

Your Councillors Keeping You Up to Date

This week we hear from Councillor Dino Zappacosta, Deputy Mayor

I cannot start this column without firstly mentioning how shocked and sorry we are over our General Manager, Brett Stonestreet's unfortunate incident and hope it won't be too long before he is back on deck. Our thoughts go out to Brett, Vicki and family.

Our Council staff have rallied together to make sure Council continues to function as Brett would like it to perform. Our Mayor, John Dal Broi and our Acting General Manager, Max Turner, and Senior Staff have had extra responsibilities placed on their shoulders. They all need to be commended on how they stepped up to the mark.

I now draw everyone's attention to a few matters that may be of interest. Firstly, Council is seeking interested person to serve on Council's new "Friends of Groups". These groups have been established for the Griffith Regional Theatre, Art Gallery, Library, and Griffith Regional Aquatic & Leisure Centre and Sports Stadium. These groups will meet as regularly as required by the Facility Managers and the members themselves. The whole idea is to allow free-flowing conversations on the operations of the various facilities. The feedback, suggestions, comments both positive or negative, will be of great assistance in the making sure our Council provides what the Community needs or expects.

Please feel free to contact the Council offices, or facility managers, to nominate. There will be no limit to numbers nominating. All will be welcome. We want your input!

Council also has also established a number of "Working Groups" who operate on similar lines to Friends of Groups but with some



minor formalities. "Working Groups" have been formed for Build More Dams; Pioneer Park; Festival of Gardens; Australia Day and the Senior Citizens Centre and have a specific aim or job and allow their members to "get on with the job". I chair the "Build More Dams Working Group" and would certainly welcome more members to the committee.

Secondly, I would like to raise the awareness of residents who maintain large corner block nature strips next to their property as there is a subsidy to offset the water charges for watering the extra-large nature strip reserve. Now is the time of the year to apply for the charge. To find out if you are eligible for a subsidy, contacting the Council Administration Office and Council staff will work out if your circumstances comply.

Thirdly, the "Tip for Free" conducted last weekend was an outstanding success. The Tharbogang Landfill site was heavily utilised, with 580 vehicles attending Saturday and 554 vehicles attending Sunday. The Yenda Landfill site was also busy with 336 vehicles attending. Illegal rubbish dumping on nature strips and in reserves continues to be a problem for Council and weekends such as this provide an alternative to dumping illegally.

Finally, with Easter approaching quickly, may I wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable Easter.

Cr Dino Zappacosta
Deputy Mayor

Celebrate Easter the Griffith Way



The Griffith Easter Party is on again this year, from Thursday April 13 – Monday April 17, and with so much happening in Griffith you'll want to pick up a copy of the Griffith Easter Party program to plan your long weekend activities with friends and family.

If you rise early on Good Friday why not take part in the Bacchus Fun Run and enjoy the first morning sights and sounds of Lake Wyangan. There are three courses to choose from, a 5km sprint, 10km enduro or 8km walk - bring along the whole family! Once you have completed the run, take the family along to the annual Pioneer Park Museum Action Day, an Easter favourite. Taylor Bros Store will be open for business, farm tractors and machinery will come to life, enjoy the sheep shearing demonstrations, and marvel at the skills of the blacksmith.

Chair of the Tourism & Events Committee, Councillor Christine Stead said Action Day at Pioneer Park is always a popular event on the Easter calendar.

"Once a year the Museum roars to life giving locals and visitors the opportunity to step back in time and see how things were done in the area back in the good old days," said Councillor Stead.

"With lovely lawns to share a picnic and a community stage set to entertain, the Museum

is the perfect place to spend the day relaxing with family and friends."

Manager Tourism and Economic Development, Mr Greg Lawrence said Easter is always a fantastic time in Griffith and this year's Easter Party is no exception.

"The calendar is full of events for everyone – from the Fun Run to Jet Boats to events at local clubs and the wineries, you can be assured there is something for you to do this Easter!" said Mr Lawrence.

"Take a stroll through the Griffith CBD on Easter Saturday – you'll enjoy the atmosphere and family fun with shops taking to the footpath with Griffith Business Chamber running a sidewalk sale, buskers will be dotted along the pathway providing music and entertainment, and Tony Joe's amusements and rides will be positioned in Kooyoo Street. This is a great opportunity to support our local businesses and have an amazing time doing it!"

The Children's Breakfast with face painting, Easter egg hunt and craft activities in CWA Park continues to be a favourite spot for young families.

"Stop by CWA Park and enjoy breakfast with the kids, activities and entertainment – a great way to start the day!" added Mr Lawrence.

The V8 powered jet sprint boats are back in 2017 offering non-stop thrills and excite-

ment at Lake Wyangan Boat Club. Grab some mates and enjoy the action.

Saturday afternoon enjoy live music and activities at the pubs and clubs or join in the festivities at the Vintage Festival.

Sunday is a day to rest, relax and regroup and the wineries in the region will be opening their doors offering the perfect space. Enjoy beautiful local wine, catering, live music and activities for the children. Councillor Stead encourages visitors and locals to explore the area and enjoy all that Griffith has to offer over Easter.

"You can take advantage of a local winery tour, or pack a picnic and enjoy one of our many parks or even visit one of the beautiful open gardens," said Councillor Stead.

"Whether it's action or relaxation you are after, I can guarantee we have something for you!"

Over the weekend the Griffith Easter Party program will be a necessity. You can get your copy at the Griffith Visitor Information Centre or head online at www.GriffithEasterParty.com.au.

"Grab a guide, your family and friends and head to Griffith for a fantastic weekend of fun, regional food, fabulous wine and activity - you'll have a ball at the Griffith Easter Party," added Councillor Stead.

What's on?

Every Sunday, 7am

Griffith Rotary Markets
15 Collier Street

Third Thursday of Each Month

Movie Club
Griffith City Library

Saturday 1 April

National Scooter Rally 2017

Show & Shine

Griffith Visitor Information Centre
Car Park

Saturday 1 April

Remnants by Kerri Weymouth

Griffith Regional Art Gallery

Saturday 1 April

Peace Train: A Tribute to Cat Stevens, starring Darren Coggan
Griffith Regional Theatre

Sunday 2 April, 11am

Burgers for Brugger

Memorial Park, Yenda

Wednesday 5 April, 4pm

Youth Week Celebrations

Dave Taylor Park

Wednesday 5 April

Griffith Musician of the Year

Griffith Regional Theatre

Monday 10 April

Youth Week Celebrations

BMX Workshop, Skate Park, 11am

Movie night at PCYC, 7pm

Tuesday 11 April

Youth Week Celebrations

Zumba Party at PCYC, 11am

Tuesday 11 April

Youth Week Celebrations

on 3 Basketball Knockout at West End Stadium, 9am

Tuesday 11 April

Youth Week Celebrations

NEON Party at PCYC, 7pm

Tuesday 11 April, 11am

Wednesday 12 April, 11am

Thursday 13 April, 11am

Saturday 15 April, 11am

Easter Craft and Easter Hat Parade

Griffith Central

Wednesday 12 April, 10am

Free Movie Screening

Moana

Griffith City Library

Wednesday 12 April

World of Musicals

Griffith Regional Theatre

Thursday 13 April

The Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti

Annual Fundraiser

Yoogali Club, Yoogali

Thursday 13 April, 5.30pm

Debut Novelist

Lawrence Del Gigante

Griffith City Library

Thursday 13 April -

Monday 17 April

Griffith Easter Party

Various locations

griffitheasterparty.com.au

Friday 14 April

Bacchus on the Lake

Lake Wyangan

Friday 14 April

Good Friday Action Day

Griffith Pioneer Park Museum

More events:

visitgriffith.com.au

Nominate today for the
Queens Baton Relay -
coming to Griffith
January 28, 2018
gc2018.com/qbr

