community. Your service is very much appreciated.

Survival Day was again a fantastic event with over 1,500 people attending the day. Organising such an event takes a lot of time and effort from a lot of people, congratulations to the organisers for putting it on again this year. It was a pleasure to attend and be a part of the day.

With the break in weather the Griffith Council staff are out and about fixing a lot of the damage done to roads after the recent rain events. It is going to be a mammoth effort to get around and repair every hole or replace damaged road ways so please be patient as the staff are working overtime to get the roads back to a safe, drivable condition.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 2023.

**Councillor Laurie Testoni**



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

**Gardener** (Permanent)

**Gymnasium Instructor** (Casual)

**Personal Trainer** (Casual)

**Applications close 27 February 2023**

**Road Safety and Traffic Officer**

(Term appointment until 30 June 2025)

**Applications close 13 February 2023**

**Mechanic** (Permanent)

**Electrical Technician** (Permanent)

**Customer Service Officer - GRALC**

(Part Time - (Readvertised)

**Applications close 6 February 2023**



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# Public Notification

## Notice of Public Exhibition of a Planning Proposal (Amendment to the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014) (Planning Proposal PP-2022-3697)

The purpose of the planning proposal is to make general amendments to the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 inline with Council Strategies and State legislation, including:

- Development controls for secondary dwellings in rural zones
- Permitting Artisan food and drink industry in the RU1, RU4 and E1 zones
- Permitting neighbourhood supermarkets in the R1 and R3 zones

The Planning Proposal also proposes the rezoning of several portions of land identified for rezoning in the Griffith Large Lot Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy, the Griffith Housing Strategy and the Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement.

At the Griffith City Council Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2023, Council resolved to place Planning Proposal – PP 2022-3697 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and seek public submissions.

The Planning Proposal will be on public exhibition from **Friday 3 February 2023 until 3 March 2023**. A copy of the Planning Proposal and supporting documentation can be found at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

Alternatively, a hard copy will be provided at the front counter of the Griffith City Council Chambers Administrative Building located at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith and available between the hours of 8:30 am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

The Minister for Planning has delegated Griffith City council permission to use its plan making powers to make the amendment to the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014.

Griffith City Council invites submissions from any interested party. Any submission should be addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council and delivered:

- Via post to PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or
- Hand delivered to the Council Administrative Building at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW between the hours of 8:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday,
- Online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition), or
- Emailed to [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au)

Should you require further information to this notice, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol at 1300 176 077.

### Classification of Land

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council resolved to classify Lot 7302 DP 1153284, Mallee Street, Hanwood as operational land.

The land is being purchased for the construction of a levee bank.

Submissions 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) or via Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Thursday 9 February 2023**.

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.

### Adoption of Plan of Management – Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets)

Pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with Section 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Griffith City Council resolved to adopt the Plan of Management – Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets).

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

### Notice of Temporary Road Closures

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

**Walla Avenue between Mansell Road and Bromley Road and Thorne Road between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue will remain closed until Friday 30 June 2023, with Walla Ave anticipated to be opening to traffic by end of June 2023.** Walla Avenue and Thorne Road will be closed for the Construction of Stage 5b, 5a and 4b of the Great Southern Industrial Link Project by Griffith City Council. Detours around the site and access for heavy vehicles will be provided.

**Bromley Road and Butler Road between Bromley Road and Snaidero Road will remain closed until the end of June 2023** for the construction of the remaining section of Bromley Road and extension of Thorne Road between Bromley Road and Walla Avenue, Upgrade of Thorne Road between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue and the construction of the roundabout at Thorne Road and Murrumbidgee Avenue intersection. During the road closure motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

**Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Yambil Street will be closed until 28 February 2023.** A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available.

**Banna Lane between Kooyoo Street and Jondaryan Avenue will be closed from 13 December 2022 until 28 February 2023.** A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available.

**Mallee Street, Hanwood between Kidman Way and Wattle Street. Mallee Street will be closed from Wednesday 18 January until 17 April 2023** for Griffith City Council to conduct works on drainage infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

**Druitt Road, Lake Wyangan, Between Lakes Road and Boorga Road** will be closed from Tuesday 24 January to 24 April 2023 for Griffith City Council to conduct works on drainage infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place, with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic only.

**Barber Road between Brogden Road and Twaddell Road and Drew Road between Woodside Road and Barber Road will be closed until Monday 31 July 2023** for the upgrade and sealing of Barber Road by Griffith City Council. Local residents and local businesses are advised to use alternative accesses during the construction period. Detour will be via Brogden Road, Bringagee Road and Twaddell Road.

### Notice of Ordinary Meeting of Council - February 2023

There will be two Ordinary Meetings of Council held during February, being Tuesday 14 February 2023 and Tuesday 28 February 2023.

Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith NSW 2680 and commence at 7pm.

Interested people are invited to attend or the meeting can viewed via the livestream at Council's Facebook page at [facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil](https://facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil) Business Papers are available online at Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) the Friday prior to the meeting.

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

<b>DA Number: 204/2022(1)</b>	<b>Applicant: Planningmatters Development Service</b>
<b>Address: Lot 546 DP 751709 11573 Kidman Way GRIFFITH</b>	
<b>Description: New commercial development - mixed use development – 8 x Specialised Retail &amp; 2 x Drive thru food premises</b>	

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Planning & Development

Development Applications - Notifications. 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 on Friday 3 February 2023**.

**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 [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://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 3 February 2023**. 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.