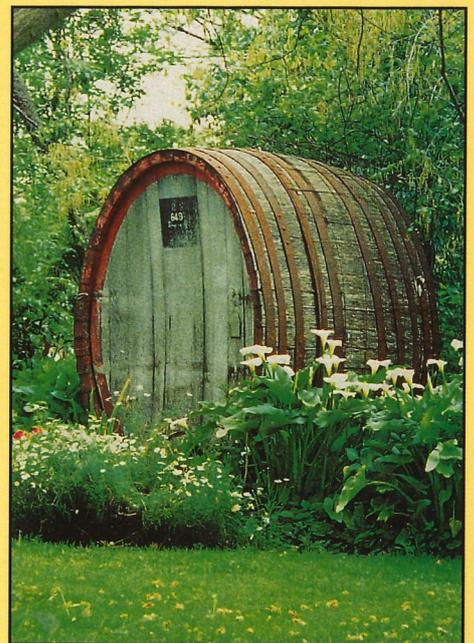
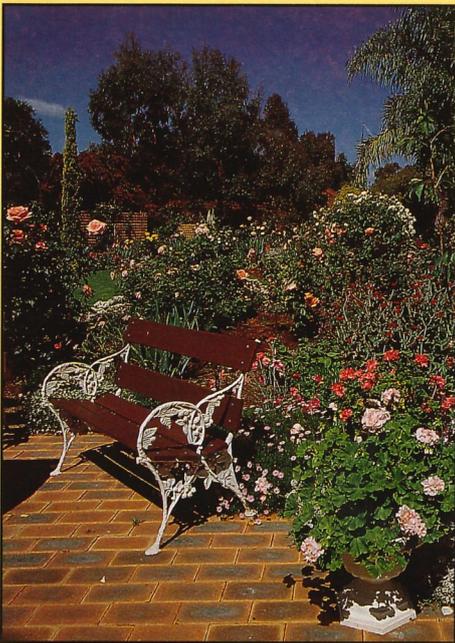


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Griffith Festival of Gardens

We extend to you a warm invitation to come to Griffith - the garden city of the Riverina - to come and enjoy the colourful Festival of Gardens.

Spring is a special time in the country. Nowhere is this more so than in Griffith. The warm sunshine, fertile soils and abundant mountain fresh waters of the irrigation scheme, combine to provide the ideal conditions for nature's spring awakening.



Everywhere in Griffith - from the parks through to the gardens, there are brilliant colours on display as flowers, shrubs and trees awaken from their winter hibernation.

To celebrate this spring awakening, the popular Griffith Festival of Gardens allows you to see and enjoy the very best of Mother Nature's beauty.

For your viewing pleasure, 12 private gardens - ranging from town plots, larger acreage displays, farm gardens and through to delightful country gardens - are open for you to see and enjoy.

Each garden has something different to

offer - no two are the same. Each gardener has sown his or her individual personality into their garden, and this results in a diverse range of colourful offerings.

At the same time, in nearby Cocoparra National Park, a mantle of wildflowers generally follows the gentle spring rains. When this occurs, the park adds another colourful dimension to the Festival.

But Griffith is also much more than the Festival of Gardens.

Take the time to enjoy the many other aspects that makes a visit to Griffith special.

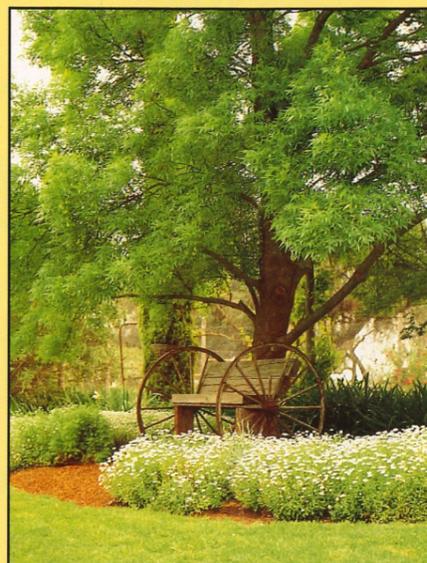
See historic Pioneer Park, which serves as a reminder of Griffith's early settlers as they carved a city from the barren wilderness. Or visit the arts and craft shops where many local items are on display and available for sale.

Then there is the Regional Art Gallery or the Regional Theatre with its majestic, soft sculptured artistic curtain. Each has much to offer the visitor.

No visit to Griffith would be complete without taking the opportunity to sample the quality wines of the city. Wines which have earned a reputation for quality and which have won many prizes at exhibitions both domestically and internationally. When at the wineries, keep an eye out for the cellar masters specials, there's often some excellent bargains to be found.

Another aspect of Griffith which shouldn't be missed is the food. Locally grown and as fresh as the day it was picked, expert chefs from around the world create gastronomic masterpieces, the envy of many capital city locations. With a large Italian population, the fare from this Mediterranean country is always in high demand.

So come, enjoy yourself in Griffith during the Festival of Gardens. You will be glad you did.



Special Guest:

This year's Special Guest is John Stowar, landscape consultant, horticultural journalist and gardening presenter on the popular Channel 9 "Today Show". As well as officially opening the Festival, arrangements are being concluded to allow the public to meet with John. This will include a Festival Dinner hosted by Griffith Central Rotary on Friday 13th October, supporting the proposed Community Leisure Gardens, where John Stowar will speak. All are welcome. Details are available from the Visitors' Centre.

For information on the Festival of Gardens, contact:

Griffith Visitors Centre
Cnr. Jondaryan & Banna Avenues
Griffith NSW 2680
Phone: (069) 624145
Open 7 days a week



The Festival Gardens



This year's 12 Festival gardens offer visitors a delightful mixture of old favourites and new. Old or new, each garden is sure to delight and provide you with a dazzling mixture of colour, sights and perfumes. The Festival gardens are open from 9.30am to 5.00pm. Entry prices are \$2.00 for entry to a single garden and \$15.00 for entry to all the gardens. Morning and afternoon teas \$3.00, lunch \$5.00.

Bruce & Julie Armstrong: "Corynnia Station", Carrathool. A large garden of contrasts with formal areas highlighted by terra-cotta statuary through to cottage style, complimented by "in the rough" Australian bush furniture. Style and simplicity are features with cool colours favoured. Hardy species are used in massed plantings with many new developments over the past year. Supporting: Goolgowi Public School
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea available

Myles & Elizabeth Bunn: "Jeanella", Goolgowi. The original garden has grown to two acres and features a framework of deciduous trees. Go one way and you are in a lush native garden - in another, beds are filled with David Austin roses, cottage plants and climbing roses. Other features include a white garden, orchard walk and a raised vegetable patch formed by old railway sleepers. Supporting: Cancer Patients Assistance Society
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea available

Nora & Bruno Ceccato: Farm 2380 Clark Rd. Yoogali. A 3/4 acre garden set amidst an orange grove. Nora's dream was a garden where she could work with plants and watch the results. Now there's over 300 rose bushes, numerous trees, shrubs - both native and exotic including azaleas, camellias and gardenias. There are many perennials, ground covers, irises, bulbs and annuals. Supporting: Griffith Base Hospital & the Leisure Gardens

Vincent & Jane Cercone: Farm 311 Prior Rd. Bilbul. This easy care garden, with expansive lawns, features mainly native gums and smaller plantings. Newer plantings compliment many of the original 60 year old trees. A feature of this garden is that the owners have been able to create a natural bush setting to compliment the more formal garden beds which feature a variety of roses. Supporting: Cancer Patients Assistance Society

Tarcisio & Domitilla Colla: 9 Lawford Cres. Griffith. The colourful garden, featuring many annuals has won 9 prizes in garden competitions. The initial design by landscape artist Kevin Sheridan included the use of local rock. This design has been extended with many exotic shrubs, bulbs and seedlings resulting in a magnificent kaleidoscope of colour, texture and variation. Supporting: Scalabrini Village
Morning & afternoon tea available

Dennis & Dianne Diehm: 624 Overs Rd. Griffith. A 4 acre open plan garden, where natives and exotics blend together. Designed with children in mind and a place of enjoyment for the owners. The man-made creek and pond gives the effect of having been part of the original landscape. A walk through native area is a haven for birds. Orchids are grown in the shade and glasshouses. Supporting: Griffith Branch Asthma Foundation
Morning & afternoon tea available

June & Keith Devery: 39 Curtin Street, Griffith. The "secret" garden hidden behind the house has evolved over many years through a labour of love and deep interest in gardening. An Aladdins cave, jam packed full of almost every conceivable type of flower, tree, shrub and plant. Meandering paths criss cross this delightful setting with each turn offering something new, colourful and different. Supporting: Community Leisure Garden

Tori Horder & Lawrence Salvestrin: "David Farm", Widgegill. Several acres of parkland with formal rose beds, perennials, walks and alleys help to create a peaceful ambience. New areas are under creative development featuring innovative design ideas. Sit quietly in the gazebo or on one of the many stoneware seats and benches dotted around this lovely tranquil garden. Supporting: St. Patrick's School
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea available

Pat & John Jones: "Yambiana" Yenda. Spacious lawns wind around curving garden beds harbouring stands of tall timber which give shelter and provide magnificent vistas. Background plantings, from exotics to natives, provide rich foliage and flower colour. The water tank, draped in climbing roses and the wine cask are features of this delightful, peaceful garden. Supporting: M.S. Society
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea available

Libby & Greg McWilliam: Temora Road, Yenda. Established 45 years ago by Greg's mother Elva the garden has grown in stages. The mature trees form the boundary to the garden as well as being prominent features. Near the house the garden is open and creates areas of different appeal. New plantings have been undertaken to replace older areas yet, the overall plan and style has been retained. Supporting: Griffith Brownies
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea available

Bruno & Joy Plos: 5 Maegraith Pl. Somerton Park. Belle Amour is a prize winning garden established in 1987. A haven for all seasons, with natives, conifers, maples, exotics and rare perennials. Arbours and arches are covered in David Austin roses, a lace iron bridge spans the pond. The gazebo invites you to enjoy the vista and tranquillity. New additions are tillandsias on mallee timber. Supporting: Griffith Lions Club
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea available

Shirley & Brian Walleit: "Kanbil" Watkins Ave. Griffith. The garden started as trees and lawn and has been developed with curving beds and plantings. Extensive use of perennials, shrubs and trees gives colour and texture throughout the year. The large lawn sits in perfect harmony with the historic homestead. Wide variety of plantings from roses, rhododendrons, camellias through to bulbs. Supporting: Cancer Patients Assistance Society
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea available

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Garden entry & tour details

The Visitors' Centre has details of all the gardens, special attractions and costs of tours. To assist, it is recommended entry tickets are purchased from the Visitors' Centre before proceeding to the gardens.

Tours:

- Friday: • Bilbul, Widgelli & Yenda
 Saturday: • **Vintage Car Tours** of city gardens, morning & afternoon
 • Cocoparra National Park Twilight Tour
 Sunday: • **Vintage Car Tours** of city gardens, morning & afternoon
 • Goolgowi & Carrathool
 Monday: • Griffith City Gardens

To ensure your seat, Book Early!

The proceeds from the Vintage Car Tours goes to the Cancer Patients Assistance Society.

Toilet facilities are available at the:

- Griffith Visitors' Centre
- CWA Rest Rooms, Banna Avenue
- Memorial Gardens, Banna Avenue
- All Festival gardens

Special Attractions

• Griffith Regional Art Gallery

An exhibition titled "Romancing the Vase" where the colours of silkscreen prints compliment glass whilst other items combine silver and glass for dramatic effect. Features glass worker Tricia Allen, silversmith Kerryn Kirkby and silkscreen printer Christine Cochrane.

• Pioneer Park Museum

Learn how Griffith was established and how irrigation changed the face of the local countryside. Featuring 36 historical buildings Pioneer Park is a museum with a difference.

Thursday 12 October

• 2RG Sidewalk Sale

A day when the main shopping centre of Griffith takes on a carnival air. 2RG broadcasts live from Banna Ave. and there are BBQs & sausage sizzles available throughout the day. Bargains & specials galore! A day for the dedicated shopper.

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 October

• Rose and Iris Show - in aid of PCYC Griffith Held at the CWA Hall, Banna Avenue.

Friday 13, Saturday 14 & Monday 16 Oct.

• Griffith Regional Theatre

The majestic soft sculptured theatre curtain vividly depicts the City of Griffith and surrounding countryside.

Saturday 14 October

• Anglican Church Fete

All the fun of a country fete with stalls, many featuring home made items including mouth watering jams and preserves.



Friday 13 to Monday 16 October

• Realist Artists of the Riverina

An exhibition of realist paintings, sales & demonstrations at MIRANDA WINES, Jondaryan Avenue, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Free Admission.

Saturday 14 October

• Cocoparra National Park Tour - 4.00pm

An informative twilight walking tour through the Park to enjoy the colours of spring wildflowers in the Australian bush. At the end of the tour relax over a delightful cup of billy tea.

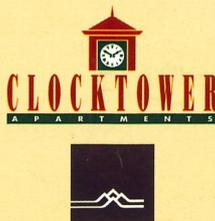
~ The Nurseries of Griffith ~

During the Festival take the time to visit the nurseries and orchid farms of Griffith. These professionals are experts in their field and can recommend what to plant and when, what is wrong with a plant, helpful advice on when to prune or fertilise. You never know, you might just find that elusive plant or gift idea you have been looking for as well as seeing many more colourful plants and ideas.

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