

# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

## From the Office of the Mayor



Gawaymbanha (Welcome).  
As I said during Council’s NAIDOC Week flag raising ceremony, I’ll do my best to incorporate the Wiradjuri language when I can to show respect for the Indigenous community.  
With the help of Uncle Stan Grant’s Wiradjuri Dictionary App I was able to welcome everyone to our most recent Council meeting. Please bear with me, I can only improve.  
It may take me a very long time to wrap my tongue around it properly, but if this year’s NAIDOC Week taught me anything, it’s that closing the gap has to start somewhere.  
It gave me great pleasure to officially open the new skate park on Saturday and meet some of the young people who will benefit from this facility.  
It was a fantastic day and although I didn’t actually go for a spin on it, I have it on good

authority that it was money well spent.  
For me, seeing the smiling faces of those using the new park, said it all. You only had to take one look at the kids as they whizzed past to see how much fun they were having. It’s taken a lot of hard work to get to get here and we are delighted with the end result.  
Thanks to everyone who played a part in making this project a reality, including those members of the community who provided valuable input at the planning and design stage.  
As I said on Saturday, moving the skate park to the new location is part of Council’s long-term plan. The old skate park will be removed and will eventually make way for a new 50 metre outdoor pool.  
However, to get to that stage we still have some serious work to do. In fact, we need

the community to help us.  
I’m inviting any interested residents to attend the Griffith Regional Sports Precinct community forum on Thursday 26 July, 2018 at Griffith Regional Theatre.  
We’ve been short-listed to apply for up to \$10 million in funding under the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund.  
We’d like to be able to construct a regional multisport facility at Westend Oval and to carry out redevelopments at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) including building a new 50m outdoor pool.  
We’ve only got a tight timeframe to consult on, prepare and submit a funding application, so it’s imperative that people turn up for this forum and provide input.  
It’s Local Government Week soon and I’ll be out and about around the City with Council staff so we can meet and talk with residents.

It’s important that we come to you to listen to your views, answer your questions and talk about the projects we are delivering for the community.  
We are kicking things off with Coffee with a Councillor at Griffith City Library on Monday 30 July at 10am and I look forward to meeting you there. During the week we also have Morning Tea with Seniors, a Volunteers’ Morning Tea and the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre will be offering free exercise classes.  
Until next time, keep warm.  
  
Regards,  
Emeritus Mayor, Cr John Dal Broi

## Have your say: Sports Forum

Residents are invited to attend a community forum on Thursday 26 July, 2018 at Griffith Regional Theatre at 6pm where Council will present what is proposed for the Griffith Regional Sports Precinct.  
Council has been short-listed to apply for up to \$10 million in funding under the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund to construct a regional multisport facility at Westend Oval and for redevelopments at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) which includes the construction of a new 50m outdoor pool.  
Council has until 31 August, 2018 to consult on, prepare and submit a funding application.  
As this is a very short timeframe it is vital that interested community members

turn up for this forum.  
Mayor John Dal Broi said the meeting would be an opportunity for locals to find out more about what is planned and to provide input.  
“I would urge as many residents as possible to attend this meeting,” said Mayor John Dal Broi  
“It is wonderful news for Griffith that we have progressed to this next stage. Community consultation will play a vital role in this process so it’s important we get lots of people there.”  
Developments at Westend include the extension and/or replacement of the existing Stadium, new netball courts, synthetic athletic tracks and hockey fields.  
Griffith City Council General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, said this Sporting Precinct project was potentially a \$24

million redevelopment for the city.  
“Local sporting associations have been involved up to this stage, now we need the general public to have their say,” said Mr Stonestreet.  
“Feedback received from previous consultation has shown that people are in favour of increased water space overall and for a 50-metre pool to be installed to cater for the recreational needs of the community.  
“This is something we have been working towards for some time so to be at this stage is exciting.”  
**Have your say on the future of sporting facilities in the city at the Griffith Regional Sports Precinct Community Forum on Thursday 26 July, 2018 at 6pm at Griffith Regional Theatre.**

## City’s economic activity stable

The results of Griffith’s latest Business Audit show confidence is on the rise.  
For the seventh consecutive year Griffith City Council’s Economic Development department has prepared a Business Audit for Griffith.  
The 2018 Business Audit illustrates that there is relatively stable economic activity in all precincts and villages across the Local Government Area (LGA).  
Despite a slight increase in closures and a number of businesses relocating within the LGA in comparison to previous years, the number of bricks and mortar businesses remains consistent.  
Council’s Director Economic and Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, said the audit indicates that vacancy rates in the main street retail precinct have increased in comparison to 2017 which is in line with current regional trends.  
“Council is always looking at ways we can encourage economic growth and activity and since we prepared this audit there have already been a number of new businesses open such as You Me Happy Mylk Bar, Little Italy Restaurant, Afghan Friendship Restaurant, Luna Wild and Spec Savers, with Kmart coming later this year,” said Mrs Donaldson.  
“Council continues to progress with the implementation of the CBD Strategy which will see the upgrade and transformation of Yambil Street, greatly improving the busi-

ness and shopping experience in this precinct.  
“Following on from this, Council is planning to rejuvenate Banna Avenue and Kooyoo Street to ensure our city retains a robust contemporary business character. The construction of the new skate park in Olympic Street, will also create an energised atmosphere in the area.”  
Council is exploring various ways to help attract visitors, building on events and attractions as well as seeking grant funding to construct a new outdoor pool facility and a major upgrade of the City’s sporting facilities and ovals.  
“These facilities will attract regional and state sports events which will in turn drive visitation to our City,” said Mrs Donaldson.  
“The Griffith Now Hiring campaign, which was driven and supported by Griffith City Council, together with local business partners, achieved excellent results. Council is working with local businesses to drive the continuation of this campaign to assist local businesses to grow by attracting skilled workers to our region.  
“Council is also continuing work on building efficient transport corridors with initiatives such as the Griffith Southern Industrial Link.”  
Meanwhile new statistics derived from Australian Bureau of Statistics as well as Australia’s leading economic modellers, NIEIR, also show a continuing upward trend for Griffith.

Griffith has seen a 2.3 per cent increase to its economy since the previous year, with the Gross Regional Product (GRP) estimated at \$1.72 billion in the year ending June 2017. The population forecast for 2018 is 26,764; estimated to grow to 30,507 by 2036.  
Mayor Dal Broi, who chairs Griffith City Council’s Business Development and Major Projects Committee, said the revised figures show promise.  
“This data is valuable because it enables us to make informed decisions when planning for the future,” Cr Dal Broi said.  
According to the figures there were 13,460 jobs located in the Griffith City in the year ending June 2017.  
The jobs to residents’ ratio for Griffith in 2016/17 was 1.02, meaning that there were more jobs than resident workers. Health Care and Social Assistance had the highest ratio (1.16), while the lowest ratio was found in Mining (0.25).  
In Griffith, Manufacturing is the largest employer, generating 2,528 local jobs in 2016/17.  
The Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry had the largest number of total registered businesses in Griffith, comprising 33.4 per cent of all total registered businesses, compared to 7.1 per cent in New South Wales.  
To find out more go to [economy.id.com.au/griffith](http://economy.id.com.au/griffith)



# Local Government Week

Council will celebrate NSW Local Government Week 2018 by holding a series of events, and is encouraging local residents to get involved.

Held from 30 July - 5 August 2018, Local Government Week provides the perfect opportunity for councils to showcase the breadth and diversity of their many services and initiatives available to the community. This year’s theme is Power of the Community.

Griffith Mayor, John Dal Broi, said the week was a great opportunity for locals to find out more about Council.

“Local Government Week provides the perfect opportunity to promote the importance of councils to residents, ratepayers, businesses – the whole community,” said Councillor Dal Broi.

“Most people are aware that councils manage rates, roads and rubbish, but the extent and range of work done by Council often goes unrecognised. This is a chance for us to showcase what else Council does.”

The week kicks off on Monday 30 July, 2018, with Griffith City Library’s “Coffee with a Councillor” event from 10am to 11am. Community members are invited to come along and speak to a Councillor. A light refreshment will be served and coffee will be provided by Peeches.

On Tuesday 31 July, 2018 Morning Tea with the Seniors Club will be held at Griffith Central, this is an invitation only event, with Councillors and Senior Management Team

speaking to the seniors at 10am.

Council’s Annual Volunteers’ Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 1 August, 2018, with Council volunteers invited to enjoy morning tea at the Burley Griffin Room, Griffith Regional Theatre from 9.30am - 11.30am.

To celebrate Local Government Week Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre will be offering a free class every day from Monday 30 July to Saturday 4 August, 2018.

**The free exercise classes will be:**

Monday 30 July - 8am Gentle Aqua

Tuesday 31 July - 6.05pm Zumba

Wednesday 1 August - 1.05pm Les Mills RPM

Thursday 2 August - 6.05pm Les Mills RPM

Friday 3 August 8.30am Gentle Exercise

Saturday 4 August 9am Les Mills BODYPUMP

Council’s Mini Action Day at Pioneer Park is also part of Local Government Week, but will be held on Friday 7 September, 2018 for Year 4 Primary School Students. All schools in the Local Government Area of Griffith are invited. The Tri-sports Challenge between Griffith High School, Wade High School and Marian Catholic College will be held later in the year.

For more information about our Local Government Week events contact Council on 6962 8100 or visit [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au) Or to find out more about the week <https://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-week>

## A night of laughter guaranteed

The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour will bring the crème de la crème of the 2018 Festival to Griffith on Thursday 9 August.

Expertly curated and lovingly presented, the Showcase will feature some of the Festival’s hottest acts live on stage for an incredible two hours of hard-hitting laughter.

Griffith Regional Theatre Manager, Raina Savage said, “Anyone who loves a good laugh is guaranteed a great night out with Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase. Boasting a line-up of veteran favourites, international stars, and some of the freshest new talents in the country, there really is something for everyone.”

“This jam-packed night of pure entertainment will leave everyone sore from belly laughs,” said Ms Savage.

The show features an impressive stable of out of control talent led by front man Justin Hamilton - an ebullient and exuberant well-known radio and TV character.

Then there’s Mike Merrill, all the way from the US, he’s charming, insightful, and incred-

ibly funny.

The line-up also includes David Williams - the unpredictable and energetic master of Aussie comedy. Chris Ryan - unapologetic and ruthlessly clever, his take no prisoners approach makes him one of Canberra’s funniest people.

Billy D’Arcy - laid back, likeable, and fast making a big name for himself; and Sam Taunton - one of the most exciting new voices in Australian comedy.

So call your pals and grab your tickets to one of the funniest nights of entertainment you will see all year. Don’t miss out on a huge night of laughs.

Performances contain coarse language and adult themes. Recommended for ages 15+ Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase is at Griffith Regional Theatre at 7.30pm on Thursday 9 August, 2018.

Tickets can be purchased from the Box Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visit [www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au](http://www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au)



Above: Master of Aussie comedy Dave Williams will be part of Sydney Comedy Festival’s hilarious line-up.



### 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:

#### General Labourer (Casual)

The purpose of the General Labourer is to provide general labouring skills to various council facilities and operations on a casual and as needed basis. This position would be suitable for people that undertake seasonal work or other casual employment.

The successful applicant must hold a current Class C licence or equivalent and a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card). Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application.

This is a casual position with commencement ordinary hourly rate \$24.38 plus 25 per cent casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 4). If you have any questions about the role please contact James Taliano on 6962 8100.

**Applications close 4pm, Friday 3 August, 2018.**

To apply or for more information, log on to [griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs](http://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.*

### ROAD CLOSURES

#### Brown Road

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, of the temporary closing of Brown Road between McNamara and Stevenson Road. Brown Road will be closed from 22 July 2018 to 13 August 2018 for upgrading of outlet by MIA Renewal Alliance. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic

will be available.

#### Stevenson Road

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the extension of the temporary closing of Stevenson Road between Brown Road and Gordon Road. Stevenson Road will remain closed until 6 August 2018 for the upgrade of M1 irrigation infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available

#### Tyson Road

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the extension of the temporary closing of Tyson Road between Cuninghams Road and Willow Dam Road. Tyson Road will remain closed until 6 August 2018 for the upgrade of M1 irrigation infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

#### Keely Road

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the temporary road closure of Keely Road between Wilga Road and Channel Access Road. Keely Road will be closed from 23 July to 12 August 2018 for the upgrade of M1 irrigation infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

#### Cuninghams Road

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the temporary road closure of Cuninghams Road between Willow Dam Road and Tyson Road. Cuninghams Road will be closed from 25 July to 17 August 2018 for the upgrade of M1 irrigation infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

#### Community Opinion Group (COG)

Council is committed to keeping residents informed and allowing them to have their say.

Would you like the latest Council news delivered to your inbox?

Would you like to give your opinion on Council policies or plans?

Keep up to date with what’s happening by subscribing to [Griffith.gov.nsw.au/cogsubscribe](mailto:Griffith.gov.nsw.au/cogsubscribe)



LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
WEEK

2018

30 July -  
5 August

The Power of Community

#### Monday 30 July

##### Griffith City Library’s Coffee with a Councillor 10am - 11am

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#### Tuesday 31 July

##### Morning Tea with the Seniors Club - Invitation Only 10am

Councillors and Senior Management Team will speak to seniors at Griffith Central Plaza.

#### Wednesday 1 August

##### Council’s Annual Volunteers’ Morning Tea - Invitation Only 9.30am - 11.30am

Council volunteers will enjoy morning tea at the Burley Griffin Room, Griffith Regional Theatre, with entertainment and guest speakers.

#### Monday 30 July - Saturday 4 August

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#### And later in 2018

Mini Action Day at Pioneer Park for Year 4 students - Friday 7 September

Tri-sports Challenge between the three local high schools (date to be confirmed)

**For more details, head to [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au)**

