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Griffith Twilight Market set to join the Festival of Place

The Griffith Tourism Team are hosting the Griffith Twilight Market on Friday 18 March 2022 in Memorial Park, as part of the NSW Government's The Festival of Place, Summer Night Fund.

From 4pm to 8pm you will find makers, growers and producers from our region showcasing their products for residents and visitors. This is an opportunity to get out and enjoy the warmer nights, while supporting local operators.

"We will have a wide range of stalls on show at this market, from jewellery and handmade items, locally grown flowers and produce, to drinks, oils and condiments. We will have something for everyone," said Tourism Manager, Mirella Guidolin.

"Some local favourites will be on show including Mirool Cottage with her homemade crackers, TLC Bath Products with soaps and bath products, local honey products from Pullens Honey, Cocoparra Downs showcasing their home grown flower arrangements and so much more."

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said this is a great opportunity for locals and visitors to come out and support our local economy.

"COVID has hit regions hard, and events such as the Griffith Twilight Market is a fantastic way to show support to our local small business operators," said Councillor Curran.

"Council is excited to see so many stalls registered and I encourage you to bring the

whole family out to Memorial Park and enjoy a relaxed evening while supporting local operators."

Ms Guidolin added "We have used this as an opportunity to work towards a key action from our Griffith Destination Tourism Plan 2021-24, to encourage the formation of CBD seasonal markets, so we are very excited and trust they will be well supported."

"The market will be a great night out for families and groups of all ages and is just one of the many events already scheduled this Autumn," she said.

The Festival of Place is a state-wide initiative where the activities are free, open and accessible to all and are about activating open spaces in our city centres.



Griffith Regional Theatre installs handrails

Griffith Regional Theatre has recently installed 20 sturdy hand-rails in the back five rows of the Auditorium. These will allow those patrons who are less mobile to navigate the stairs safely and access more seats in the Theatre.

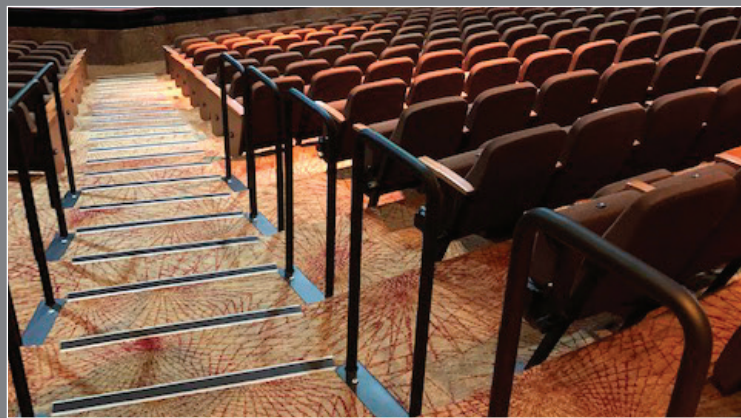
Acting Manager of the Theatre, Marg Andreazza, said staff noticed more and more people preferred to sit toward the back of the Theatre as they are a bit unsteady on the stairs.

"We knew we needed to address the issue and installed handrails," said Mrs Andreazza.

"The hand-rails were designed by our Technical Co-ordinator John Matkovic, and manufactured locally by SJR Industries, and allow for more people to sit a bit closer to the action and access a few more rows of the Theatre. The handrails are unobtrusive and won't block anyone's view of the stage.

"We are sure older and less mobile members of our audience will welcome these handrails, and be able to easily navigate the stairs now to enjoy their favourite shows at the Theatre," she added.

If you are interested in an upcoming Show at the Theatre or would like to see what you can expect this Season, please visit www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au



Christmas light winners crowned

Congratulations to Glenn Scott and Samantha Hill on their win in the 2021 Christmas Light and Merry Mailbox competition. Griffith Mayor, Councillor Curran presented the winners with their certificates and gift vouchers last week.



Council endorses Strategy to open up more rural residential lots



Griffith City Council took further steps to address the City's housing shortage last week.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 22 February 2022, Council endorsed the Large Lot Residential Supply and Demand Analysis and Strategy.

The purpose of this Strategy is to examine the supply and demand of R5 – Large Lot Residential zoned land and lifestyle lots in the Griffith Local Government Area (LGA) and provide recommendations regarding candidate sites identified as part of the drafting of the Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). The Strategy is a State Government requirement to rezone land to R5, which is large lot rural residential.

Council's Consultant Planner, Kelly McNicol said the Strategy was the latest development in the ongoing push to improve housing availability in Griffith.

"As part of the Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), which provides the land use planning vision for Griffith over the next 25 years, extensive consultation was carried out to determine how the community wants lands zoned and how they would like to see Griffith grow into the future," he said.

"The Strategy looks at candidate sites based on submissions received during our public consultation exercise.

"All of those were analysed and those with merit, which was around 80 percent of them, were included as sites in the Strategy."

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug

Curran said this approval would allow for more rural residential lots to be developed within the community.

"This is something we've been talking about for some time so this progress is really exciting," Councillor Curran said.

"A few of the benefits include, increasing housing stock elsewhere for sale or rent and providing housing diversity and choice with large lot residential as a popular alternative to urban living."

R5 zoned lands are predominantly located at the fringes of urban and village areas and support large single detached dwellings with area for large outbuildings and pools.

Based on a comprehensive supply and demand analysis, the Strategy concludes there is a need for additional lands in Griffith to be zoned to R5 – Large Lot Residential. The Strategy also recommends some land zoned R5 be rezoned to RU5 - Village to allow additional residential growth around Yoogali and makes further recommendations regarding lands along Rose Road and Harward Road at the urban-rural fringe of Griffith.

The Planning Proposal will now be submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to facilitate the recommendations. This Planning Proposal also includes other amendments as identified in the Griffith Local Strategic Planning Statement and the Griffith Housing Strategy.

Griffith Pump track set to undergo construction



Griffith City Council is set to move forward with the construction of the Pump Track, awarding the design and construction tender to renowned company World Trail Pty Ltd.

The \$445,000 project is funded under the Stronger Country Communities Fund and will be situated on Olympic Street, between the Skate Park and the Griffith Community Centre.

Council held successful consultation sessions last year, obtaining valuable feedback which has been taken on board for the design of the Pump Track.

The asphalt pump track will feature rollers, doubles, dragonbacks, roller berms and multiple transitions. The amenities will include a shelter with a BBQ, tables and benches, a bicycle service station and a water bottle fill station.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said it's great to see work on the pump track commencing.

"World Trail is one of the largest and most experienced companies in the world and Council is

fortunate to be working with them on the Pump Track," said Councillor Curran.

"The community has gotten behind this project from the beginning, and it will be great to see riders of all ages enjoying it once completed.

"This project has been in the planning phase for quite some time and it is exciting to progress to the construction phase - I can't wait to see the work begin," he added.

The pump track is centrally located within a walking distance from surrounding neighbourhoods and the CBD. The Olympic Street area has been identified as a Youth Precinct and incorporates and links a number of youth sporting and active recreational facilities in a single area including the PCYC Service, Griffith Regional Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Skate Park and the recently completed Community Centre.

Construction is set to commence in March and is expected to be completed by June 30, 2022 (weather permitting).

Water Polo a hit at GRALC

The 50m Pool first birthday celebrations went off with a bang last weekend, with more than 350 people coming out to celebrate.

The day saw DJ Chris Sutton entertain the crowd, while the Griffith Swim Club provided a time trial swim exhibition to attract new members.

Water Polo made its debut in the 50m pool. Six teams participated, with competitors from different backgrounds and ages trying the sport.

Following such a successful event, Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre will be looking into hosting Water Polo competitions and

possibly coaching next summer.

Anyone who would be interested in helping to establish a club in Griffith can register their interest with Alan Anderson at gralc@griffith.nsw.gov.au

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran put his fitness to the test when he was challenged to compete with fellow Councillor Laurie Testoni, and Swim Club members Craig Tilston and David Nolan. Ultimately the Mayor came home with the win.

Councillor Curran said it was a thoroughly enjoyable day and it was great to see so much community participation.

Message from the Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran

During the election residents told candidates what they thought were the key issues they were facing. While some of these issues are out of Council's control as they are State or Federal, there are things we can do to assist.

One particular issue which was raised often is mental health services. That led me to investigate what services we do have here in Griffith, and I was pleased to find that there are a large number of organisations offering mental health support. Each week we are going to feature a service in this Catch Up to raise awareness of what is out there if you need help. We know it can be hard to know where to look, particularly in times of distress and I hope this makes it easier to get the assistance needed.

This week we are promoting MyStep Western - a service run by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District. You can find out more on the back page of this edition.

Communicating with our residents is a key priority, and I wanted to bring to your attention the ways you can keep up to date with what is happening - events, public notices, positions vacant, news and general interest. The best way is to subscribe to the Catch Up or pick up a copy every Friday from one of many outlets in Griffith and villages. Subscribing is the easiest way - the Catch Up is delivered directly to your inbox.

Visit griffith.nsw.gov.au/subscribe to ensure you never miss an edition.

Many of our facilities also offer an e-Newsletter - you can subscribe



by visiting their websites.

We also use social media and the Council website to keep everyone up to date. While we know not everyone has access to social media, you can visit the Council website at griffith.nsw.gov.au which will show you the latest information and news posted to Facebook on the homepage.

It is also important that you have your say on any items on public exhibition. Please visit the website to view the latest items open for feedback and you can complete an online form directly from there.

If you have any suggestions on how we can communicate better, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Lastly, I want to make mention of the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre. Staff are working hard behind the scenes to return lost pets or rehome them.

If you are looking to add a new member to your family, please consider adopting a new furry friend. Animals are frequently added to the website and you can subscribe to get updates emailed directly to you with which pets are available to adopt.

**Until next time,
Councillor Doug Curran, Mayor**



Public Notification

Draft Child Safe Policy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 February 2022 it was resolved that the draft Child Safe Policy be placed on public exhibition. The draft Child Safe Policy 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 Child Safe Policy 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.

Draft Community Strategic Plan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 8 February 2022, Council resolved to place the draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 on public exhibition providing the opportunity for submissions regarding this document.

The draft Community Strategic Plan may be viewed at the Council Administration Building, 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft Community Strategic Plan can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm Wednesday 9 March 2022**

Classification of Land

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council resolved to classify Lot 230 DP 1196370, Wattle Street to Bugno Lane, Hanwood as operational land. The land is to be purchased for construction of a levy.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Monday 14 March 2022** 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. Please note any submissions may be included in the Council Business Paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council. For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 6962 8134.

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing of:

McCormack Road between East Street and Burley Griffin Way will remain closed until Friday 4 March 2022 as BC Plumbing will be trenching through roadway to relocate water mains and install new storm water pipe. Detours around the site will be provided. Traffic lights and a speed zone will also be in place during the works.

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

DA Number: 20/2022(1)	Applicant: Planningmatters Development Service
Address: Lots 7 & 8 Section 31 DP 758476 1 Palla Street & 2 Animoo Avenue GRIFFITH	
Description: Construction of a health services facility to be used for the purposes of a medical centre with associated carparking	

Copies of the Development Applications and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Planning & Development/Development Applications - Notifications. 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 on Friday 11 March 2022**.

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 griffith.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions regarding the Development Application or modification should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on Friday 11 March 2022**. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number and the DA number the submission relates to. 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.



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Library Manager (Permanent 12 Month Maternity Leave Appointment)

Applications for the above position closes Monday 7 March 2022.

- Saleyards Operator (Permanent)
- Team Leader - Sportsgrounds (Permanent)

Applications for the above position closes Monday 14 March 2022.

- Mechanic (Re-advertised) (Permanent)

Applications for the above position closes Monday 21 March 2022.

For more information or to apply, visit griffith.nsw.gov.au

Has rubbish got you down in the dumps?

Dump it for free!
Saturday 2
and
Sunday 3
April



The Dump for Free includes both the Yenda and Tharbogang Facilities

DUMP FOR FREE
Saturday 2 & Sunday 3
April, 8am - 5pm

MyStep

TO MENTAL WELLBEING

MyStep to Mental Wellbeing provides a range of services aimed at supporting people wanting to improve their emotional and mental wellbeing.

Our services

Counselling and education, Team care, Peer support, and In-Reach to residential aged care facilities (RACF)

To access MyStep to Mental Wellbeing

contact MPHN Central Access and Navigation Service
Call: 1800 931 603

Email: MLHD-MyStep@health.nsw.gov.au