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## Griffith Easter Party welcomes a huge program of events for 2022

Griffith Easter Party is just around the corner, with many favourite events scheduled to return, alongside some new and exciting events coming to life in 2022. As always, Easter in Griffith is set to be a great weekend for everyone!

From Thursday 14 April, it is seafood galore, with raffles at the Southside and Northside Leagues Clubs, and the Coro Club. One of Australia's funniest comedy acts, Sooshi Mango: Off the Boat, also kicks off live on stage at the Griffith Regional Theatre for three consecutive nights.

Good Friday will host the Bacchus on the Lake fun run in the morning, and will see the return of Pioneer Park Action Day, one of Griffith's best family days out, where the Park springs to life! Be sure to add this one to your list as it is full of fun kid's activities, market stalls, vintage machinery, demonstrations, entertainment, food and beverages.

Get your shopping fix at the Banna Avenue Sidewalk Sale on Easter Saturday morning - after a successful return last year, Griffith will fill the main street with sales where you can pick up a bargain and support our local retailers.

Griffith Tourism Manager, Mirella Guidolin said it was so great to see this event come back last year after our retailers have had such a tough time throughout the pandemic. "We are looking forward to hosting it again this year and continuing this event into the

future," she said.

"You will also see the return of the Children's Easter Brunch in CWA Park on Saturday morning from 9.30am, which is always popular with the kids."

One of Griffith's most popular events, the Griffith Vintage Festival, will be held on Saturday afternoon featuring live music and an array of local wine and food. Always a hit amongst the locals, the event offers something for everyone to enjoy.

A new addition to the program this year is Blood, Sweat & Beers, Griffith's first homebrew competition and independent craft beer festival run by local business Grainmother Brewing Supplies. This will family afternoon on Easter Saturday will be held in the Community Gardens and features entertainment and activities for the whole family, as well as showcasing a variety of craft beers.

Easter Sunday is all about the wine and food. Kicking off at Piccolo Family Farm, explore the producer and artisan market stalls, enjoy delicious coffee, sample incredible food and be entertained with live music. You can also catch a glimpse of their new Visitor Experience Centre and cellar door.

Be spoilt for choice over the whole weekend with a winery event or tasting experience at the many amazing cellar doors. Sunday in particular, be sure to book ahead for the De Bortoli Wines annual Celebrazione festivities

or a relaxing afternoon in the sun at Calabria Wines, or Yarran Wines Live in the Vines 'til Sunset.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said this Easter in Griffith will be massive!

"It is great to see the return of so many events, as well as some exciting new events being added to the calendar this year," said Councillor Curran.

"The last two years have been difficult with COVID-19, and I am pleased to see we are able to get back out there and enjoy events with our family and friends. Easter is such a wonderful time in Griffith and I encourage you to make sure you support local operators and make this an unforgettable Easter for all." Ms Guidolin is encouraging those interested in attending ticketed events, to get in early to avoid disappointment.

"With so much going on this Easter in Griffith, it is important to book ahead and plan your weekend," Ms Guidolin said.

"It is always a fantastic time for our region and we look forward to welcoming visitors and families to town again this year".

The Griffith Easter Party programs will be available from the Griffith Visitor Information Centre or head to [www.griffitheasterparty.com.au](http://www.griffitheasterparty.com.au). For further information, call 1800 681 141.

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## FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS GIRLS WITH ALTITUDE

**FRIDAY 18 MARCH 7PM**

The world-class circus skills of the Flying Fruit Fly Circus combine with the animated artworks of renowned illustrator Judy Horacek.

**CHILDREN: \$20, ADULT: \$35**

(PLEASE NOTE ALL ONLINE TICKETS WILL INCUR \$1.50 PER TICKET PROCESSING FEE)



*"FAMILY CIRCUS AT ITS BEST!"*  
- SYDNEY MORNING HERALD



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## A kaleidoscope carnival of short films coming to the Theatre

Celebrating 31 years, Flickerfest is back at Griffith Regional Theatre on Saturday 12 March. Flickerfest, Australia's largest Short Film Festival, is returning to Griffith as part of its National Tour, showcasing the Best of Australian Shorts program highlights from the recent Bondi festival competition.

The short films featured are all entertaining, inspiring, award-winning and fresh from their premieres in competition at Flickerfest Bondi, giving Griffith Flickerfest audiences a window into the hottest contemporary shorts from at home and across the world today.

Once again the Australian program shines a spotlight on the incredible short film talent that exists in our emerging Australian industry.

Highlights from the Best of Australian Shorts include the quirky black space comedy 'The Home Team' starring comedy legend Paul McDermott and acclaimed actress Tara Morice ('Strictly Ballroom') and the fun neighbourly drama 'Stonefish' written by and starring accomplished young Australian Actor, George Pullar and directed by acclaimed actress and first time director Megan Smart, known for her most recent roles in miniseries 'Wakefield' (2021) and 'Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway' (2021). The moving and intimate sibling drama 'You Me Before And After' starring Yael Stone ('Orange Is The New Black') and Emily Barclay ('Mr In Between', 'Glitch', 'Baby Teeth') also shines on the big screen in this exceptional program alongside the film which took home both the Academy® Qualifying Panasonic LUMIX Award for Best Australian Short film and the AVID award for Best Original Music at #flickerfest2022, the stunning 'Giants' from director Eddy Bell.

Griffith Regional Theatre Acting Manager, Marg Andreazza, said "Flickerfest is always a great night out, tickets are only \$30 and that includes a slice of pizza and a glass of wine at interval."

"We're also looking forward to showing off our brand new state of the art PA system and along with our ultra HD laser projector this year's Flickerfest screening will be outstanding," she said.

Flickerfest Best of Australian Shorts is screening at Griffith Regional Theatre on Saturday 12 March at 7.30pm.

The program is available to view on the Theatre website and patrons are advised that there are mature themes, children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets can be purchased from the Box Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visiting [www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au](http://www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au)

Flickerfest is Australia's leading Academy® Qualifying and BAFTA Recognised short film festival, and continues to present A-list short film programs recognised amongst the best in the world with hand-picked films from the festival's record 3,200 entries.



## Council celebrates Seniors Festival



Love to celebrate? Then you're in luck, because Griffith City Council is offering a series of low cost or free events for older residents to have fun during the 2022 NSW Seniors Festival.

The 2022 'Learn, Move and Celebrate Griffith' festival runs from Friday 25 March to Sunday 3 April and this year's theme is Reconnect, focusing on activities to bring people together.

Council is running a series of events to break down those fear barriers of trying something new. This is an opportunity for senior's to re-connect after COVID-19 and celebrate being a senior with friends and other community members. All seniors are invited to attend these inclusive events. Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre kicks off the Festival, with a host of free classes running all week.

- Monday 28 March and Thursday 31 March at 8am: Gentle Aqua
- Tuesday 29 March and Friday 1 April at 10.30am: Gentle Exercise
- Wednesday 30 March at 10.30am: Gentle Stretch

If you are looking to be entertained, head to Griffith Regional Theatre on Tuesday 29 March at 11am (morning tea from 10am) and enjoy the Mid Morning Melodies with Local mezzo-soprano, Zoe Yalouris, who will treat you to her favourite tunes and Opera classics. Tickets are being offered at \$10pp, a 50% discount for the Seniors Festival. Bookings are essential,

visit [griffithregionaltheatre.com.au](http://griffithregionaltheatre.com.au)

Griffith City Library is hosting a Living Local – Now and Then bus tour on Wednesday 30 March at 10am. Pick up from the Library, the tour will take in some of the local historical sites. The tour will take approximately one hour, and will conclude with a local historical photo exhibition from the Local History Collection. A light lunch will be provided following the tour. Bookings are essential and can be made online at [wrl.eventbrite.com.au](http://wrl.eventbrite.com.au) or call the Library on 6962 8300.

Meanwhile, Griffith Pioneer Park Museum is offering a guided tour and talk on Wednesday 31 March. Tickets are \$5 each and include the guided train tour, afternoon tea and a floor talk on the TEXTILE collection. Bookings essential, please contact the Museum on 6962 4196.

Lastly, Griffith Regional Art Gallery will be providing a Floor Talk with Ray Wholohan on Thursday 31 March at 10am, discussing the National Contemporary Jewellery Collection. Ray will offer his insight into the pieces on display at the gallery, the curatorial set-up and insights into the Award process. The Floor Talk is free, but bookings are required. Book online at [bit.ly/GRAGtalk](http://bit.ly/GRAGtalk)

To find out more, visit [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)

## Groups clean up Griffith

Last Sunday the Griffith Soroptimists (pictured left) and Griffith CWA donned gloves and participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day. Council would like to thank the volunteers who spent several hours cleaning up Scenic Hill. Their efforts are appreciated. Council would also like to thank the local schools who also took part across the LGA, making a difference in our community. Residents are reminded that Clean Up Australia Day can be every day - remember to pick up after yourself and care for our environment.



## Be smart and Dump for free

Have you just had a big clean out and have waste you need to dispose of? Do you need to have your own backyard blitz or clean out your home, shed or man cave? Why not do it for FREE!

The next Griffith City Council 'Dump for Free' weekend will be held on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 April at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre and Yenda Waste Management Centre from 8am to 5pm.

Council's Waste Operations Manager, Mr John Roser said each year Council spends in excess of \$40,000 cleaning up waste from the roadside due to illegal dumping and the Dump for Free weekends are one way Council is trying to address the issue.

"The 'Dump for Free' day was an initiative of Council to address some of the illegal dumping throughout the LGA and to assist residents in the disposal of their Bulky Waste. The weekends have proven to be a massive success with close to 1,200 residents using the Tharbogang and Yenda service during the September event last year," said Mr Roser.

"Residents who want to take advantage of the free entry at the Tharbogang and Yenda facilities can dispose of general domestic waste including garden rubbish, mixed recyclables and general

waste which is capped at 2 standard loads per household. We will only accept 4 car tyres per load and no commercial or ag tyres will be accepted.

"A standard load is the equivalent of a ute/car and trailer combo, or just a ute or car load. It is important to note that no asbestos will be accepted over this weekend."

Remember to take advantage of the free Community Recycling Centre (CRC) located at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility.

"The Community Recycling Centre is a permanent drop-off centre for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services," said Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran.

"Griffith and surrounds householders can drop off problem wastes at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility all year round, free of charge – take advantage of this great service at any time and help your local environment."

The CRC can accept paint, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, motor oils, other oil, car and household batteries, smoke detectors and fluoro globes/tubes. The Centre can be accessed 7 days per week, 8am – 5pm.

## Message from Councillor Simon Croce

I would like to say my heart goes out to all the flood victims, and thank the volunteers who have traveled to lend their assistance. I know there are Griffith LGA residents who are assisting the recovery efforts and your help would be very much appreciated. Our new Council is settling in well and working toward a common goal of further developing Griffith. The new Community Strategic Plan will be presented to Council for adoption at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council. This document will guide us when planning for our future. Thank you to those who provided your input.

The new Committee Structure will be considered by Council at the next Council Workshop. It will then be adopted by Council at the end of March. We will then call for interested community members to come forward to be part of these Committees. Please consider volunteering.

In the last meeting of February, I put forward a Notice of Motion



regarding the construction of a shared pathway between Yoogali and Griffith. So far I have received a lot of positive feedback from the community and I look forward to the report coming back to Council for consideration.

It is a very busy year ahead for Council with many projects under way including the Kooyoo Street upgrade, Westend Stadium construction, Yambill Street upgrade and many more. Griffith is thriving and it is great to see so many projects being delivered. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [scroce@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scroce@griffith.nsw.gov.au)

**Thank you, Cr Simon Croce**

## Council meets with Member for Murray



Following a recent Griffith City Council resolution, Councillors have commenced meeting with political leaders to discuss matters of concern.

Member for Murray, Helen Dalton accepted an invitation to meet on Thursday 3 March 2022 in Council Chambers and a meeting with Member for Farrer Sussan Ley is planned.

A wide range of topics were discussed including housing, health and mental health services, the Yenda Police Station, state government grants, education, roads and Griffith Base Hospital.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said he was pleased to have met with Mrs Dalton and now looks forward to catching up with Ms Ley.

"I think it's important to keep the channels of communication open," said Councillor Curran.

"I'd like to thank Councillor Napoli on the Notice of Motion she put forward at the Meeting on Tuesday, 17 January 2022, which got the ball rolling for these meetings.

"Many of the topics discussed are important community issues, so I'm glad to have had the opportunity to bring these concerns to the attention of the Member for Murray and to hear from her on how she can help us address these issues."

A preliminary meeting between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Griffith Business Chamber has also been held and further meetings are planned with all Councillors.



# Public Notification

## Draft Child Safe Policy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 February 2022 it was resolved that the draft Child Safe Policy be placed on public exhibition.

The draft Child Safe Policy may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition)

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Child Safe Policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission.

Submissions received will be included in a report to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. 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.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm 25 March 2022**.

## Dedared Alcohol Prohibited Areas – Amendments for Additional Areas for Consideration

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 8 March 2022 it was resolved to place the Declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas – Amendments for Additional Areas for Consideration on public exhibition.

The draft Declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas – Amendments for Additional Areas for Consideration may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition)

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas – Amendments for Additional Areas for Consideration can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission.

Submissions received will be included in a report to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. 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.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Friday 8 April 2022**.



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Saleyards Operator (Permanent)
- Team Leader - Sportsgrounds (Permanent)

**Applications for the above position closes Monday 14 March 2022.**

- Mechanic (Re-advertised) (Permanent)

**Applications for the above position closes Monday 21 March 2022.**

- Principal Officer - Environment (Permanent) (Re-advertised)
- Stadium Attendant (Casual)

**Applications for the above position closes Monday 21 March 2022.**

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

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

<b>DA Number: 24/2022(1)</b>	<b>Applicant: SKM Planning</b>
<b>Address:</b> Lots 787, 778, 973 & 43 DP 751728 and Lot 1193 DP 720479 8 – 20 Doug McWilliam Road YENDA and Mirrool Avenue YENDA	
<b>Description:</b> Alterations and additions to an existing Rural Supplies business including demolition and construction of a fertiliser storage building, storage building and workshop	

Copies of the Development Applications 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 25 March 2022**.

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 or modification should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on Friday 25 March 2022**. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number and the DA number the submission relates to. 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.



## COUNCILCAFE

Bringing Council to You

Join us for Council Cafe on Thursday 17 March 2022 - 10am - 11.30am at Griffith City Library.

Come along for a chat and let us know what's important to you.



## Safe Haven

Safe Haven is a NSW Health Towards Zero Suicides initiative

**A calm, culturally-sensitive and non-clinical setting staffed by trained peer workers to support people experiencing suicidal distress.**

Find us at 81 Kooyoo Street Griffith  
Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2pm to 9pm  
For Service information call 0497 447 995