



## New Destination Tourism Plan to guide Griffith

Griffith is ready to take the next step in growing tourism with the Griffith Destination Tourism Plan 2021-24 (GDTP) adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council last week.

Now, more than ever, there are opportunities to align with similar experiences usually enjoyed by Australians overseas, which Griffith is well positioned to benefit from.

The GDTP will drive Griffith to realise the full economic and social benefits of the growing visitor economy, while contributing to the sustainable growth of its tourism industry into the future.

Griffith Tourism Manager, Mirella Guidolin is eager to see some key projects highlighted in the GDTP get underway.

"As a result of our consultation sessions held during July 2020, the Tourism Team are already working on several plans which will benefit the tourism industry," said Ms Guidolin.

"Although the GDTP was underway prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are fortunate to have this document to help direct us out of such a crazy 2020.

Operating in the COVID-19 world is difficult for many businesses, in particular those in the tourism and hospitality sector. However, the

circumstances around COVID-19 have also provided opportunities for communities such as Griffith to tap into - travelling in Australia is becoming more popular with the current travel restrictions in place."

Ms Guidolin said throughout this process more than 140 tourism stakeholders were consulted with.

"We conducted extensive consultation last year and to see the motivation and excitement of some of our local operators to share a common goal of developing the tourism sector in this area demonstrates how much potential we have here in Griffith," she added.

Consultation sessions were targeted at particular industry sectors including accommodation, wine and beverage, restaurants and food, events, clubs/pubs and entertainment, sport, attractions, and the Griffith Business Chamber, and allowed interactive discussion between all participants.

Face to face consultation was also undertaken with Federal and State political representatives, Destination NSW, Destination Riverina Murray, NSW Parks & Wildlife Service, AusIndustry, and neighbouring Councils including Leeton, Narrandera, Carrathool, Hay, Murrumbidgee and Cobar.

Councillor Christine Stead, Chair of the Tourism & Events Committee, praised the Committee and the Tourism Team for the effort put in to getting this plan approved.

"The Tourism & Events Committee has been working closely with the Team to ensure we keep in regular contact with our stakeholders to help create new product and opportunities within our region," she said.

"The GDTP addresses future accommodation needs, refreshing existing product and the creation of new tourism attractions and experiences in the region which will encourage the key objective of increased visitation, visitor nights and expenditure."

"Griffith is already a leading tourism and events destination in the Riverina Murray region, with a range of experiences and an environment that supports the aspirations and cultural interests of visitors mainly from key domestic source markets - it's exciting to be a part of this and see what our industry can achieve in the future," added Councillor Stead.

To read the full Griffith Destination Tourism Plan 2021-24 please visit [www.visitgriffith.com.au](http://www.visitgriffith.com.au)

# State of the art Radiation Centre for Griffith

2022 will see cancer patients in Griffith and surrounds have access to a start of the art radiation facility, limiting time spent away from their homes, family and friends.

Riverina Cancer Care has been awarded the tender to provide the specialist treatment, which will be delivered out of a brand new radiotherapy centre to be built at the Griffith Medical Specialist Centre.

The \$20m project, \$5m from a Federal Government Grant, will see the construction and installation of state of the art equipment, making a huge difference in the lives needing this life saving treatment.

Member for Farrer Sussan Ley made the announcement last Friday, which delivers on promises she made in 2019 ahead of the last election.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Simon Croce was present for the

announcement, saying it was a lot of hard work to see this come to fruition.

"Local cancer support groups have been lobbying for a Griffith-based radiotherapy service for many years and it is wonderful to see it finally happening," he said.

"Too often patients have to pack up their lives and travel out of town for treatment, not only impacting on them financially, but also emotionally.

"Fighting cancer is not something you should do alone and patients should not have to leave their support networks to access treatments such as radiotherapy. This new Centre will ensure they receive the best care possible, right here at home where they need to be."

It is anticipated the project will take 12-18 months to finalise, with services being offered in 2022.

## Disability Inclusion Action Plan review



Griffith City Council is asking the community to get involved in the review of the Disability Inclusion & Action Plan (DIAP).

Council's Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson said the Plan aims to give people living with a disability improved access to the full range of services and activities available in the community.

"Council is committed to improving opportunities for people of all ages living with a disability to access inclusive and accessible services and activities available in the community," said Ms Donaldson.

"We are asking the community to provide feedback on the current DIAP which was adopted by Council in 2017. Any submissions received will allow Council to review the existing DIAP and modify accordingly. The DIAP will be closely aligned with the Community Strategic Plan and form the basis for Council's vision into the future."

Council has been actively working to improve accessibility in several new projects in the Local Government Area, including:

- Upgrade of Enticknap Park / Henderson Park, Yoogali – accessible play equipment
- Increasing accessibility of Toilet facilities at Memorial Park
- GRALC 50m Pool – new wheelchair / inclusive access ramps, new adult change facilities
- Griffith Regional Theatre Upgrade including new accessible toilet facility
- New Griffith Community Centre including new Changing places facility
- Jubilee Oval Upgrade including new accessible toilet and change facilities
- West End Stadium Upgrade
- New Community Stage in Community Gardens
- New accessible parking spaces in Yambil Street
- New accessible parking spaces in Olympic Street

Funding for these projects was made possible thanks to the Stronger Country Communities Fund, Regional Cultural Fund and Regional Sporting Infrastructure Fund.

Ms Donaldson said she would encourage people living with a disability and their carers to take the time to review the existing DIAP and have their say on the future direction of the Plan.

"In addition, Council is conducting a survey to assist us in reviewing the DIAP," said Ms Donaldson.

"The survey will help us in reviewing what improvements we can make with regard to accessibility of services, facilities and activities – I would encourage you to complete the survey which is on Council's website at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au)."

Anyone wishing to make comment on the DIAP can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680, via email to [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or via the submission box on Council's 'On Exhibition' page at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au). Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm, Friday, 26 March 2021.





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## Councillor Catch Up – Councillor Eddy Mardon

As this will likely be my final column this year, with the Local Government elections taking place in September, I'd like to thank the Griffith community for their confidence in me as a Councillor. It has been a privilege for me to be working on behalf of residents to make this a wonderful place to live and work.

I am extremely pleased to see that the new pool looks great and should serve the community well into the future. I know that this 50M outdoor pool is something our community has been wanting for a very long time. This is a good example of Council listening to feedback. As representatives for our community this is something Councillors really strive to do however, unfortunately the process can be a long drawn-out one when it comes to securing all of the necessary approvals and funding. But I can assure all members of our community that Council is paying attention to the

needs and priorities put forward. With the new Lake Wyangan Urban Release Area Master Plan now adopted, it means we will have another 1200 or so blocks of land coming online over the next few years setting us up for the expansion of our City. We know that Griffith has been undergoing a period of rapid growth and it is expected to continue over the coming years. It is estimated that the Griffith population will be more than 30,500 by 2036. This Plan is an excellent step in the right direction.

Another item our residents have expressed desire to see improved for use as a recreational area is the Lake itself. I would like to see more funds resourced to hasten the upgrade of Lake Wyangan and return it to the great water world it once was.

If only fixing the problems of the Lake were a simple undertaking. To address the many and varied issues the Lake Wyangan and Catchment

Management Committee is working hard with investigating options that it considers will provide best value for money for the community. Once further research is undertaken with these options, there will be ample opportunity for the Community to provide input.

As a Councillor, who often hears from residents regarding what else can be done in the City to make it a better place to live, I am reminded of the untapped potential at Scenic Hill. I will be suggesting ways of making Scenic Hill a great tourist attraction with upgraded walking trails and the restoration of Hermit's Cave. I know that Council will be preparing a Plan of Management for Scenic Hill this year and this site will be looked at. When that is ready and goes on public exhibition, I'd urge residents to take a look and provide input.

Another tourist destination that is proving popular, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak



is Pioneer Park Museum. The Museum has seen an increase in visitation as more regional travel is being encouraged. I hope to see more funding for the Park to ensure it continues to grow.

At the last Council meeting there was a suggestion put forward by Councillor Stead that the water towers located near the Museum be painted with murals. I think this is a great idea and I'd like to see our pioneers and Aboriginal heritage in the area used as inspiration for these art works. I believe this could be an exceptional feature for visitors coming into the City from the Airport and those tourists enjoying Pioneer Park Museum.

Warm regards,  
Cr Eddy Mardon

## Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre 50m Pool open for business!



More than 850 people attended the We Love our Pool open day at Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre on Sunday, with everyone enjoying all the 50m outdoor pool had on offer.

DJ Lady Barber kept the crowd entertained throughout the day, with Griffith Rotary Club Avanti ensuring everyone was well fed with the free sausage sizzle.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi was there when the gates officially opened.

"It truly was a momentous occasion - this project has been a long time coming and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces on Sunday."

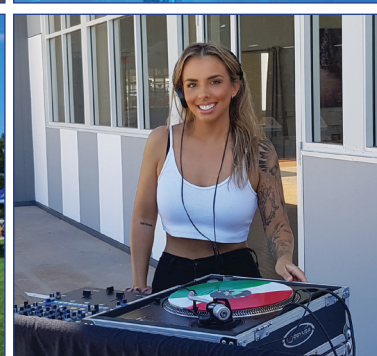
Leisure Services Manager, Mr Alan Anderson said the new pool has been very well received by the community.

"Prior to the open day on Sunday, we have held two high school swimming carnivals which were extremely successful," said Mr Anderson.

"In addition, Griffith Swim Club and Squad have been able to use the pool to train in - having access to a 50m pool will assist in the development of our swimmers and should help to improve their results in competitions."

"I would like to thank everyone who came down on Sunday to celebrate the open day and the 21st birthday of the facility. Everyone had a wonderful time and the atmosphere was incredible!" he added.

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# Public Notification

## Classification of Land

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 November 2020 to classify Lots 186, 187, 189 DP705992 and Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 DP705992 as operational land on purchase of the land by Council. The land is being purchased for the purpose of residential subdivision to facilitate the future provision of affordable housing and a public park. Council will receive written submissions up until **4pm on Wednesday 24 February 2021**. Any submissions made regarding the proposed classification of the land as operational land will be referred to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration. A copy of your letter including name and address (unless specifically requested that these details be withheld) will be publicly available as part of that Council meeting agenda. All submissions are to be addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith. For more information please contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Telephone 1300 176 077.

## Draft Plan of Management – Hanwood

### Sports Precinct (Womens Land Army Park & Hanwood Oval)

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for Hanwood Sports Precinct (Womens Land Army Park & Hanwood Oval) is currently on exhibition until Friday 12 February 2021.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm, Friday 26 February 2021** and 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). Submissions received will be referred to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination, and your submission will form part of Council's Business Paper. As such, a copy of your submission including your name and address (unless you specifically request that these details be withheld) will be publicly distributed and available to the public. The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Mrs Daphne Bruce on 1300 176 077.

## Draft Plan of Management – Small Village Parks

(Brolga Park, Rowley Park, Cyril Morris Park, Restyn Park, Tharbogang Tennis Courts & Public Recreation Reserve, Mallee Park, Worthington Park, Halse Park, Meggitt Park)

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for Small Village Parks is currently on exhibition until Wednesday 10 March 2021. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm, Wednesday 24 March 2021** and 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). Please note that any submission may be included in the Council business paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council. The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 1300 176077.

## Disability Inclusion Action Plan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday, 9 February 2021 it was resolved that the Disability Inclusion Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The Disability Inclusion Action Plan may be viewed at the

Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition). Anyone wishing to make comment on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 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, 26 March 2021**.

## Tender 22-20/21: Design and Construction of a BMX and Scooter Pump Track

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the design and construction of a BMX and Scooter Pump Track. **Tenders close on 4 March 2021 at 2pm**. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://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](http://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. A non-mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held on Tuesday, 16 February 2021 at 2pm at the proposed construction site, 3 Olympic Street, Griffith NSW 2680.

*Canvassing of any Council members or officers will disqualify tenderers from the tender process.*

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

DA Number: 28/2021(1)	Applicant: Baumgart Clark Architects Pty Ltd
Address: Lot 187 DP 705992, 8-13 Snaith Place GRIFFITH	
Description: Twenty (20) multi dwelling housing unit development (town houses) & strata title 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 5 March 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 5 March 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.

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