

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Mayor John Dal Broi



Last week Minister for Local Government Gabrielle Upton announced the release of a new Code of Meeting practice. Among other items, the new Code states that meetings of councils and their committees must be either live-streamed, or recorded and uploaded later. Initially I was under the impression that this meant Council would have to install web cameras, but upon closer investigation I can report that it can be audio only or audiovisual. I'm happy to say that Griffith City Council meeting proceedings already meets the minimum future prescribed requirements. We've been recording and uploading Council meetings to the website since August 2017. So, at this stage the status quo will remain. We may still look at expanding to audiovisual in the future, if the costs to do so are

not too prohibitive. But that's a decision that I'm sure Councilors will not take lightly. In relation to allowing public forums before ordinary meetings, that is another thing that Griffith Council already has in place. We allow members of the public to address Council during meetings immediately prior to the matter being considered, which we feel is more conducive for Councillors to put their mind to the issues on the agenda so due process and consideration can be given to each agenda item and the attention each item deserves. We can't be sure exactly when the new code will be prescribed. The Office of Local Government is indicating that it may not be prescribed by the end of the year. The two documents, the Code of Conduct and the Code of Meeting Practice, will be the major instruments for governance of

council conduct and meetings. The new Code of Conduct clearly sets out behaviours expected of staff and councilors. All of this information will be in one document and includes pecuniary interests, social media activity and gifts and benefits. Interestingly, Council already practices the newly documented management of gifts and benefits and the mandatory reporting of these. I'm also glad to hear about the sweeping new measures being introduced to ensure councils are properly managing credit card expenditure. We have excellent governance processes in place for managing credit card use at Griffith City Council but anything that allows us and all councils to keep a close check on this is a good thing. Lastly, I must congratulate our hardwork-

ing staff for the recent recognition they received for work on the Bagtown Roundabout. At the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) Engineering Excellence Awards for 2018, Council received a highly commended in the category for design and/or construction of a Local Government/Public Works project greater than \$500,000. This is an example of the excellent work that is being carried out and all those involved should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Regards,
John Dal Broi
Emeritis Mayor

Long road from a broken heart

Griffith residents will have the opportunity to meet an inspiring young man who has proven anything is possible as long as you're willing to take that first step. Author and adventurer Jeremy Scott will share his courageous story at the Griffith City Library on Thursday, 6 December at 6pm - 8pm. On 5 October 2011, Jeremy began the challenge of a life time, a two-and-a-half year, and 51,916 km solo bicycle ride from London to New Zealand. As he pedalled his way around the planet, Jeremy covered more than enough distance to circumnavigate

the earth. This phenomenal journey was made possible thanks to the open-heart surgery which saved his life as a child. Jeremy, pictured below, will be discussing his colossal journey and his new book, 'A Long Road from a Broken Heart'. "His book includes encounters with corrupt policemen and wild dogs, plagues of rodents, the scamming Filipino Mafia and even finding a dead body," Library Manager Karen Tagliapietra said. "Jeremy is inspiring and the experiences he had while cycling the world are incredible.

"I urge local people to come along and hear from this remarkable man." Jeremy is the recipient of the Australian Heart Foundation's Heart Hero Award and Ambassador for Waterline Challenge. Join Griffith City Library as Jeremy launches his new book, which not only details his journey but also his medical condition as a child, photography, mental strength, fitness and travel. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by calling the Library on 6962 8300 or online at jeremyscott.eventbrite.com.au



Roundabout work recognised



Above: Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King accepts the Highly Commended Engineering Excellence Award from Ren Niemann.

Griffith City Council has been recognised for its design and construction work on the Bagtown Roundabout. At the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) Engineering Excellence Awards for 2018, Council received a highly commended in the category for design and/or construction of a Local Government/Public Works project greater than \$500,000. Director Infrastructure and Operations, Phil King, said he was extremely proud to accept the award on behalf of Council. "This is a whole of Council project, securing the funding, survey, design and construction," Mr King said. "These awards are particularly competitive, with 105 nominations received in

our category alone. "I want to congratulate everyone involved. "It's nice to have the professional skills of the team members that worked on it recognised." Council secured funding in 2016 as part of Fixing Country Roads Round 2 and paired this with an allocation from Roads to Recovery for the \$1.85m project. The Bagtown Roundabout was officially opened to traffic in June 2017 after almost six months of extensive works, creating a safer, more efficient traffic solution to address the five approaches merging at the intersection. The project was delivered on time and on budget and is the first part of Council's Southern Industrial Link Road.

Council staff undertook all survey and design for works to commence on 16 January 2017. It was jointly funded between the Australian Government and New South Wales Government. General Manager Brett Stonestreet acknowledged the exceptional work carried out by the Infrastructure and Operations team. "Congratulations to the team involved with the Bagtown Roundabout. "It's a great example of the quality of work Griffith City Council produces," Mr Stonestreet said. IPWEA is an association that supports the delivery of public works and services with many of its members working for local councils, government agencies and consultants.

Yellow bus to stop in Griffith

A big yellow bus will roll into Griffith on Sunday afternoon to drive home an important message.

The man behind the wheel, Col Reynolds, founded The Kids' Cancer project in 1993 in an effort to fund research into childhood cancer.

Mr Reynolds is particularly happy to be coming to Griffith, the hometown of the little girl who first inspired the project, Alice Sjollem, who died of leukemia when she was six.

"I met Alice when she was in Sydney having treatment. I used to take Alice and others on outings, it took a while for her to warm to me, but eventually she took a shine to me. When she died it burst my heart," Mr Reynolds said.

"My goal is to eliminate cancer. I'm on the road to tell people that science is the solution to survival.

"My main aim is to bring awareness of

the need for childhood cancer research. "We've had the bus donated to us by a bus company and Caltex provides the fuel so we can get out into rural areas free of charge and raise awareness."

Keep an eye out for Mr Reynolds and his bus parked in the middle block of Banna Avenue on Sunday, 25 November from 1pm and all day on Monday, 26 November. To date the Kids' Cancer Project has funded \$40 million in cancer research for 27 scientists in 14 different laboratories throughout Australia.

Mr Reynolds is inviting locals to drop down to the bus to find out more about the project. He will be selling teddy bears for the reduced price of \$40, with proceeds going towards the Kids' Cancer Project.

"I loved Alice so much we've created an Alice Angel Bear," he said.

"She is the little girl who started it all."



DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 21

Register your home to be part of the Griffith Festival of Lights!
No display is too big or too small - every home registering receives a great prize from Griffith City Cinema, Star Bowling and Family Fun Land.
Register today at griffith.nsw.gov.au/FOLregister

The Griffith City Council Polar Express every Friday night from December 7 touring Griffith's lights - book at griffith.nsw.gov.au

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The Area News



Griffith Regional Art Gallery is seeking exhibition proposals from artists residing in the Western Riverina region for the 2019 Art Space program at Griffith Regional Theatre. This initiative will see six proposed exhibitions at Griffith Regional Theatre's Art Space, 1 Neville Place, Griffith. Exhibitions will be on display for six weeks at this venue. Proposals will be accepted for solo or group exhibitions.

To apply to be part of the Art Space program please contact the Gallery for an application form. Applications close 5pm Friday 7th December, 2018. Applicants will be notified by 21 December 2018.



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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 from enthusiastic motivated individuals for the following positions:

Economic Development Coordinator

The role of the Economic Development Coordinator is to promote and enhance opportunities for economic growth across all sectors within Griffith City Council by developing economic development projects, programs and services and building strategic partnerships with stakeholders. The successful applicant will require a Diploma in Business Studies or a related field or significant experience in a similar role. Demonstrated experience working in a business development role in a diverse organisation and demonstrated understanding of local, regional, and state economic opportunities are also required. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week with an annual salary range of \$75,629.32 to \$83,194.80 (Grade 15) and a rostered day off once a month. For any questions (or a confidential discussion) about the role please contact Shireen Donaldson on (02) 6962 8100.

GIS Assets Officer

The purpose of this position is to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) and asset management services to Griffith City Council. The position shares responsibility for the management of Council's GIS in a team environment. This includes support and training, data collection, analysis of information held with the GIS system and Asset management system, map production and asset reporting. The successful applicant will require a Certificate III in Spatial Information Services (GIS) or experience in operation and maintenance GIS/Mapping applications and knowledge with Asset Management principals. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week with an annual salary range of \$57,829.72 to \$63,611.60 and a rostered day off once a month. For any questions (or a confidential discussion) about the role please contact Andrew Keith 6962 8100.

Applications for the above positions close 4pm, Friday 23 November 2018.

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs or contact Council's Workforce Planning Administrator on 6962 8100.

Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply. Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace.

PUBLIC NOTICES

For Sale - Surplus IT hardware

Council has surplus IT hardware for sale through our eBay store.

Items include computers, laptops, video conferencing system and photocopiers.

These items can be purchased through the eBay store. <http://stores.ebay.com.au/griffithcity>

Clifton Boulevard operational land

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 13 November 2018 to classify Lots 1, 2 & 3 DP 1245637, Clifton Boulevard as operational land.

The land was purchased for the purpose of drainage swales and detention basin.

Council will receive written submissions up until 4pm on Thursday 13 December 2018. Any submissions made regarding the proposed classification as operational land will be referred to Council at an Ordinary Council meeting for their consideration. A copy of your letter including name and address (unless specifically requested that these details be withheld) will be publicly available as part of that Council's meeting agenda.

Enquiries: Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Telephone: 6962 8134

Canvassing of any Council members or officers will disqualify tenderers from the tender process.

Festival of Lights Registration

The Festival of Lights runs from Friday December 1 to Friday December 21.

You can register your home online at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/FOLregister

The Festival of Lights Bus Tours kick off Friday 7 December and is available only by booking in advance at eventbrite.com.au and searching

for Festival of Lights.

Consulate General of Italy in Sydney to visit Griffith

The Consulate General of Italy in Sydney will be in Griffith on 29 and 30 November 2018.

A Consular officer will welcome attendees in The Dal Broi Room, Griffith City Council (1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680) from 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.

Applicants will need to book an appointment with this Consulate General by 25 November at the latest, and send an email to info.sydney@esteri.it specifying the following words in the subject line: "Appuntamento consolare a Griffith".

The email must contain the applicants' exact personal data: name, surname, place and date of birth (women must specify their maiden surname, as per their birth certificate).

Applicants who intend to request Italian citizenship recognition also need to specify their Italian descendants' personal data (maiden surname for women). This will allow the Consulate General to run an initial check with documents or information possibly already available in the its archives.

Attendees may lodge applications relative to the following procedures:

1. Italian passport, for Italian citizens who are already registered at the AIRE with this Consulate General or who are temporarily residing in the area;
2. Recognition of Italian citizenship by descent, for Australian citizens (or foreigners to Australia, holders of permanent resident visa) of Italian descent resident in the area;
3. Submission of Registry documents (births, marriages, divorces certificates). Certificates must have already been legalized by means of an Apostille by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and translated into Italian by a NAATI certified translator. Death certificates can be submitted only as a photocopy, without Apostille nor translation;
4. Signature/photo authentication, certificates of citizenship, residence, family composition and single status.

Please visit the webpage https://conssydney.esteri.it/consolato_sydney/en/i-servizi/per-i-cittadini/ for any further details and forms about passports, citizenship, civil status, the list of NAATI translators, etc.

Art Space Program 2019

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Applications close Friday, 7 December, 2018, 5pm, with applicants to be notified by 21 December 2018.

To apply to be part of the Art Space program pick up an application form from Griffith Regional Art Gallery, 167 Banna Avenue, Griffith, email gallery@griffith.nsw.gov.au or for more information call 6962 8338.

Australia Day Award Nominations

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our community in 2018?

Why not nominate them for an Australia Day Award.

Nomination forms are available online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

There will be no hard copy nomination forms available this year. Nominations close on Friday, December 7 2018, 4pm.

Nominees must be Australian citizens and winners will be announced during Griffith's Australia Day celebrations on January 26, 2019.