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Council receives accolades at the NSW Local Government Awards

Griffith City Council was recognised at the 2022 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards held in Sydney last week, receiving highly commended awards for recently completed projects.

The NSW Local Government Excellence Awards, held annually, celebrate outstanding achievements across Local Government that promote innovation and improvement within the community. Awards categories cover various local government responsibilities, including asset and infrastructure, development, community partnerships and many more.

Council's Urban Development Team took home a Highly Commended for the Griffith Community Centre in the Asset and Infrastructure Award (Projects over \$1.5mil). Council, along with members of the Neighbourhood House executive had been lobbying the NSW Government for more than 10 years to build a new Community Centre to service the ever-expanding needs of the Griffith Community.

In March 2019, Council was notified that

a \$3.65M grant application from the NSW Government was successful, and the long awaited dream was to become a reality. The Country Universities Centre - Western Riverina and Griffith City Council then came together to increase the footprint of the proposed building, adding \$1.3M to create a centralised 'one stop shop' for members of the Griffith community.

The Glow2680 Team were awarded a Highly Commended in the Supporting Local Enterprise category. Glow2680 is a festive season campaign developed by Council to support the community and local business to reinvigorate after a year of lockdowns. This project was a true team effort, with multiple teams across Council represented.

A series of events held throughout the Christmas period were designed to activate the CBD, as well as encourage participation and rebuild community spirit and connectivity with all residents, including those in outlying villages.

Meanwhile Council's Rural Management Challenge Team; The Griffith Game Changers

took out third place.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran, said he is delighted to see Council do so well.

"To be considered among the top councils in NSW and have our projects recognised at a state level is a wonderful achievement," Councillor Curran said.

"Our projects benefit the community and these awards acknowledge we are on the right track to further grow our city and provide a great lifestyle."

General Manager Brett Stonestreet congratulated staff on their efforts.

"I am extremely proud of staff as they continue to work tirelessly and go above and beyond for our community," he said.

Council was also named a finalist in the following categories:

- Stuart McWilliam Stage - in the category Asset and Infrastructure - Under \$1.5 million.
- Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) - 50M Olympic Outdoor Swimming Pool - in the category Asset and Infrastructure - Over \$1.5 million



Businesses join Mayor for an economic update on the Griffith Region



Local business and industry associates joined Griffith City Council Mayor Doug Curran for an economic update on the Griffith region on Tuesday.

Businesses and community groups heard firsthand from Katrina Houghton from .id (Informed Decisions) provided an overview of the economic changes which have occurred in our area between 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

The presentation included details regarding changes to local jobs, gross regional product as well as a breakdown of industry changes.

Each year .id releases their annual State of the Region's economic dataset.

This national dataset provides economic and employment data for every Local Government Authority (LGA) in Australia, including Griffith City Council.

With the economic disruption over the last few years, this dataset was one of .id's most significant

releases, as local economies work towards recovery.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran, said it was a good opportunity for businesses interested in the state of the economy to hear what the real impacts of COVID are and where we are now.

"Now that new census data is available, it was great to have an expert advice and the figures explained and for us to have questions answered," Councillor Curran said.

"This event was part of ongoing community consultation with relevant sectors on items of particular interest to them.

"It was wonderful to see so many interested people attend. I think we all walked away better-informed having had the data explained."

The Lunch with Mayor Curran event was held in the Griffith City Library Multipurpose Room, with more than 20 in attendance.

Council school-based trainees named finalists in training awards

Two Griffith City Council School-Based Trainees have been named finalists in the 2022 NSW Training Awards.

Antoinette Galluzzo and Wil Donaldson are finalists in the School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year category and will be heading to the regional conference at the Griffith Regional Theatre on 9 June, where the winner will be announced.

Antoinette works in the Customer Service Department of Council and is Studying Certificate II in Business through Marian Catholic College and Wil works at the Griffith Aquatic Leisure Centre gym Studying Certificate III in Fitness through Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

Council's General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, said both students should be extremely proud, after progressing through the rigorous

application and interview process. "I want to congratulate them and wish them all the very best of luck," Mr Stonestreet said.

"Council is committed to identifying traineeships and work experience programs to help secure the future of local students by providing on the job training, encouraging them to kick start their careers here in Griffith."

themselves up for the career they want while completing their HSC," he said.

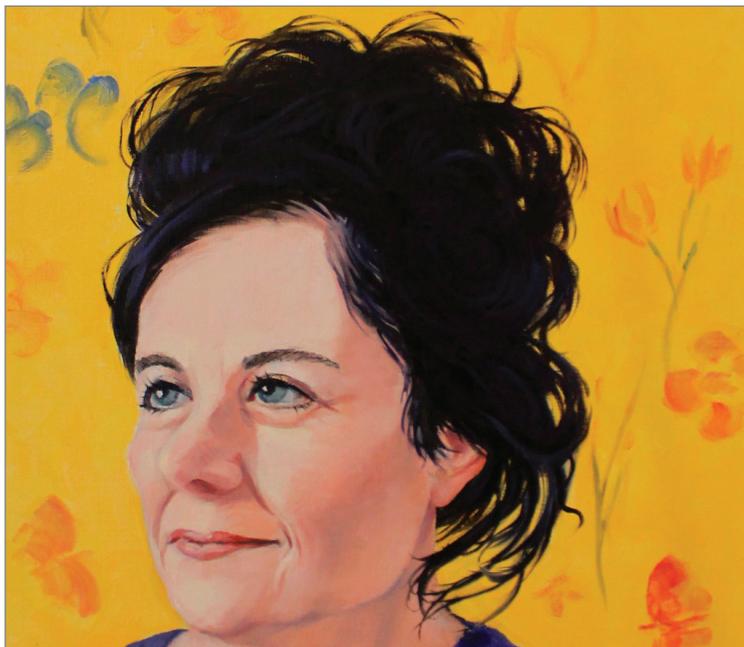
"It is important that Council helps play a role in growing our own."

Mr Stonestreet said it was good to see the achievements of two of Council's young employees recognised.

School Based Trainees must complete studies and 100 days of work experience during the 2 years of the traineeship.



Open sessions are back at Art Gallery



A series of art workshops called Open Sessions are on offer from June at the Gallery for people to delve into a preferred discipline or to try something new.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery Coordinator, Ray Wholohan said, "Following the success of our first Open Sessions, we are excited to continue to present the community once again a varied collection of programs that will focus on some of the core art disciplines."

Last term's Open Sessions included a combination of art talks, demonstrations and workshops with art forms ranging from Digital Art to Sculpture delivered by local artists.

"All the sessions were booked out due to their popularity. We received some wonderful feedback from participants, some being regular Gallery attendees and some new faces too. We're looking forward to delivering many more engaging Open Sessions," Mr Wholohan said.

The Gallery has invited back local artist Rhonda Miranda to offer a four-week workshop on portraiture and oil painting.

Participants will bring in a portrait photograph of their choice and will discover the process of creating a completed piece in oils throughout the course.

The Gallery's Public Programs Officer, Melanie Toscan said, "We developed the sessions to offer the community a space to explore their preferred art disciplines or the opportunity to experience something completely new. We're so pleased to have local artist Rhonda Miranda back offering her invaluable experience and knowledge."

Other programs during this term will feature artists from within the Gallery's own staff with Gallery Coordinator, Raymond Wholohan, offering a music and art session and Ms Toscan providing textile art sessions on felting and embroidery. Open Sessions are available to those 16 years and over and the first session will commence 6pm Wednesday 1 June with Rhonda Miranda teaching portraiture and oils. Tickets can be purchased at the Gallery or online at griffithregionalartgallery.com.au

Message from Mayor Doug Curran

Welcome to Winter, please stay safe and warm, between Covid and the Flu it's a bad time to be unwell.

There seems to be an uptake in flu cases across this country, and I would like to encourage everyone to stay home if you are unwell, remember to socially distance where possible, and wash/sanitise your hands.

NSW Health announced this week that a free flu jab will be available to all NSW residents in a month-long blitz from June 1 in an effort to combat this year's expected severe influenza season.

With a sharp increase in flu cases already, the NSW Government will fund flu vaccinations at GPs and pharmacies until June 30.

If you are able to get the flu shot, please consider making an appointment.

I am hearing so many good things from inside Council but also from the community about our new Councillors and how well Council is currently operating. Thank you for the feedback and please keep it coming - good or bad, we need to hear from you and ensure we are on the right track.

This week has been a very important week being National Reconciliation Week. The theme for 2022 is Be Brave. Make Change. A quote from www.reconciliation.org.au that resonates with me is, "The real work of reconciliation happens in our everyday actions and interactions; where we live, work, learn and socialise."

This week we discussed the 2022/23 budget, both on-line and in person through the COG. Thank you to everyone who participated and asked questions about the budget.

It is obviously a very important aspect of what the Council does annually, and we excited to be able to share our plans for the



forthcoming financial year with you all. A copy of the online presentation can be found on our Facebook page. If you are interested please take a look. Feel free to reach out to Councillors if you have any questions or suggestions.

We have adopted our committee membership and structure and those committees should start meeting almost immediately. Council committees are a great way of Councillors and staff receiving input into the future of Griffith.

Finally, but certainly most importantly in my opinion this week is the excellent work done by our Griffith City Council staff. I was lucky enough to attend the Local Government Professionals awards in Sydney last week with some of our excellent staff. Griffith City Council received a highly commended for our new Community Centre and the Glow2680 event, I am sure the community is benefiting from both of these sensational projects. Then our team of Joe Barbaro, Brittany Everett, Mandy Grewal and James Tomarchio took out 3rd in the Rural Management Challenge, competing against some much larger councils, these individuals are the future of Griffith City Council, and the future looks bright.

Thank you for now, stay safe and look after each other, cheers.

**Until next time,
Cr Doug Curran**

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Public Notification

Endorsement of the Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026, Draft Operational Plan (Budget) 2022/23 and Draft Resourcing Strategy

- Draft Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/26 Incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2022/2023
- Draft Resourcing Strategy consists of:
 - Ten Year Long-Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 to 2031/32
 - Draft Workforce Management Plan 2022/2023 to 2025/2026
 - Draft Asset Management Plan 2022/23 to 2031/32

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 10 May 2022, Council resolved to place the abovementioned Plans on public exhibition as part of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework requirements. The draft Plans may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.com.au/onexhibition

Anyone wishing to make comment on the above documents can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council.

Council will host an online information session via Facebook followed by an interactive question and answer session on Wednesday 1 June 2022 at 5pm.

A Special Budget COG Meeting/Presentation will also be held on Thursday 2 June 2022, 6pm at Griffith City Library.

Submissions received will be included in a report to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. 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 successful lodging of your online submission will be acknowledged upon completion. You will not receive an individual response to your submission however, any related commentary will be addressed when a full report is presented to Council following the closing period.

Comments or submissions received up to **4pm Friday 10 June 2022.**

Draft Plan of Management – North Griffith Precinct Parks (Circle Park, French Park, Wood Park, Coates Park, Jubilee Park, Ieraci Park, Jacka Park, Kinkead Park, Noel Hogan Park, Ryan Park, Ortella/Gordon Avenue Park)

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for North Griffith Precinct Parks is currently on exhibition until Tuesday 31 May 2022. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday 14 June 2022** and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680 or via email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au. Please note that any submission may be included in the Council business paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council. The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Mrs Daphne Bruce on 6962 8100.

Draft Plan of Management – Collina Precinct Parks (McIvor Park, Jiggins Park, Manser Park, Jessie Farrell Park, Chandler Park, Dei Agnoli Park)

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Classification of Land

Pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council resolved to classify Lot 1 DP 1280820, North Kooba Settlers Road, Willbriggie as operational land. The land was transferred to Council for construction of Kooba Rural Fire Brigade Station. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Friday 17 June 2022** and should be forwarded to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW via email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au or online at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. 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.



To view items on exhibition, scan the QR code



Changes to Business and Industrial Zones

The Department of Planning and Environment is currently exhibiting the translation of existing Business and Industrial zones into the new Employment zones. The exhibition is being held on the department's Planning Portal until 12 July 2022.

This is the implementation stage of a reform that replaces Business and Industrial zones with Employment zones within individual local environmental plans across NSW. Implementation follows the introduction of the Employment zones within the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 in December 2021.

The department has worked closely with each council to ensure LEPs are amended, consistent with the intent of the reform, while also ensuring the land-use planning outcomes are locally appropriate. After the exhibition the department will be working with councils to finalise implementation ahead of the new zones coming into force on 1 December 2022.

To view the detail of the exhibition and make a submission please visit the department's Planning Portal and Employment Zones Reform webpage for general information on the reform process. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Planning and Environment on 1300 420 596 or by email at employment.zones@planning.nsw.gov.au

Notice of Intention to give Consent to a Licence of a Crown Reserve

Council hereby gives twenty eight (28) days' notice of its intention to grant a licence for a term of 10 years over part Crown Reserve 83393, (part Lot 562 DP 751743) Dalton Park, to Melbergen Pastoral Co Pty Ltd as Trustee for Melbergen Farming Trust.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday 7 June 2022** and addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerambah Street, Griffith. Once the submission period is completed Griffith City Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the licence.

For all enquiries contact Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Ph: 1300 176 077.

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

Little Road between Beaumont Road and Thorne Road and Brombal Road between Little Road and Murrumbidgee Avenue will be closed from Monday 6 June until Friday 1 July 2022 for channel clearing works by Armstrong Plant Hire.

Ortella Street between Wyangan Avenue and Noorilla Street will be closed from 7:30am until 4pm on Monday 6 June 2022 for replacement of a power pole by Essential Energy. Detours around the site and access for residents will be provided.

Noorilla Street between Wyangan Avenue and Campbell Street and Ortella Street between Noorilla Street and Wyangan Avenue will be closed from 7am until 5pm on Wednesday 8 June 2022 for road repairs following water main upgrades by Griffith City Council. Access for residents and detours around the site will be provided.

Keary Road, Bilbul between Triaca Road and Bilbul Road will be closed from 8am until 3:30pm on Thursday 9 June 2022 for powerline works by Essential Energy. Detours around the worksite will be provided.

Walla Avenue (between Mansell Road and Bromley Road) and Thorne Road (between Walla Avenue and Murrumbidgee Road) until 31 December 2022 (Walla Ave open to traffic on 31 August 2022) for the construction of Stage 5b, 5a and 4b of GSIL Project.



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

Debtors Officer (Permanent)
Swimming Instructor
(Casual - no Austswim)
Applications for the above positions close 6 June 2022

Environmental Health & Compliance Coordinator
(Permanent)
Griffith Regional Theatre & Art Gallery Manager (Permanent)
Applications for the above positions close 13 June 2022

e-Planning Administrator
(Permanent)
Applications for the above positions close 20 June 2022



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