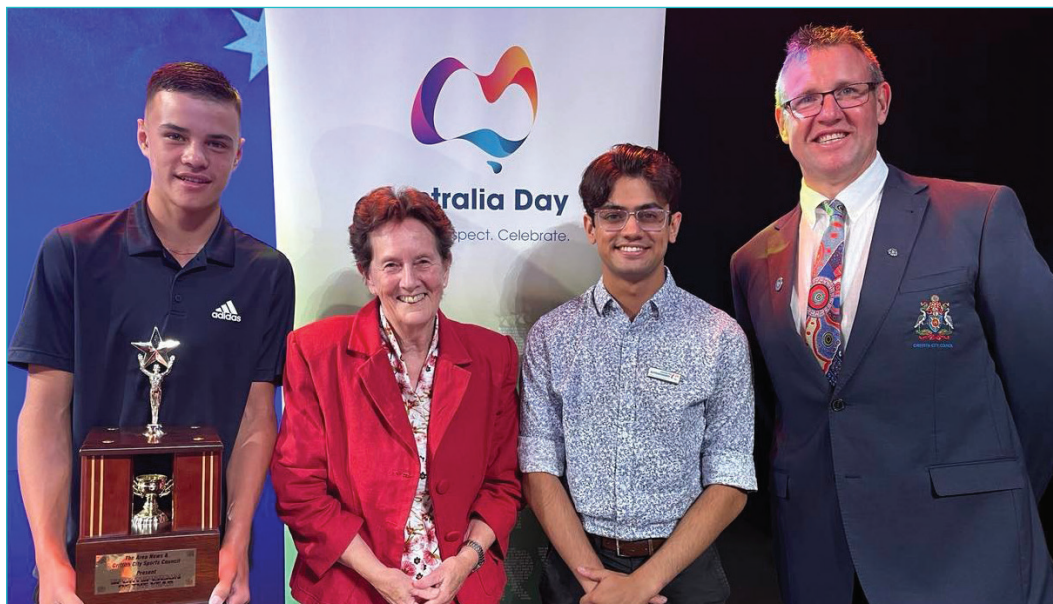


COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Griffith's Australia Day winners announced



Above: Australia Day Sportsman of the Year Jack Johns, Citizen of the Year Sister Patricia Johnson, Ambassador Khushaal Vyas and Mayor Doug Curran.

Sister Patricia Johnson has been named Griffith's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, in what was a hotly contested category. Sister Patricia was presented with the top Australia Day honour on Thursday, 26 January 2023 during the official ceremony, held at the Griffith Regional Theatre. She received the accolade for her dedication, passion and commitment to supporting the residents of Griffith and surrounds, volunteering more than 25 hours per week to assist the community through various projects and initiatives. Sister Patricia relocated from Griffith in 2022, marking an end to an incredible service to Griffith which included working with the local Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community, teaching at Western Riverina Community College, coordinating in the Griffith Women on Fire project, and working with the Pioneer

community to establish a community centre. She was instrumental in assisting refugees settle here in Griffith and will be greatly missed.

Griffith Mayor, Doug Curran congratulated Sister Patricia and the other worthy award recipients. He also acknowledged the 64 new citizens from 17 countries.

"On behalf of the Griffith community, I congratulate Sister Patricia and all of the other worthy winners," Councillor Curran said.

"The Australia Day awards are an important way we can pay tribute to the commitment and dedication of individuals and groups across Griffith that go above and beyond to support our community."

"All those nominated deserve recognition for the hard work and dedication to their community," said Councillor Curran.

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Australia Day Award Winners

- Citizen of the Year – Sister Patricia Johnson
- Young Citizen of the Year – Zavian Williams
- Community Project of the Year – Griffith Women on Fire
- Local Hero Award – Carrah Lymer
- Young Sportsman of the Year – Jack Johns
- Sports Team of the Year – Murrumbidgee Regional High School U14s Rugby League Team
- Sportsman of the Year – Blake Testoni
- Clubperson of the Year – Micheal Crosato
- Overall Sportsman of the Year – Jack Johns



Australia Day Local Hero - Carrah Lymer



The Oppermans were among the 64 new citizens welcomed on Australia Day.



Sports Team of the Year - Murrumbidgee Regional High U14s Rugby League Team.

Dive in Movie makes a splash in the lead up to Australia Day

Despite the stormy weather, around 150 residents made their way to the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) last Saturday to enjoy the Dive in Movie experience.

The free event, featuring the

film, DC League of Super Pets, was a big hit.

Thanks to all those who attended the event and enjoyed the experience proudly presented by Griffith City Council and the Australia Day Council.



Performers wanted for musical

Calling all performers! We're excited to announce auditions for our upcoming community production of The Wedding Singer are now open, and we want you to join the cast!

We are looking for talented actors, singers, and dancers to bring this romantic comedy to life. The production is open to everyone (over 16 years of

age) who is interested in being part of the show. All levels of experience are welcome. If you are interested in auditioning, read the audition pack and submit an application by Tuesday 7 February. Auditions will be held Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February at Griffith Regional Theatre. All the info can be found on the website griffithregionaltheatre.com.au



Don't miss the full wrap up of our Survival Day event in next week's Council Catch Up.

Griffin Green housing project reaches new milestone

Argyle Housing and Griffith City Council's Griffin Green Project has reached a new milestone with 20 townhouses taking shape, civil works well underway and preparations for the remediation of Dave Taylor Park to commence in the coming weeks.

When complete, the \$12M Griffin Green Affordable Housing Project will see 20 townhouses and more than 42 housing lots built around Dave Taylor Park, to help address the housing shortage and provide affordable housing options and a way to enter the competitive home ownership market in Griffith.

Griffin Green has been funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (\$6M), Griffith City Council (\$3M), and Argyle Housing (\$3M).

Carolyn Doherty, Argyle Housing CEO said it was good to see this progress being made.

"At this stage we can see the 20 townhouses going up and additional civil construction, which includes things like storm water, sewer and pavements extended," said Ms Doherty.

"We are extremely happy with the way things are progressing and looking forward to when we can bring the community together further under the Community Hub."

Following the end of the school holidays, residents are

advised Dave Taylor Park will be closed in preparation for a new playground and facilities, including public toilets, basketball court complete with lighting and a large open green space featuring an Indigenous Garden.

A new Community Hub will also be constructed by Argyle Housing. From Wednesday, 1 February 2023 the site will be fenced off and residents are urged to avoid the area.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said work on the playground had been planned to coincide with the return to school, to minimise disruption to local families using the park.

"We are looking at ways we can reduce the impact on the children using Dave Taylor Park," said Councillor Curran.

"The basketball court and playground equipment design is the result of community consultation undertaken around 12 months ago. I'm looking forward to seeing everything in place and young people enjoying the new facilities."

Argyle Housing and Council are investigating ways to provide local children with alternative activities while works are carried out on the playground and basketball court. Argyle Housing and Griffith City Council would like to thank the community for their cooperation and understanding while these works are undertaken.



Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE) virus detected in Griffith



Residents are encouraged to take measures to protect themselves against mosquito bites following the detection of Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE) virus in mosquitoes in Griffith this week. MVE virus is spread by mosquitoes from infected animals to humans. Rarely, it causes severe neurological illness with headache, convulsions and reduced consciousness in some cases. The virus cannot be transmitted between humans, and people cannot get the virus by touching an infected animal or eating animal products. No humans have contracted MVE this summer, but it has been detected in mosquitoes during monitoring in Griffith and other places such as Menindee. Find out more www.health.nsw.gov.au

Athletics track officially opened



The Griffith Regional Sports Centre's new athletics track was officially opened on Sunday, with the 52nd MIA Athletics Championships held.



Message from Mayor Curran

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success" Edward Everett Hale



I can't believe we are almost one month into the new year. It is going so quickly as did most of 2022.

There is so much that has happened over the last few weeks and even more coming up, let's have a quick look.

Of course, yesterday was Australia Day and we held a citizenship ceremony for 64 new residents from 17 different countries.

Thank you one and all for choosing Griffith as your new home, we hope you feel welcome and safe in our wonderful community.

Well done to all the nominees and winners of the Australia Day Awards, it is a great honour to be nominated and thank you also for all of the work you do for our community.

Another great Survival Day event has been held in conjunction with the Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) yesterday.

I'd like to thank everyone that came along to pay their respects on the day.

Likewise, the Yarruwala Yalul Always Festival at Griffith City Park yesterday, thank you to the performers and residents for attending these important cultural events.

While mentioning the GRALC, a very successful Dive in Movie event was held on 21 January

and we truly hope we can roll more of these exciting initiatives out for all of our residents but particularly our youth who are so important for our future.

Lastly, but certainly not least, the huge weekend of sport we have coming up in Griffith from February 4.

We have the Brumbies playing the Waratahs at the Griffith Exies Oval, there will be a meet and greet with the Brumbies players in Kooyoo Street at 5pm on Friday 3 February also.

On the same weekend we have a regional athletics carnival at the new Griffith Regional Sports Centre, the Southern Inland Swimming Association and Speedo Championships at the pool and a basketball gala day on inside the new stadium. There will be no shortage of events to support that weekend, please get out and enjoy these sensational events run by our wonderful volunteers in Griffith. Stay safe, stay well and above all else be kind.

Bye for now,
Mayor Doug Curran



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Mechanic
(Permanent)

Electrical Technician
(Permanent)

Customer Service Officer - GRALC
(Part Time - (Readvertised))
Applications close 6 February 2023

Road Safety and Traffic Officer
(Term appointment until 30 June 2025)
Applications close 13 February 2023



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Apply online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs

Public Notification

Classification of Land

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council resolved to classify Lot 7302 DP 1153284, Mallee Street, Hanwood as operational land.

The land is being purchased for the construction of a levee bank. Submissions should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au or via Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Thursday 9 February 2023**.

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 1300 176 077.

Adoption of Plan of Management – Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets)

Pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with Section 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, Griffith City Council resolved to adopt the Plan of Management – Community Services Precinct (Kookora & Benerembah Streets).

For further information contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer on 1300 176 077.

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

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

Walla Avenue between Mansell Road and Bromley Road and Thorne Road between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue will remain closed until Friday 30 June 2023, with Walla Ave anticipated to be opening to traffic by end of June 2023. Walla Avenue and Thorne Road will be closed for the Construction of Stage 5b, 5a and 4b of the Great Southern Industrial Link Project by Griffith City Council. Detours around the site and access for heavy vehicles will be provided.

Bromley Road and Butler Road between Bromley Road and Snaidero Road will remain closed until the end of June 2023 for the construction of the remaining section of Bromley Road and extension of Thorne Road between Bromley Road and Walla Avenue, Upgrade of Thorne Road between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue and the construction of the roundabout at Thorne Road and Murrumbidgee Avenue intersection. During the road closure motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

Kooyoo Street between Banna Avenue and Yambil Street will be closed until 28 February 2023. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available.

Banna Lane between Kooyoo Street and Jondaryan Avenue will be closed from 13 December 2022 until 28 February 2023. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available.

Mallee Street, Hanwood between Kidman Way and Wattle Street. Mallee Street will be closed from Wednesday 18 January until 17 April 2023 for Griffith City Council to conduct works on drainage infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.

Druitt Road, Lake Wyangan, Between Lakes Road and Boorga Road will be closed from Tuesday 24 January to 24 April 2023 for Griffith City Council to conduct works on drainage infrastructure. A full road closure will be in place. with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic only.

Barber Road between Brogden Road and Twaddell Road and Drew Road between Woodside Road and Barber Road.

Barber Road and Drew Road will be closed until **Monday 31 July 2023** for the upgrade and sealing of Barber Road by Griffith City Council.

Local residents and local businesses are advised to use alternative accesses during the construction period. Detour will be via Brogden Road, Bringagee Road and Twaddell Road.

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

DA Number: 204/2022(1)	Applicant: Planningmatters Development Service
Address: Lot 546 DP 751709 11573 Kidman Way GRIFFITH	
Description: New commercial development - mixed use development – 8 x Specialised Retail & 2 x Drive thru food premises	

Copies of the Development Application 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 3 February 2023**.

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 – www.griffith.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on Friday 3 February 2023**. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number.

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.



The ACT Brumbies will take on the Waratahs at the Exies Oval in Griffith on Saturday 4 February 2023.

The action will kick off with the ACT Brumbies W taking on the Adelaide Black Falcons at 4.30pm followed by the Brumbies against Waratahs at 6.30pm. Come down to Kooyoo Street on Friday 3 February 2023 from 5pm to 6pm to meet the players, get your kit signed and wish them well.