

MESSAGE FROM CR MARDON

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe break over the Easter period. What a wonderful Easter weekend we had in Griffith.

As Chair of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee I am delighted to report that the annual Action Day was a roaring success.

An event such as this isn't possible without a lot of hard work and I am extremely proud of the very dedicated volunteer group who do a wonderful job all year round so that the visiting public get to experience Pioneer Park Museum at its best. I would personally like to thank them for their continued efforts, along with staff members Jenny, Bonnie and Ryan, who often go above and beyond their paid roles and the Councillors for their help and support of Pioneer Park. I'd also like to welcome Phil Harding as director in charge of the Park.

I believe that Pioneer Park Museum is one of Griffith's great, enduring assets and that it must be given the attention and care it deserves, after all how can we know where we are going if we don't remember where we've been.

Griffith's Pioneer Park Museum is a lasting legacy which must be preserved.

To do that we desperately need volunteers to help fill the many different roles at the park throughout the year.

I would like to call on any members of the community who could lend a hand to contact the Park on 6962 4196. If you've got some spare time and want to support the community, I'd urge you to join us.

The tasks are varied; we need people to run the store, gardeners, and tradespeople from just about all trade backgrounds, and really, anybody who can help in anyway.

It was wonderful to hear Griffith named the best country town lifestyle in



NSW.

Of course I'm not surprised at all by this as I'm sure many of you wouldn't be either. It's why we live here.

If you didn't see the article in the Weekend Australian Magazine I can tell you that it described Griffith as "not too big, not too small and with just the right mix of verve, chutzpah and "a fair go". Statistically, according to demographer Bernard Salt, Griffith is one of the most desirable places in Australia to live.

The result is based on the fact we've got an above-average income and a below-average unemployment rate and a healthy mix of young and old people.

Griffith also stands out for its economic diversity in that we aren't too reliant on a single industry. The article dedicated five pages in total to Griffith and it covered things like our booming wine industry and Baiada expansions and the need for experienced tradespeople to keep up with the growing demand.

In reality, according to me and just about everyone else who lives here, Griffith definitely is the most desirable place to live and it just keeps getting better all the time.

I'd encourage members of the community to provide feedback to Council if they have any issues because it's only through open communication that we can know what everyone wants and where they feel we are lacking.

Kind regards,
Cr Eddie Mardon

Construction begins on major roundabout in Griffith

Work has begun on building a \$1.6 million roundabout designed to make the intersection of Thorne Road and Kidman Way in Griffith safer and more efficient.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Michael McCormack said the roundabout was jointly funded under the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSP).

"The HVSP is an Australian Government initiative to fund infrastructure projects that improve productivity and safety outcomes for heavy vehicle operations across Australia," Mr McCormack said. Federal Member for Farrer Sussan Ley said the project would improve connections to freight networks and improve the safety for all road users, including heavy vehicle drivers.

"The project will involve widening and upgrading the existing pavement and the construction of a concrete roundabout and medians, as

well as relocating and installing services such as telecommunications, water, power, streetlights and drainage," Ms Ley said.

Griffith City Mayor John Dal Broi said the roundabout marked stage 2B of the Griffith Southern Industrial Link (GSIL).

"It's pretty exciting to be at this stage of the GSIL construction after completing the Bagtown Roundabout last June and the extension to Thorne Road East in January," Cr Dal Broi said.

As the works progress motorists are encouraged to consider using alternative routes if possible such as Old Willbriggie Road or Murrumbidgee Avenue and to factor in extra travel time.

Thorne Road (Between Sidlow Road and Kidman Way) will be closed to through traffic. Thorne Road West of the Bagtown Roundabout will remain closed except for construction access and local residential traffic that has no alternate access.

For the safety of the workers traffic will be restricted to one lane and reduced to 40 km/h. Portable traffic signals and at times a pilot vehicle will be used to control traffic. During the construction period normal hours of work will be between 6.30am to 5pm, however in rare instances works may need to be performed on Saturdays.

Council is concerned about the unintended impacts that may occur on alternate routes and will monitor Pedley and Beverly Roads during construction. These roads will be closed if traffic increases by 10 per cent.

The estimated completion date for the project is late August 2018, weather permitting.

For more information on the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program visit: http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure_investment/heavy_vehicle_safety_and_productivity.aspx.

Valuable leadership lesson for local school students

Griffith City Council hosted the 2018 School Leaders Civic Reception on Wednesday 28 March.

Schools from across the region attended the event, giving students the opportunity to hear inspiring stories of leadership from General Manager Brett Stonestreet, Mayor John Dal Broi and Member for Murray Austin Evans. The re-

ception was the third hosted by Griffith City Council, with young leaders from 15 local schools, accompanied by teachers and supported by parents, gathering at the Griffith Regional Theatre.

As part of the reception each of the school leaders were presented with Griffith City Council pins and later enjoyed morning tea.



Left: Griffith Public School Relieving Assistant Principal Kristy Lemon, Captains Peni Tuiaki, Timote Lui, Leilah-Jane Little and Emily Power with Member for Murray Austin Evans and Mayor John Dal Broi.

Right: Yenda Public School Captains David Mills, Stella Mellamace, Zoe Sergi and Principal Belinda Wallace with Member for Murray Austin Evans and Mayor John Dal Broi.



Every Sunday, 7am

Griffith Rotary Markets
15 Collier Street

Every Tuesday, 10am

Baby Bounce, Griffith City Library

Third Thursday of Each Month

Movie Club, Griffith City Library

Every Friday, 11am

Toddler Time, Griffith City Library

Friday April 6

Grandparents Storytime Seniors

Week, Griffith City Library

Saturday April 7

The Naked Magicians

Griffith Regional Theatre

Sunday April 8

Autumn Festival

Piccolo Family Farm

Wednesday April 11

Flying Fruit Fly Circus JUNK

Griffith Regional Theatre

Tuesday 1 May 6pm & Wednesday 2 May 11am (schools)

Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous

Medicine

Tuesday May 22, 12pm and 2pm

Peppa Pig's Surprise

Griffith Regional Theatre

See the latest event listings online

at visitgriffith.com.au

CCTV feedback needed

In October last year, Council installed CCTV in City Park and Community Gardens.

Council would like your opinion and asks that you consider taking a short survey to provide essential feedback:

The survey is available online at the Griffith City Council Website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au

Printed copies will be available at Council's Administration Building.

Please note the survey is only open until 30 April 2018.

Easter visitor

fast facts

The Visitor Information Centre had a total of 906 people through the doors over the Easter period.

These included walk-ins as well as phone and email enquiries from visitors and local residents.

They ranged from accommodation requests, Heritage train bookings, information on Pioneer Park Action Day, The Children's Breakfast & the Sidewalk Sale, the Vintage Festival and Rewind in the Vines.

Enquiries were made about where to eat, what wineries were open, as well as other general attractions such as Catania Farm Tours, Rotary Markets and the Open Gardens.