

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Griffith comes alight with Glow2680

Griffith residents were left in awe as the much anticipated launch of Glow2680 was held last Friday night.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi and Chair of the Christmas Working Group, Councillor Dino Zappacosta were on hand to 'hit the button' and turn on the lights of Banna Avenue and Memorial Park.

Councillor Dal Broi said he was amazed at the number of people who braved the heat to come out and celebrate the event.

"It was an honour to be able to turn on the lights and see the reaction from the community when everything was lit up," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"We were fortunate to have funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program which made this possible, but this has been a long term vision of Councillors and Council staff.

"The funding was stretched as far as possible,

with an additional 20 Plane trees covered in fairy lights, and the addition of the bauble, extra stars and a new Christmas Tree for Griffith and Yenda - this truly is a Christmas to remember," he added.

Stores along Banna Avenue stayed open for late night shopping as part of Glow2680, reminding residents to spend their dollars locally this Christmas.

Director Economic and Organisational Development, Ms Shireen Donaldson said Glow2680 was a great way to promote our local shops, cafes and restaurants.

"The Council team developed the Glow2680 website to assist retailers and food outlets in promoting their businesses throughout December," said Ms Donaldson.

"We understand this has been a tough year for many and wanted to work with local businesses to encourage our residents to shop local this Christmas - every dollar spent

locally assists not only the business, but the wider community.

"It was great to see so many taking advantage of the late night shopping, particularly the boutique stores which we are so fortunate to have here," she said.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta extended his thanks to the community for supporting the launch, and is encouraging everyone to explore the lights.

"We have worked very hard to bring you Glow2680 and I for one am very proud of the result," Councillor Zappacosta said.

"If you haven't already, make sure you head to Memorial Park and take advantage of the many spectacular photo opportunities provided with the display."

Glow2680 will run throughout December. Find out more at www.glow2680.com.au or call 1300 077 176.



A busy time for Council with over \$70M in projects underway

Griffith is booming, according to Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi who said Council is currently progressing with more than \$70M in infrastructure projects across the Local Government Area.

"You don't have to look far to see a Council project – from the Southern Industrial Link Road, footpath construction in the villages, the Regional Sports Precinct, right through to affordable housing and the community centre – this Council is working hard to deliver essential services to our community," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"It has been an extremely busy year for Council staff and it certainly doesn't look to be slowing down any time soon with 2021 filled with ongoing and new projects.

"It is certainly a great time to live, work and play in Griffith!" he added.

Several projects are underway including:

Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre - 50m Pool

The formwork and reo to Bleachers on the north & south concourses will be done this week, with the gas, water and pump out line from the plant area to the amenities installed. Electrical works are continuing, as is the tiling to the northern & southern pool hob and amenities. Clearing works will be undertaken this week in preparation for excavation to new levels. The project is on track for a late January 2021 opening.

Westend Stadium

The design phase for the Stadium is nearing completion and the DA has been lodged. Council has completed the Expression of Interest process to identify a suitable pool of construction contractors who were invited to tender, with tenders opening earlier this month. Tenderers will be presented to Council in December/January 2021 and a contractor appointed, with construction expected to commence early 2021.

Jubilee Oval

The Jubilee Amenities block is progressing well, with the concrete tilt panels constructed, the internal slabs have been poured, bracing is now installed and trusses

are being installed this week. The roofers have been booked in for this week, and the concrete blocks for internal work should be delivered this week also. Everything is on track for a mid-February 2021 completion.

Community Centre

The construction of the new Community Centre is fully funded with the NSW Government funding \$3.65M and Griffith City Council and Country Universities Centre - Western Riverina each contributing \$440K, following years of lobbying by Griffith City Council and Griffith Community Centre Inc.

Hines construction are prefabricating the walls and columns that will be installed shortly after the slab is finished. It is anticipated that the project will be finalised by the end of July 2021, ready for occupation.

City Park Toilet Block

Modus are currently mid way through installing a custom toilet block in city park adjacent the BBQ area. The building is designed to mimic the existing red brick and galvanised structures in the park and will include an accessible toilet, 3 additional toilet cubicles and an outdoor shower.

Community Stage - Burley Griffin Community Garden

Work is currently underway in the Burley Griffin Community Gardens preparing the ground works for the new performance stage. The footings are currently being manufactured before being lifted into place.

Pump track

The Concept Design contract was awarded to Scape Design Studio of Sydney. The landscape and urban design firm were engaged from the Government Architects Shortlist of pre-qualified landscape consultants list. The firm will prepare an overall masterplan concept for the youth precinct which will then be used to tender for the pump track facility, which will be located in Olympic Street.

Olympic Street Car Park

Council resolved last week to award the contract for the design and construction of a 21 car park (including 2 accessible parking bays) to Hines Construction. This project

will begin in the coming weeks and will be finished just in time for the opening of the Community Centre and Pump Track.

Winter Delights in Kooyoo

This project is currently underway with a planning and delivery team being set up that includes tourism, theatre, governance and Urban design. Designs are already in progress for the parklets and mobile seating. This project is funded with thanks to a grant under the Streets as Shared Spaces program.

GSIL (FCR - Fixing Country Roads and R2R)

Stage 6b - Kidman Way Brown/Brogden intersection (Lavender Bend) has been making good progress, with the stabilising complete, the pavement subbase is under construction, the primer seal has been completed on Brown, Brogden and Bromley, with the asphalt to be undertaken. Ancillary works (guardrail, linemarking, guideposts) will be completing following the asphaltting. The power relocation and drainage is complete with the streetlighting and concreting medians to be finalised.

Henderson Oval

Designs on the new Henderson Oval playground have been finalised, thanks to consultation with residents of Yoogali. Work is expected to commence early 2021.

Affordable Housing

Council is working with Argle Housing to deliver affordable housing including 2 townhouses in Wakaden Street and a \$12M 20 home/25 lot subdivision in South Griffith.

General Manager Mr Brett Stonestreet said Council is committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for this community.

"Staff are continually reviewing and assessing the needs of this community, and are actively seeking funding in order to deliver the services needed," said Mr Stonestreet.

"Through these projects we are not only able to improve the lives of our community, but drive jobs growth across the region – every project needs hands on deck and whether it's contractors or Council staff, millions of dollars is being injected into the local economy."

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Nominate a local hero today!

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Australia Day Awards.

Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Environmental Citizen of the Year
- Young Environmental Citizen of the Year
- Project of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year
- Sports Team of the Year
- Club Person of the Year

You can nominate online at
www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/australiaday



Join the Council team!

We are currently seeking applications for:

- Pool Attendant (Casual)
- Leisure Services Cashier (Casual)

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

The vandals who stole Christmas

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi has today expressed his disappointment as two of the City's Christmas attractions were switched off.

"Sometime after 11.30pm on Tuesday night, vandals severely damaged the two electricity boxes which operate the bauble and archway in Memorial Park, this was not only an extremely dangerous act, but has resulted in the closure of these two popular attractions," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"To say we are disappointed is a gross understatement – Council invested heavily in time and money to be able to provide Christmas cheer for this community, and it has taken less than a week for vandals to ruin it for everyone else. "We are fortunate that electricians could repair the electricity boxes, but we had to keep the arch and bauble switched off to ensure public safety in the interim," he added.

Council will be installing CCTV cameras in Memorial Park due to the ongoing issues with vandalism. "Following the Glow2680 launch last week, the archway was

damaged with lights broken. Later that evening, a group of teens took it upon themselves to attempt to push over the bauble – thankfully a staff member was present to stop this from occurring," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"We didn't believe it was necessary to install CCTV to protect the City's decorations, however following these incidences it is clear that we need to take steps to protect community property."

Repairs have now taken place and the decoration are now fully functioning and have reopened to the public.

If you have any information relating to the vandalism, please contact the Police on 6969 4299 or Council on 1300 176 077. Council has a policy in place (GC-CP-314) which is there to encourage the public to play a role in safeguarding the assets of the community. Under this policy, Council will pay a reward of up to \$2,000 to members of the public for information resulting in the conviction against persons damaging Council property – information received will be treated confidentially.



Register your Christmas lights today to be included in the 2020 Griffith Christmas Light map! You could be in the running for the Mayor's choice award. Register at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/FOLregister

Message from the Mayor, Councillor John



Last week we finished on a high following the launch of the Glow2680 campaign. It was wonderful to see so many people turn out to kick start their Christmas shopping and to have so many young families watch as the lights in Memorial Park and along Banna Avenue were switched on. Christmas is a time for connecting with family and friends and taking care of one another. After the challenging year we've had, the aim is to make it a brighter Christmas celebration for us all to enjoy.

But this week, I am furious. Thoughtless vandals have put a dampener on what was a wonderful way to start the festive season here in Griffith.

Sometime on Tuesday night the two electricity boxes which operate the bauble and archway in Memorial Park were severely damaged. I can't even imagine what the idiots responsible for the destruction were thinking. Not only did they manage to put a stop to others being able to enjoy the display until repairs can be made, they put their own lives at risk. I can only hope that in the cold light of day they take a good hard look at themselves and realise how selfish their actions were, but I doubt it.

These decorations are there for everybody to enjoy. A lot of hard work has gone into creating the beautiful display and to see vandals deliberately ruin it for the community is disheartening for us all. Not only does vandalism cost our community thousands of dollars each year, it means residents are inconvenienced. This doesn't only apply to the lights, it's also the case for our public toilets, which we are forced to close when damage is done.

Council offers a reward of up to \$2,000 to members of the public for information resulting in the conviction against persons damaging Council property. If you know anything, please get in touch.

On a brighter note, I'm pleased to say that at the last Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to renew the General Manager's contract for three years. As far as I'm concerned this is an excellent result for Griffith. You only have to look around the City to see what

a fantastic job he has done and I have no doubt will continue to do. Throughout these difficult few months he has maintained an extremely professional manner and I thank him for that. I know that it hasn't always been easy especially when the keyboard warrior cowards on social media have been working overtime.

With sound financial management this City has been able to continue to deliver major improvements for the benefit of our local community. In this edition of Catch Up you can read all about the great progress being made.

Council was shocked at the news that TAFE's Financial Services Support Office will no longer be relocating to Griffith, as was announced in 2019, and we are still seeking to overturn the decision, or at the very least, get some answers in regards to the backflip. We have a ministerial meeting in Sydney booked.

On Monday I had the pleasure of visiting St Mary's School Yoogali where I presented four talented students, Pippa Carusi, Madeline Tuohey, Lily Sartor and Tess Canzian with letters of congratulations and vouchers to Funland for the work they did in the Henderson Park playground colouring-in competition.

Deputy Mayor, Simon Croce also paid a visit to Yoogali Public to present Kurt Dela Cruz and Lucas Barber with their prizes. I want to congratulate all those who entered. The high standard of work we received made it difficult for Councillors to judge entries prior to a recent Council meeting. Council ran the competition to build excitement around the forthcoming Henderson Park Playground installation.

Lastly, I would like to thank those who supported the Glow2680 launch last Friday night and to those retailers who stayed open on what was a particularly hot evening. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all who attended.

**Until next time,
Councillor John Dal Broi
Mayor**

PUBLIC NOTICES - ITEMS ON EXHIBITION

Lake Wyangan Masterplan

Council resolved to place the Draft Lake Wyangan Urban Release Area Master Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. The Master Plan would cater for around 1200 dwellings and would satisfy some of the demand for greenfield residential lots in Griffith over a 15-20 year period. The Master Plan includes upgrades and expansion to existing water, sewer, road and drainage infrastructure in the Urban Release Area and the provision of open space and land reserved for commercial purposes. The Draft Lake Wyangan Urban Release Area Master Plan is available on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au. Anyone wishing to provide a submission on the Draft Lake Wyangan Urban Release Area Master Plan 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. **A Public Consultation Zoom meeting will occur on 9 December 2020 at 6pm - Meeting ID 879 7858 5003, Password 769813.** 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 18 December 2020**. Submissions will be presented in a report to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for review. 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. For further information regarding the draft Lake Wyangan Urban Release Area Master Plan, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Kelly McNicol on 1300 176 077 or kelly.mcnicol@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Water Position Statement (WS-CP-204)

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday, 10 November 2020 it was resolved that the draft Water Position Statement WS-CP-204 be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The draft Water Position Statement WS-CP-204 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 draft Water Position Statement WS-CP-204 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 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. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Monday 14 December 2020**.

Tharbogang Tennis Courts - Demolition & Removal

Council is proposing the demolition and removal of the Tharbogang Tennis Court buildings due to their deteriorating condition & ongoing vandalism.

Council is seeking community feedback to this proposal and will receive written submissions up to **4pm Monday 4 January 2021**.

Submissions are to be addressed to Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680. Email: admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au

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Development Proposal (Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979) Development Application No. 304/2020

Notice is hereby given that Council has received the following development application:

DA 304/2020 for Re-development of the Potts Poultry Production Farm on Lot 103 DP 723180 10548 Kidman Way HANWOOD

Applicant: Proten Holdings Pty Ltd

Consent Authority: Griffith City Council

Description of the proposed development: The proposed development relates to Re-development of the Potts Poultry Production Farm, including:

- Decommission, demolish and rehabilitate the two existing PPU's which are now 30 years old;
- Develop and operate one new PPU comprising 16 large modern poultry sheds and various ancillary infrastructure to service and support the new PPU;
- Upgrade and extend existing water, electricity and natural gas supply infrastructure as required to service the new PPU; and
- Provide a maximum site capacity of 916,416 birds at day 1 placement

Type of development: The proposed development is Integrated Development under the provisions of section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Copies of the Development Application, submitted plans and supporting documentation, relating to the proposed development are available for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre located on the ground floor of the Griffith City Council's Administration Building, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith.

This documentation may be viewed during normal office hours of **8.15am – 4pm, from**

Notice of Temporary Road Closure - Yambil Street

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing of Yambil Street between Ulong Street and Daines Street. Yambil Street will be closed to East Bound traffic from 1 December 2020 until 30 June 2021 as part of the Stage 3 Northern Side Yambil Street construction works by Griffith City Council. Access for pedestrians and businesses will be provided. Detours around the worksite will be implemented for all other traffic.

Christmas Closures

Administration Office and Council Depot: Council offices at 1 Benerambah Street and Council Depot will be closed for the period of 1.00pm Thursday, 24 December 2020 to Friday, 1 January 2021 inclusive and will re-open for business on Monday, 4 January 2021.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery: The Gallery will be closed from Monday 21 December 2020 and will re-open Wednesday 13 January 2021.

Griffith Regional Theatre: The Box Office will be closed from Friday 21 December 2020 and will re-open Monday 11 January 2021.

Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre: Thursday 24 December, 6am - 6pm, then closed on the following days: Friday 25 December – to Saturday 26 December, Monday 28 December and Friday 1 January. Open Sunday 27 December, 10am - 5pm and normal operating hours from Monday 28 December Tuesday 29 December - Thursday 31 December.

Pioneer Park Museum: Closed Saturday 19 December 2020 and will re-open on Tuesday 12 January 2021.

Griffith Sports Stadium: Closed Monday 21 December 2020 and will re-open Monday 11 January 2021.

Griffith Visitor Information Centre: Thursday 24 December, 10am - 3pm then closed from Friday 25 December – Saturday 26 December and Friday 1 January. Open 10am - 3pm Sunday 27 December through to Thursday 31 December.

Griffith City Library: Will be open until 1pm on Thursday 24 December 2020 and will re-open 9am Monday 4 January 2021.

Griffith City Pound and Rehoming Centre: After hours emergencies for serious dog attacks and straying stock only contact the Ranger on 0408 210 196.

Griffith Livestock Marketing Centre: Closed Thursday 21 December 2020 and will re-open Monday 4 January 2021.

Tharbogang Waste Management Centre: Will be closed from Friday 25 December 2020 and will re-open Tuesday 29 December 2020. The Centre will also be closed on Friday 1 January 2021.

Yenda Waste Management Centre: Will be closed Friday 25 December 2020 and Friday 1 January 2021.

Waste collection: All domestic recycling and commercial garbage collections will be as per normal over the Christmas/New Year period, ie garbage will still be collected on public holidays.

EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

For Urgent Council issues contact J&J Security: (AH) 6964 1160 (BH) 6969 4832

All fire emergencies: 000

SES: 13 2500 (24 hours)

Essential Energy: 13 2080 (emergencies)

MIA Rural Fire Service: 6966 7887

Friday 20 November 2020 Monday to Friday, up until Friday 18 December 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 requires the disclosure of any political donations and 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

Any interested person may view the submitted application plan and supporting documentation during the exhibition period and make written comment relating to the proposal. Written submissions regarding the proposed development will be received by Council up till **4.00pm on Friday 18 December 2020**.

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.

Should the submission be an objection to the proposed development, the grounds of the objection must be specified.

Objectors should be aware that submissions will be provided to the Western Region Joint Regional Planning Panel and may be viewed by other persons with an interest in the application.

For further information regarding these proposed development, please contact Council's Contract Strategic Planner, Mr Kelly McNicol on 1300 176 077 or email Kelly. Mcnicol@griffith.nsw.gov.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Are you looking for a rewarding career? Then join our team and make a difference to your community. Griffith City Council offers the chance to work in a stable and secure environment while providing excellent opportunities to develop your skills and career potential. Council is proactive and passionate about creating ongoing opportunities for our growing population. Council is seeking applications for the following positions:

Pool Attendant - Casual

The Pool Attendant will ensure the safety and well-being of patrons whilst attending the Aquatic Centre, and that all rules and regulations are complied with. The successful application will require a current Pool Lifeguard Certification and a current Senior First Aid Certificate. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application. To be considered for this position applicants must have a new NSW Working with Children Check Clearance Number for employment screening purposes.

To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au (in child related industry sector tick, entertainment for children). **Hours of work:** Spread of hours from 5am – 9pm Monday to Sunday. **Salary and conditions:** Commencement ordinary hourly rate \$28.2576 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 7). **Special conditions:** This position is designated as a child-related position. It is an offence under NSW Legislation for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply. If you have any questions about the role please contact Tim Rice on 1300 176 077.

**Applications for the above position close
Monday 7 December 2020**

Leisure Services Cashier - Casual

The Cashier is responsible for the collection and balancing of all monies relating to the entry, booking fees and all over-the-counter transactions. This role also includes working in the Kiosk preparing and selling food to patrons and relieving in the creche as needed. The successful applicant will need quality customer service skills and experience in cash handling. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. To be considered for this position applicants must have a new NSW Working with Children Check Clearance Number for employment screening purposes. To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au (in child related industry sector tick, entertainment for children). **Hours of work:** Spread of hours from 6:00am – 9:00pm Monday to Sunday. The successful applicant will need to be available to work day and evening shifts. **Salary and conditions:** Commencement ordinary hourly rate \$27.2871 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 6). **Special conditions:** This position is designated as a child-related position. It is an offence under NSW Legislation for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply. If you have any questions about the role please contact Trish Ennis on 1300 176 077.

**Applications for the above position close
Monday 21 December 2020**

How to apply:

1. Log onto www.griffith.nsw.gov.au, go to the Jobs page and complete your application online.
2. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications.

*Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply.
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