

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Message from Councillor Dino Zappacosta

May I wish you all the compliments of the season, I trust the year has been an enjoyable and productive year for you. I hope for those members in our community who have had a difficult year, receive a respite in 2019. Undoubtedly the drought we are currently going through has caused many hardships to many. The inability for our farmers to plant certain crops due to lack of water allocations and the poor rainfall for dry area farmers is starting to show its affects. Recently I attended a water conference in Armidale and had the opportunity to speak to the local Federal Government member, Mr Barnaby Joyce, on the need for more dams to be built to overcome water shortages.

His response wasn't very encouraging but did acknowledge we must continue to pursue more dam building. He agreed our push to have the walls of the Burrinjuck Dam extended has merits. Whilst we were in the region we toured the Clarence River Catchment Area to further obtain information on the need to divert some of the Clarence water inland to the Darling River. The Thorne Road Roundabout on the Kidman Way to Hanwood has been a long drawn-out construction site. Hopefully the roundabout will be opened both sides of the Kidman Way, before the Christmas break. We must thank the public for their patience during the last six months. Council is also negotiating with the Roads and

Maritime Services to upgrade the whole Kidman Way to Hanwood. This southern arterial road to Griffith is the busiest road to the city. The Christmas lights competition is again proving very popular. It is very encouraging to see so many residences all decorated with lights, many have gone to great lengths to brighten up our Christmas period. Council has again erected the Christmas tree in Memorial Park, some shopkeepers have added the Christmas theme to their premises. Our community radio 2MIA FM, is also playing Christmas carols down Banna Avenue. Talking about creating more Christmas spirit, I intend to raise this issue with

Council in the New Year. There needs to be a planned program of displays and activities etc leading into the festive season. I would suggest community input, Business Chamber involvement, Service Clubs, religious groups and any others, to drive such a program. Finally, I trust you have an enjoyable festive season. If you are driving, please take care.



Regards,
Councillor,
Dino Zappacosta

Make sure you have a Plan B

With the Christmas party season now in full swing across Griffith, residents are being reminded of the need to plan ahead to get home safely. Last year 55 people were killed because someone drove after having too much to drink. Tough new laws now apply to offences committed. These are the next steps in a series of reforms to tackle drink driving as part of the Government's Road Safety Plan 2021. Under the new laws, if you're a mid-range drink driver you will be ordered by the Court to spend at least three months off the road and will now need to have an alcohol interlock installed in your vehicle for at least 12 months.

Interlocks are breath test devices linked to the ignition of a vehicle that stop it from starting if alcohol is detected. Following their disqualification period if a driver decides not to install an interlock they will remain disqualified for five years or until such time as they install an interlock in a nominated vehicle. Interlocks work by acting as a physical barrier that stops a driver from offending again. It means offenders can get their licence back after serving time off the road, but only if the community can be confident that they have a zero alcohol limit and interlock to separate their drinking from driving. Changes to the vehicle sanc-

tions scheme also started on Monday 3 December. If you're a repeat, high risk drink driver, Police will now have the power to take your number plates or vehicle on the spot. It's time to stop the excuses. Driving is a privilege not a right and it's time all drivers took this responsibility seriously. NSW Police will also be out in force this holiday period performing random breath and drug testing across the state. If you're having a drink, don't risk it, plan ahead and find another way home. Catch a cab or organise for a friend or family member to give you a lift home. Whatever you do, don't drink and drive.

Enjoy A Touch of Christmas



Above: Talented Leeton performer John Martin will delight at the Griffith Regional Theatre as part of A Touch of Christmas on Tuesday 18 December. Don't miss this festive celebration of musical fun the whole family will enjoy.

Griffith Regional Theatre invites everyone to join them for a festive celebration on Tuesday, 18 December from 10am. Featuring some of the region's best loved musical theatre stars, A Touch of Christmas, is a family friendly, frequently funny and fabulously festive way to farewell the year and celebrate the festive season. Leeton legends John Martin and his son Jack will take the audience on a delightful journey through some of the world's best loved show tunes, musical theatre classics, and plenty of popular carols and Christmas songs. Special guest Simone Crossley – star of Beauty and the Beast and Wicked, will join them on stage, bringing some added glamour to the show with an array of gorgeous gowns to complement her soaring vocals.

Griffith Regional Theatre Manager, Raina Savage said, "This will be a cheeky, chirpy and very cheery Christmas show with some genuinely touching moments." "We love to support and showcase our fantastic local talent so we invite our audiences, young and old, to celebrate the holiday season with three of our best loved local performers," Ms Savage said. Guests are invited to a complimentary morning tea before the show from 10am, with bonbons, Christmas cake and maybe a cheeky glass of sherry. If you want to get into the spirit of the season, come along and enjoy A Touch of Christmas on Tuesday, 18 December. All tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from the Box

Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visit www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au The Griffith Regional Theatre Box Office will be closed from 21 December 2018 and will re-open 14 January 2019. Keep an eye out in the New Year to discover the exciting line up of acts heading to Griffith throughout 2019 including Dusty & the Divas. Featuring the most popular Divas of the 1960s and 1970s - Dusty Springfield, Cilla Black, Edith Piaf, Connie Francis, Lulu, Petula Clark, Sandie Shaw and many more. This show will take place on Friday, 22 February 2019 11am. Griffith Regional Theatre is a cultural facility of Griffith City Council and is proudly sponsored by Griffith City Volkswagen.





NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS DETERMINED – November 2018
(Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979, s. 101)
(Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000, CL. 124)

DA No.	Address	Description
436/2007(2)	61 Beaumont Road Hanwood	Two lot Torrens title subdivision
168/2017(2)	8 Beal Street Griffith	Two lot Torrens title subdivision
181/2017	6-8 Mackay Avenue Griffith	Redevelopment of Service Station
215/2017(2)	9-13 Belford & 12A Couch Road Griffith	Construction of backpackers' accommodation & residential development
60/2018(2)	17-23 Benerembah Street, & 6-8 Neville Place Griffith	Add an additional disabled toilet, extension to existing first floor
153/2018	16 Bringagee Street Griffith	Change of use & two lot Strata Title subdivision
159/2018(2)	18 Noorebar Avenue Griffith	Dwelling alteration & addition
40/2018	25-27 Sangster Crescent Hanwood	Building extension to vehicle body repair workshop
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181/2018	18A Wyangan Avenue Griffith	Tourist & Visitor Accommodation - Air BnB
191/2018	13-15 Ulong Street Griffith	Dwelling
195/2018	72 Ireland Road Bilbul	Dwelling
212/2018	9 Macarthur Street Griffith	Secondary dwelling
217/2018	Lot 407 DP 751709 Eipper Road Yoogali	Two lot Torrens title subdivision
220/2018	4 Scremin Grove Griffith	Dwelling
224/2018	Lot 551 DP 751728 & Lot 2 DP 1130693 Sanders Road & McDonald Road Bilbul	Boundary adjustment
225/2018	Lot 1 DP 1064672 & Lot 2 DP 1158804 Murray Road Yoogali	Boundary adjustment
227/2018	30 Bartholomew Road Yoogali	Farm machinery storage shed
228/2018	120 Mackay Avenue Yoogali	Shed
231/2018(2)	Lot 221 DP 756035 Slopes Road Tharbogang	Machinery shed
234/2018	8 Jackson Place Yoogali	Dwelling, shed & front fence
237/2018	21 Wood Road Griffith	Dwelling alterations & additions
238/2018	32 Leaver Street Yenda	Shed with awning
244/2018	74 Macarthur Street Griffith	Shed
251/2018	16 South Lake Drive Lake Wyangan	Pool
578/2018	2E Fonte Place Griffith	Dwelling

Copies of the development consents for the development applications listed above are available for public inspection free of charge at Council's Administration Building located at 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, during normal business hours.



PUBLIC NOTICES
Provision of Ranger Services (Parking Compliance and Enforcement Action)
Tender 18 -18 / 19

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the provision of ranger services (parking compliance and enforcement action). Tenders close on Thursday, 10 January 2019 at 2pm. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on www.tenderlink.com/griffith

Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533.

Tenders may be lodged by email at www.tenderlink.com/griffith, hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

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

Pound & Rehoming Centre Working Group
The Griffith Pound & Rehoming Centre Working Group requires community representation for the following:

- Explore opportunities and investigate programs that could be implemented to reduce the number of animals being abandoned, for example:
 - Affordable de-sexing of animals
 - Promotion of the value of de-sexing animals in the community
 - Further development and promotion of foster care arrangements
 - Promotion of adoption of abandoned animals
 - The promotion of the importance of microchipping and registering of animals
- Those interested in being part of this Group are encouraged to nominate now.

Nomination forms are available from Council's administration office and on Council's website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Mrs Kirsty McKenzie on 6962 8183.

Please return nominations as soon as possible. These should be addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.



Christmas in the Park

Join us as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas
Enjoy carols with family and friends
Saturday 22 December 2018
Memorial Park Griffith
7.30pm
Bring your own chair or rug

Presented by One in Christ Fellowship & LifeSource Church



Christmas and New Year Closures 2018/2019...

Council would like to advise residents that the Council administration offices at 1 Benerembah Street and Council Depot will be closed for the period of 1pm Monday, 24 December 2018 to Tuesday 1 January 2019 inclusive and will re-open for business on Tuesday 2 January 2019.

All other closures are listed below.
Griffith Regional Art Gallery

The Griffith Regional Art Gallery will be closed from 21 December 2018 and will re-open 14 January 2019.

Griffith Regional Theatre

The Box Office will be closed from 21 December 2018 and will re-open 14 January 2019.

Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre

Monday 24 December (Christmas Eve) 6am-6pm (Pool & Gym)
Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December - Boxing Day CLOSED
Thursday 27 December 6am-8pm (Normal Trading Hours)

Friday 28 December 6am-8pm (Normal Trading Hours)
Saturday 29 December 8am-6pm
Sunday 30 December 10am-5pm
Monday 31 December 6am-6pm (Pool & Gym)
Tuesday 1 January (Public Holiday) CLOSED
As from Wednesday, 2 January 2019 normal summer trading hours resume. Crèche will be open 9am-12pm over the school holidays excluding public holidays. Check with the Centre regarding Aerobics classes during the school holidays.
Pioneer Park Museum
Closed 21 December 2018 and will re-open on 2 January 2019.

Griffith Sports Stadium
Closed 21 December 2018 and will re-open 7 January 2019.

Griffith Visitor Information Centre
Monday 24 December - 10am-3pm
Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day - CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December-Boxing Day - CLOSED
Thursday 27 December-10am-3pm
Friday 28 December- 10am-3pm

Saturday 29 December- 10am- 3pm
Sunday 30 December - CLOSED
Monday 31 December 10am- 3pm
Tuesday 1 January (Public Holiday) CLOSED
Griffith City Library
Monday 24 December - 9am-5pm
Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day - CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December - Boxing Day - CLOSED
Thursday 27 December - 9am - 5pm
Friday 28 December - 9am - 5pm
Saturday 29 December- 9am - 4pm
Sunday 30 December - CLOSED
Monday 31 December- 9am -5pm
Tuesday 1 January (Public Holiday)- CLOSED
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 14 December 2018 and will re-open 7 January 2019.
Tharbogang Waste Management Centre

Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day CLOSED
Wednesday 26 December - Boxing Day CLOSED
Tuesday 1 January - New Year's Day - CLOSED
Yenda Waste Management Centre
Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day - CLOSED
Tuesday 1 January - New Year's Day - CLOSED
Garbage 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 Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day holidays. Garbage bins need to be put out the night before as usual.
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)