



Civil works commence on Council's Griffin Green Affordable Housing Project

Civil works have commenced on Griffith City Council's \$12M Affordable Housing Project, in partnership with the Federal Government and Argyle Housing, ready for the construction of 20 townhouses and 42 housing lots built around Dave Taylor Park in South Griffith.

Stage 1 (a) civil works are currently underway, with Council completing the installation of the stormwater pipes and subsoil drainage installed last week.

Kerb and guttering works are being undertaken, and the road pavement is scheduled to be completed this week, weather permitting. The detailed design for Stage 2 works has been finalised and is pending Development Assessment approval.

Construction of the 20 townhouses adjacent to Walla Avenue will commence early 2022.

Griffith City Council General Manager, Mr Brett Stonestreet said the Development Application has been approved for the 20 townhouses, and Council and Argyle Housing are in discussions with potential building contractors.

"Council is committed to providing affordable housing for our residents, and this partnership with Argyle Housing and the Federal Government is just one demonstration of working with Government and Non-Government Organisations to address the needs of our community," said Mr Stonestreet. Director Organisational and Economic Development, Ms Shireen Donaldson said Council and Argyle have extensively consulted with existing residents in the Pioneer subdivision.

"We have committed to ensuring existing residents in the Pioneer Estate will have new playground equipment, a basketball court, and a large open green space within Dave Taylor Park with consultation sessions being held over the last couple of months. A new Community Hub will also be constructed by Argyle Housing," said Ms Donaldson.

"We recognise the importance of an inclusive space and look forward to continuing to work with the community to deliver a space residents

— old and new - can be proud of."

Griffin Green has been funded by the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund (\$6M), Griffith City Council (\$3M), and Argyle Housing (\$3M).

"Creating affordable housing has been a major priority for this Council, and we are proud to be able to work closely with Argyle Housing to not only provide the 20 townhouses, but the building lots which will provide options for new homeowners to get into this market. This is in addition to the land in Wakaden Street which was gifted to Argyle Housing by Council to build 4 townhouses" said Mr Stonestreet.

"Argyle Housing and the NSW Government have committed funding to construct a Community Centre to further enhance the lives of residents in Pioneer."

Council appreciates the patience and support of residents while work is underway.

For more information about Griffin Green, please visit Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au

SES Commander, Steve Mortlock honoured at Council Meeting

Griffith SES Commander, Steve Mortlock announced his retirement from the Service last week, marking an end to a stellar career.

Mr Mortlock has been the Local Commander for 22 years, following on from almost 15 years as a fire fighter.

Former Deputy Commander Tim Laidler will be taking the reigns, having big shoes to fill according to Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi.

"Steve is certainly one of Griffith's quiet achievers, a local hero who has sacrificed for this community over many years," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"His dedication, passion and commitment to protecting and helping the residents of Griffith and surrounds has not gone unnoticed and I know his leadership will be missed."

Mr Mortlock has been involved in many events throughout his career, from car accidents, storms, rescues and the floods of 2012.

"The work of Steve and his SES crew through what was arguably one of the most devastating events for our region, was exceptional - the unit led by Steve worked around the clock to protect property and residents, sandbagging, undertaking repairs and clean up and transporting residents to safety. This is just one of many incidences which made a significant difference to our community and I am sure Steve can look back at his career and be proud of his achievements," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"On behalf of Griffith City Council, I would like to wish Steve all the best in his retirement and extend our gratitude for all he has done for this community."



Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment reaches milestone



The \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment has reached a major milestone with the completion of the Non-Clinical Services Building and opening of the Paediatric Unit.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District Chief Executive, Jill Ludford said the early works milestone marked significant progress on the redevelopment project, which is on track for completion in 2025.

"The contractors, redevelopment project team and health service staff have worked hard to deliver this early works milestone while maintaining the safety and wellbeing of staff, workers and the community during the pandemic," Ms Ludford said.

The early works phase of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment includes construction of the 10-bed Paediatric Unit, oxygen tank upgrade works, a 155 space temporary car park and the new support services building, which is scheduled to open later this week. The support services building will be the base for essential hospital support services including cleaning, food and linen, facility management, clinical technicians, information services, waste management and a delivery dock. "Health services will continue uninterrupted for the community while the next phases of the

redevelopment take place, with vital work to clear the site for construction of the main Clinical Services Building currently underway," Ms Ludford said.

"This fantastic new hospital will provide Griffith and surrounding regions with state-of-the-art health facilities to support our community's healthcare needs into the future."

The new Griffith Base Hospital will include an improved emergency department; significant increase in Aged Care and Rehabilitation beds; operating theatres; surgical, and medical inpatient units including mental health short stay unit as well as maternity, medical imaging and paediatrics; expanded outpatient services with more specialist clinics, renal and oncology services.

The State Significant Development (SSD) planning application for the Griffith Base Hospital Main Works has been approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). It is available to view on the DPIE website at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/40356>

News and updates on the progress of the new hospital are also available on the project's website www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev.

Catch up at 'Your Theatre' season launch

Griffith Regional Theatre, together with Griffith City Volkswagen, are delighted to invite patrons to an evening at the Theatre as they announce the line-up for 2022.

Acting Manager of Griffith Regional Theatre, Margaret Andreazza said, "With the last two years being so interrupted it is time now to catch up, and that is what we'll be offering in 2022."

"This is a chance to catch up on live theatre experiences to discover and appreciate stories, explore creativity and feed imagination," said Mrs Andreazza.

"And to catch up with each other now we can get out and about again," she added.

The season launch on Monday, 13 December will include live entertainment, food by In Bocca Catering, Calabria Family Wines and a preview of what is shaping up to be an enormous year at Griffith Regional Theatre.

"We have a big range of shows coming here next year," she said.

"People will already know about the shows that have been postponed such as the Robertson Brothers and Human Nature, but we have some great new shows to announce as well, including some fantastic family shows, so feel free to bring the kids along to the launch event too for a sneak preview."

Everyone is welcome to attend the launch which starts at 5.30pm on Monday 13 December.

Tickets for 2021 Members are complimentary and must be booked through the Box Office, tickets for non-members are just

\$10 and are available online or through the Box Office.

2022 Membership, including the always popular Member's goody-bag, will be available for purchase at the launch on Monday 13 December, and from the Box Office after this date.

Mrs Andreazza said that even after a rough couple of years, the Theatre is pleased to say that Season Sponsor, Griffith City Volkswagen, is continuing their longstanding partnership with the Theatre.

Griffith City Volkswagen Dealer Principal, Dean Owen said, "Despite the unavoidable setbacks over the past two seasons, they say 'The third time's a charm' and the 2022 line-up has an abundance of it. I look forward to 'Catching Up' with everyone in 22 for what will be one of the best seasons yet."

Grab your friends and 'Catch Up' at the Season Launch on Monday, 13 December at 5.30pm and then again in 2022 'At Your Theatre'.

More information and tickets can be found at www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au or drop by the Box Office 10am – 5pm, Monday to Friday.

COVID-19 regulations will apply as per the NSW Public Health Order current at the time of ticket purchase and event date and all patrons will need to show evidence of double vaccination at check in.

Griffith Regional Theatre is a cultural facility of Griffith City Council and is proudly sponsored by Griffith City Council.



NSW Public Health Order Applies

CATCH UP

at your theatre

Season Launch

5.30PM MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021

TICKETS \$10 | 2021 MEMBERS FREE Tickets must be booked before 5pm Friday 10 December.
2021 Members - please contact the Box Office to book your complimentary ticket.

Call the Box Office on 02 6962 8444
www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au

Incredible tribute to our fallen



Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi is encouraging locals to pay a visit to 100 Wyanagan Avenue in Griffith to take in an incredible display recognising our fallen soldiers.

Locals, Angelo and Diana Dal Broi, have transformed their front yard to a beautiful tribute for Remembrance Day, in an effort to educate young people on what our forefathers went through.

Mr Dal Broi said he and his wife wanted to do something to draw attention to the sacrifices made by those in the Armed Services.

"My wife and I are at an age where we remember what our parents and grandparents went through in the war, the sacrifices made, the lives lost, all so that we can have the freedoms we enjoy today," said Mr Dal Broi.

"I would like to see young people take a moment to consider what happened during war time, to understand what soldiers went through in order to provide the life we have. We felt that at times their sacrifices are forgotten and we wanted to do something to start

that conversation - and this display is how we decided to do it."

The spectacular display fills the front garden with poppies, soldiers and other war time memorabilia, creating a fitting and moving tribute.

Mayor John Dal Broi congratulated Angelo and Diana, saying this display is particularly important during what has been a tough year. "I think we at times take our freedoms for granted and don't understand what the generations before us went through in order to give us the life we have," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"What Angelo and Diana have created is not just beautiful, but a timely reminder that what we face today does not compare to the wartime challenges of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. I would like to encourage residents to drive by, take in the display and start a conversation with your family about what sacrifices were made in the past, so that we do not have to go through anything like that again."

Council wins prestigious arts and culture award

Griffith City Council has been awarded the prestigious Leo Kelly AOM Arts and Culture Award for the 2020 presentation of the World Premiere of Sunshine Super Girl and Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural festival.

Presented by Local Government NSW, as part of Local Government Week Awards Ceremony live streamed to Councils around the state. The Arts and Culture Award celebrates outstanding achievement by local government organisations in strategic planning and delivery for arts and culture.

This award recognises the achievements of Council's Theatre and Art Gallery teams who pulled together a World Premiere Theatre Production and cultural festival in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Griffith City Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said, "We are delighted to receive this award in recognition of what was an amazing series of events for our Community and I congratulate all involved."

Sunshine Super Girl, The Evonne Goolagong Story, by Yorta Yorta Gunakurnai writer Andrea James, premiered in Griffith in October 2020, where the Griffith Regional Theatre technical team worked with production company Westend Stadium into a bespoke performance space and 'centre court' experience.

Meaning 'powerful' in Wiradjuri, Yarruwala was a diverse program of Aboriginal arts and cultural events, exhibitions and immersive experiences across the region, promoting and celebrating Wiradjuri culture. Activities included dance and theatre workshops, artist talks, films, cultural tours and exhibitions,

many of which were also presented online.

Griffith Regional Theatre Acting Manager, Margaret Andreazza, said when the former Theatre Manager, Raina Savage, put forward the idea of having the world premiere of Sunshine Super Girl staged here in Griffith, everyone was excited.

"Little did we know what a huge undertaking it was to become, from staging the play in a basketball stadium instead of the theatre, hiring all the seating and all the staging, to setting up a foyer in a marquee and selling out five shows, and then to have a pandemic thrown in on top of all that! It really was huge," she said.

The Yarruwala Wiradjuri cultural festival took place concurrently with the production, actively engaging local Wiradjuri artists and the community and included dance and theatre workshops, artist talks, films, cultural tours and art exhibitions.

"I am so proud of the Theatre and Art Gallery team, as well as Bonnie Owen from Pioneer Park Museum who curated the exhibition about Evonne Goolagong. A special mention must go to our Theatre technicians, and I would like to acknowledge Raina Savage, whose vision and encouragement made it happen," said Mrs Andreazza.

"We would also like to thank Kerry Johnson from Burrundi Theatre who was the Creative Director for the Festival and Western Riverina Arts who managed many of the events, as well as the many local Wiradjuri artists who took part in the festival. And of course, thank you to all those people that came to the show and made it such a success."



Public Notification

Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021

Council has resolved to place the Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021 public exhibition and is required to publically exhibit a Planning Strategy in accordance with the Griffith Community Participation Plan. The Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021 is available on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au along with the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 and the Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement. Anyone wishing to provide a submission on the Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021 can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au. Online submissions can also be made at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. 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. Comments or submissions will be received until **4pm Friday 10 December 2021**. Submissions will be presented in a report to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for review. As such, copies of all submissions (including the writers 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. For further information regarding the Draft Griffith Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy 2021, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol on 1300 176 077 or kelly.mcnicol@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Draft Council Committees Policy

Council has resolved to place the draft Council Committees Policy (GOV-CP-402) on public exhibition. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this policy. The draft policy may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Council Committees Policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, Friday 10 December 2021**.

Renaming - Prendergast Park

Council has resolved to place the Renaming of Prendergast Park on public exhibition. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. Anyone wishing to make comment on the renaming of Prendergast Park can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. 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 **Friday 10 December 2021**. **Locality:** Griffith **Reason for Proposal:** To name an unnamed park. For further information on this proposal, please contact Council's Information Management Administrator at the Council Offices or by phone on 1300 176 077.

Naming of Hanwood Pathway

Council has resolved to propose the name of 'Bartter Path' for the shared pathway joining Hanwood and Griffith which runs parallel to Kidman Way. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The Naming of Hanwood Pathway 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/onexhibition. Anyone wishing to make comment on the Naming of Hanwood Pathway 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, 10 December 2021.**

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing of: **Tyson Road between Back Hillston Road and Kidman Way from Wednesday 17 November until Tuesday 23 November 2021** for the installation of a pipeline under the road by Stahmann Webster. Detours and access for local traffic will be provided.

Expression of Interest - Cultural Awareness Training

Griffith City Council would like to hear from local Aboriginal people or local Aboriginal organisations who are able to deliver Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training to Council staff and Councillors. Suitably qualified applicants will be contracted as Consultants who will deliver small group interactive Workshops which focus on embedding quality Aboriginal culturally safe and appropriate practices into Council's organisational and service delivery processes. Workshops would be gradually delivered to all Staff and

Councillors in a timetable to be arranged. Consultants will design the content and format for Workshops, including presentations, handouts, and activities and be responsible for the direct delivery and facilitation of the Workshops. In particular, Council would like all Council officers to understand the significance of the land and the water within the Wiradjuri country around the City of Griffith. Workshops could include options for using sites of significance within the City of Griffith as training locations in addition to Griffith City Council provided Training Rooms.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following attributes are essential for Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training Consultants:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated understanding and experience in the design and delivery of Cultural Awareness Training
- Sound knowledge of the local Aboriginal community
- Capacity to ensure the training includes local Aboriginal culture, history and experiences.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in delivering presentations to small groups
- All certification and insurances (ABN, Public Liability Insurance etc) required to operate as a Contractor

HOW TO APPLY

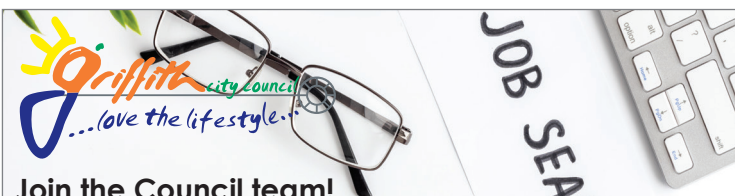
Applicants are asked to submit an Expression of Interest containing the following:

- Response to each of the Selection Criteria
- Firm quotation on a Workshop by Workshop basis (including all incidentals)
- Resume
- Contact details for two referees who can attest to capacity to deliver similar programs.

Submissions and questions can be sent to shireen.donaldson@griffith.nsw.gov.au and must be received by **30 November 2021**.

Notice of Public Meeting - NSW Local Government Grants Commission

A public meeting of the NSW Local Government Grants Commission and Griffith City Council will be held on Thursday 25 November 2021, commencing at 12.30pm at Griffith City Council Chambers. The purpose of this meeting is for the Grants Commission to explain its operations and the basis of its determination of general purpose grants paid under the provisions of the Commonwealth Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995. The meeting will also provide Council with the opportunity to present to the Commission its particular circumstances. It is anticipated that the meeting will last approximately two hours. Members of the public may attend.



Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Open Spaces Planning Officer (12 month term)
Leisure Services Cashier (Casual)
Saleyards Operator (Permanent)

Applications for the above positions close Monday 15 November 2021

Project Engineer – Water & Wastewater (Casual)
Applications for the above position close Wednesday 17 November 2021

Trades Assistant - Water & Wastewater (Permanent)
Applications for the above position close Monday 22 November 2021

Truck Driver – Team Leader Tar Patch Crew (Permanent)
Swimming Coordinator (Permanent Part Time)
Water & Wastewater Maintenance Operator / Relief Pumpwell Operator (Permanent)
Applications for the above positions close Monday 29 November 2021

For more information or to apply visit our website: griffith.nsw.gov.au