

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Deputy Mayor Doug Curran



Get involved and make a difference, good communities are built around involvement and inclusion.

Happy New Year to all and please enjoy Australia Day safely, we live in a wonderful, lucky country and we should never forget that.

Whether it's volunteering, being a part of a Council working group or in fact running for Council, being involved is a great way to make a genuine difference. It is very easy to criticise those who put their hands up, especially with the invention of social media but we need these roles filled in the community so perhaps consider that before your next post. Some of the recent posts have been extremely critical of Council decisions which is fair game, however the personal attacks have become vile and not becoming of a caring community.

Congratulations to all of the nominee's

and winners for this weekend's Australia Day Awards. It is a great honour to be nominated and the eventual winners have been true champions within our community. Volunteering can be a truly rewarding experience and better communities benefit from good people helping those around them. Well done also to all of the sporting nominations, it takes true dedication to be part of a team or to train daily or weekly, it's a huge commitment and all of the nominee's deserve their place at the awards. Congratulations also to the Australia Day committee, events like these don't just happen and take a lot of organisation, well done to all those involved.

One of the committee's that I chair, the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre working group is currently looking for more members. The working group has

only recently formed and we are working collaboratively to improve the facility and reduce the current euthanasia rate. We are investigating desexing programs and working with compliance staff in order to achieve the best possible outcome for the animals that go through the pound facility. We also have the by-election coming mid-February, congratulations and good luck to the candidates that have nominated.

Being a Councillor isn't always an easy task but it can be very rewarding and the very best of luck to those who will run on February 16.

Take some time to get to know the candidates and their opinions and beliefs, we need good representation on our Council.

Within two years we will have another general election so perhaps it's also time to keep an eye on the rest of us as well.

I think we can become a better community with ore involvement, with more consultation, with a positive attitude, by getting involved.

2019 and for that matter 2020 hold some great challenges for Griffith and I personally want to be involved in making Griffith even better than what we are today. We have so much potential as a community and whilst we have some major challenges in front of us, good things happen when good people become involved, get involved and make a difference.

Regards,
Councillor Doug Curran

Funding for community centre



Above: Member for Murray Austin Evans, Griffith Community Centre Manager Barbara Penninga and Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi at the site of the proposed new Youth and Community Centre.

Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi has welcomed the announcement of \$3.65 million in NSW Government funding to build new, modern Griffith Youth and Community Centre.

The new home will bring local social services and mental health and wellbeing programs together under one roof and also be equipped to host community events, skills and training sessions, meetings and recreational activities.

Mayor John Dal Broi said he was delighted with the funding from the NSW Government. "This is something the community has been working for many years," Cr Dal Broi said.

"The current building and location isn't ideal. It doesn't meet the needs of our growing city.

"This new one will provide facilities for community groups that want to deliver

their services in a permanent location. I am thrilled with this announcement."

Member for Murray Austin Evans made the announcement on Wednesday. "The current fibro building has served the community but the new facility on Olympic Street, featuring offices, meeting rooms, a performance space, storage and car parking, will deliver a better level of service," Mr Evans said. "The Griffith Youth and Community Centre, which will have an earth covered shelter design inspired by Parliament House in Canberra, will be a focal point for community interaction while its new name reflects our renewed commitment to young people. "By funding this project we are sending a clear message that the services the community expect and deserve, we will deliver and they are here to stay. "We know the current drought is directly

and indirectly affecting the mental health of people of all ages across the regions and while we are providing economic relief, we also have to address issues around mental wellbeing."

Griffith Community Centre Inc Manager Barbara Penninga said after eight years of planning, meetings and consultations with all levels of government, we are delighted to receive this announcement. "We are absolutely sure that the people of Griffith will see the new centre as a valuable asset, offering much needed support and services to our community. And a big thank you to Austin Evans, who chose to support our quest and worked hard to secure this funding," Ms Penninga said. Funding for the Griffith Youth and Community Centre has been secured from the NSW Government's Regional Communities Development Fund.

Australia Day free pool entry

Local families can enjoy the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) for free this Australia Day.

At its meeting on Tuesday night Griffith City Council resolved, as a one-off instance, to reflect the ongoing hot weather, to provide free entry into the pool area on Saturday only. The facility's swimming pool area will open to the public for free this Saturday, 26 January 2019, from 8am to 6pm.

GRALC will also be open on Sunday 10am to 5pm and on the public holiday Monday 9am to 6pm, with the usual entry fee applying.

Griffith Mayor Councillor John Dal Broi said he was happy that families would be able to cool down for free on Saturday.

"This decision has been taken in light of the extremely high

temperatures and because it's Australia Day we thought it would be a good thing for the community," Cr Dal Broi said.

"Where possible Griffith City Council will try and accommodate the needs of our community. Council is listening to what the community wants. We won't always be able to, but if we can we will certainly try." Entry will be free into the pool area only on Saturday which, according to the Bureau of Meteorology, is forecast to reach 43 degrees in Griffith. Free entry does not include the gym area.

For more information please contact GRALC on 6962 8228.

Council reminds residents that is important to be prepared in the heat.

As recommended by NSW Health the key messages

from their NSW Beat the Heat campaign are;

- Drink plenty of water
- Minimise physical activity
- Check on elderly friends, neighbours and relatives, especially if they live alone
- If you have an air-conditioner, make sure it is working before you need it
- If you don't have air-conditioning, spend time in a cool place like a library, shopping centre or cinema.
- Avoid being outdoors between 11 am and 5 pm
- Avoid alcoholic, hot or sugary drinks
- Take cool showers or baths
- Wear light coloured, loose fitting clothes made from natural fibres like cotton
- Cool your house by shading windows, shutting curtains and, if it's safe to do so opening windows at night to let in cool air.



Above: Locals will be able to splash out for free tomorrow at Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre.



AUSTRALIA DAY

celebrate what's great!

Join us this Australia Day, January 26 for the Official Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony at Griffith Regional Theatre from 9.30am.

- Meet the Australia Day Ambassador, Macinley Butson
- Enjoy music from Griffith City Band and Stickle Fingers
- Witness Griffith's newest Citizens receive their official Citizenship
- Winners of the Australia Day Colouring-in Competition announced
- Presentation of the Australia Day Awards
- Morning tea with thanks to Griffith Can Assist...and more!

Australia Day 2019



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:

Local Studies Librarian (Part-time)

The role of this position is to actively and creatively collect, preserve, catalogue, promote and make accessible a heritage collection relating to the Western Riverina area for current and future generations and to provide a proactive, efficient and courteous customer service experience to a diverse range of people. The successful applicant will require a Degree in Library Management or other related discipline.

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 clubs or other bodies providing services for children).

Hours of work are 7 hours per week, with a commencement hourly rate from \$38.1649 to \$41.98 (Grade 13). This position is designated as a child-related position. It is an offence under NSW Legislation for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

Library Assistant (Permanent)

This role will provide a proactive, efficient, courteous customer service and library experience to a diverse range of people. You must hold a current drivers licence Class C. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application.

To be considered for this position applicants must also 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 clubs or other bodies providing services for children).

Hours of work are 35 hours, Monday to Sunday, with a commencement annual salary range from \$51,826.84 to \$57,007.60 (Grade 6).

If you have any questions about these two Library roles contact Karen Tagliapietra on 6962 8100.

Applications for the above positions close 4pm, Friday, 1 February 2019.

Front of House Duty Manager Theatre (Casual)

The purpose of the Front of House Duty Manager is to supervise the operation and use of the Front of House areas of the Griffith Regional Theatre during performances and functions.

Duty Manager tasks include supervising,

monitoring and instructing casual Front of House Support staff and to ensure the building and financial takings are secured on completion of functions and performances. The Duty Manager is also responsible for ensuring the safety of patrons at all times.

The successful applicant must be available to work nights and weekend shifts.

The successful applicant must hold a current first aid certificate and a responsible service of alcohol certificate.

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 early education and child care).

Hours of work are a spread of hours 6am to 11pm Monday to Sunday, with a commencement ordinary hourly rate \$26.2282 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 6).

If you have any questions about the role please contact Veronica Armanini on 6962 8100.

Front of House Support Theatre & Art Gallery (Casual)

The purpose of the Front of House casuals is to assist in the operation and use of the Front of House areas of the Griffith Regional Theatre and Griffith Regional Art Gallery, for performances and functions. Front of House tasks include ushering, bar, café, box office cashiering duties.

The successful applicant would need to be available to work primarily day shifts and must hold a responsible service of alcohol certificate.

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 early education and child care).

Hours of work are spread of hours 6am to 11pm Monday to Sunday, with a commencement ordinary hourly rate \$25.2982 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 5).

If you have any questions about the role please contact Veronica Armanini on 6962 8100.

Applications for the two Theatre positions above close 4pm, Friday, 8 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.

Roadside Car Parking Closure

Belvedere Restaurant to Benerembah Street

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Number 33 Part 8 Division 4, for the temporary closing of the roadside car parking area from Belvedere Restaurant to Benerembah Street from 29 January to 8 February 2019 for the upgrade of the potable water main.

Alternative parking will be available opposite Rossies Supermarket.

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

DA No. 6/2019(1)	Applicant Mr J L Myburgh
Address	Lot 404 DP 751728, 1 Bilbul Place BILBUL
Description	Proposed tourist and visitor accommodation (backpackers' accommodation)

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 8 February 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 8 February 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.



Australia Day - Council Closures

Griffith City Council offices and works depot will be closed on Monday, 28 January 2019 due to the Australia Day public holiday.

The following facilities will also be closed on 28 January 2019: Griffith City Library, Griffith Stadium, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, Griffith Regional Theatre, Parks & Gardens and Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre.

The following facilities will be open Saturday, 26 January 2019: Pioneer Park Museum - 7.30am to 3pm, Griffith Visitor Information Centre - 9am to 5pm, Griffith Regional Theatre - 9am to 1pm and Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre - Free Entry to the pool area 8am to 6pm.

The following facilities will be open Monday, 28 January 2019: Griffith Pioneer Park Museum - 10am to 2pm; Griffith Visitor Information Centre - 9am to 5pm, Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre 9am to 6pm. The emergency after hours numbers are 6964 1160 or 6969 4832. For all fire emergencies telephone 000.

For emergencies relating to dog attacks and stock on roadways call the Ranger on 0408 210 196.

Waste collection and kerbside recycling will be collected as normal. The Tharbogang Waste Management Centre will be open as normal.



AUSTRALIA

Day

Breakfast @ Griffith Pioneer Park Museum

Train rides and tours, old fashioned games, jumping castle, Jeff Gardner performing, and much more!
Breakfast is just \$5 for a continental breakfast or \$10 (\$30 for a family of 2A and 2C) for full breakfast of cereal, fruit, bacon, sausages, tomatoes, eggs and toast.

26 January - Breakfast served from 7.30am to 9.30am

Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, Remembrance Drive Griffith