COUNCIL CATCH

Griffin Green housing project set to move forward

Griffith's \$12M affordable housing impacts on the local children. project, Griffin Green is set to get underway next year, which will see 20 affordable homes and 45 residential development lots designated for affordable housing built around Dave Taylor Park.

The first stage of the project will be the remediation works including the removal of the mound located within Dave Taylor Park. The mound, which contains contaminated materials, is scheduled to be removed during February 2021.

The Land and Housing Corporation NSW will reimburse Council for the costs associated with this project. Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said Council has appointed a specialist team to oversee the project, which will see 8600 tonnes of waste removed and transferred to the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility.

"We have engaged appropriately qualified contractors to ensure the safe removal and disposal of the materials," said Councillor Dal Broi. "The mound, which has long been a concern for residents, will be removed following the January school holidays to minimise the

"We are aware there could be some air quality concerns as work commences, however we have taken steps to ensure air quality will be measured in order to ensure there will be no impact on residents surrounding Dave Taylor Park," he added.

The Park will be fenced off for approximately 18 days while the remediation works are underway, with residents and visitors unable to access the existing playground, basketball courts and BBQ areas.

Council will confirm the details of the closure during January 2021.

"More information will be forthcoming about this project in the coming months as we finalise the plans for the space," said Councillor Dal Broi.

"Discussions are underway with regards to the recreational facilities and we look forward to discussing these options with the community as soon as possible."

Griffin Green is a partnership hetween the Australian Government, Griffith City Council and Argyle Community Housing.



Council welcomes new Qantas flights to Griffith



Griffith City Council has welcomed today's Qantas announcement to begin flights to Griffith as a major boost for the region's economy.

Flights will commence on 1 February 2021 with a daily return service, offering 700 seats on the route each week. The flights will be operated by the airline's 50seat Q300 turboprop aircraft, with upgraded cabin interiors.

Qantas is offering special fares for Sydney-Griffith flights from \$125 one-way, available for sale at qantas.com or through Travel Agents, until 20 December 2020, unless sold out prior.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said, "Griffith City Council is thrilled to welcome Qantas to Griffith. Connectivity to Sydney is critical to our economy and lifestyle and Council is pleased residents and businesses will now have additional flight scheduling options. The decision by Qantas to introduce a Griffith-Sydney service is recognition of Griffith as a growing regional city."

This new route is part of a major expansion of the airline's regional network announced today, with seven new routes across NSW, South Australia, and Victoria. The announcement means Qantas will be flying to five more destinations across Australia than it was pre-COVID (up from 57 to 62).

Qantas has already introduced a number of initiatives to encourage customers to book with greater flexibility, as well as to improve safety and peace-of-mind when travelling domestically through its Fly Well program.

QantasLink CEO John Gissing said

the new route is a great opportunity for travellers to explore the best of regional Australia.

"As the national carrier, we have an important role to play in driving tourism and supporting the industry's recovery," said Mr Gissing.

"Before COVID, more than 11 million Australians travelled overseas each year, so these flights will help convert some of these international trips into domestic holidays instead.

"We know there is significant pent up demand for travel. These new flights will help more Australians explore some of the incredible places in their own backyard and drive tourism, which is so vital to the local economies of regional areas. "We'll be promoting these new flights to Griffith to millions of our frequent flyers across the country in the lead up to the flights commencing next year. "We're also pleased to be able to offer Riverina residents more choice and competitive fares on these routes which have been monopolies for vears."

Qantas flights continue to have complimentary baggage and food and drink included with every seat. The airline has now opened 30 of its 35 domestic and regional lounges across its network. Qantas is offering customers the opportunity to join its Frequent Flyer program for free until 31 January 2021 via qantas.com/ freejoin. Travellers will be able to earn Qantas Points and Status Credits on the new routes as well as using their points to book flights.

Final COVID-19 grants awarded Pets are for life, not Christmas

funds to four community groups impacted by the COVID-19 lockdown after the fifth and final round of applications were assessed.

At the Ordinary Meeting on December 2020, Council endorsed the following COVID-19 Community Grants Relief Fund applications:

- Hanwood Football Club \$750
- Griffith Show Society Inc. \$495
- •Griffith Wiradjuri Preschool -\$2,500
- Griffith and Regional Association of Performing Arts (GRAPA) \$3,274

As part of the 2020/21 Budget, Council established the COVID-19 Community Grants Relief Fund of \$100,000, with up to \$5,000 available to community groups, not-for-profit organisations and sporting bodies for eligible projects aimed at assisting those organisations affected by the COVID -19 lockdown.

Councillor Doug Curran said the Relief Grant had provided assistance to a total of 31 groups.

"It has been incredibly rewarding for Council to be able to allocate

Griffith City Council has awarded these funds at a time when so many needed assistance," Curran said.

> "COVID-19 challenged us all this year, especially those who were unable to fundraise, which is a big part of how many are able to continue their work.

"Unfortunately we couldn't help every single group who applied, but I'd like to remind everyone that the second round of the Community Grants Program for 2020-21 will open in March 2021 and I encourage those how missed out to consider applying."

Chair of the Communities Committee, Councillor Dino congratulated Zappacosta Councillor Curran for introducing the COVID-19 Relief Grant Fund concept.

"It was a delight to be able to recommend to Council that we worthy recipients," Cr Zappacosta said.

"I'd like to thank Council, and in particular Councillor Curran, who came up with the concept during the budget session earlier this year. It certainly went over very well with our community."



Griffith City Council is reminding animals in the weeks following residents that giving pets as Christmas presents can be a great hand out these funds to so many idea, but one which requires a long-term commitment.

> Council's Environmental Health & Compliance Coordinator, Merryn Benham said a new pet is not a decision to be taken lightly.

> "Buying or adopting a new pet is a life commitment. Sometimes people get caught up in the moment and then realise they cannot spare the time needed to look after a pet," Ms Benham said.

"There is often the situation where pets are purchased as a present for relatives or friends who do not want a new pet or find the pets unsuited to their lifestyle.

"The only time you should buy a pet for someone is if they have chosen the animal themselves and you are simply buying it for them." The Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre typically see a spike in Christmas.

If you are considering adding a pet to your family this holiday season, make sure you consider matching the breed of dog to your lifestyle. For those who have done their research, adopting a pet is a great way to help a dog or cat find a new home.

"Pet ownership is deeply rewarding, but it is important to take into consideration all factors when it comes to adding a pet to your family," Ms Benham said.

"If you don't think you can manage a new family member long term, please do not buy or adopt a pet - pets are for life, not just for Christmas."

Enquiries and appointments can be made by contacting 6962 8100 during business hours. You can keep up to date with animals available for adoption by visiting the Griffith City Council website at griffith.nsw.gov.au





Lake Wyangan update for recreational users

With the holiday period fast approaching, Griffith City Council has provided an update for recreational users of Lake Wyangan.

The current Blue Green Algae alert level is Amber however, with samples taken regularly, users are advised to check the website for any updates. Amber alert means recreational activities are permitted include boating, fishing, but not swimming. Signs are also being installed at the Lake and will be changed according to the level. Council's Lake Wyangan Catchment Management Project Officer, Mr Tom Mackerras said, a further 800ML of water will be added to the Lake before Christmas.

"The extra water is good news however, the water level is still relatively low so boaters and users of Personal Watercraft (PWCs) should be mindful of unmarked submerged objects, particularly in the shallower parts of the Lake," said Mr Mackerras.

"When boating or kayaking on the Lake, proper safety precautions should be followed. Do not boat if under the influence of alcohol and always wear a life jacket."

Mr Mackerras is also urging caution when launching boats or fishing.

"Due to the low Lake level, difficulty may be experienced when launching boats. Please exercise caution. Always clear the boat ramp and make way for other users.

"Dispose of any carp caught, do

not release them back into the Lake. Remember to take your rubbish with you and be mindful of campers and other users of the Lake

In recent months there has been an explosion of bird life at the Lake and surrounding areas, with an amazing variety of bird species.

Meanwhile, Council continues to work on a long-term plan, which includes:

- Developing a hydrodynamic circulation model of North Lake Wyangan (study undertaken by Chris Butson from University of Sydney) to help interpret the influence of water and water discharges on the lake circulation and water quality
- Monitoring the volume and sediment and nutrient concentration of storm water runoff into the Lake
- Measuring key water quality parameters in real-time to help manage the health and ecological condition
- Ongoing work with Murrumbidgee Irrigation to develop a plan to maintain North Lake Wyangan water levels suitable for recreational purposes while also providing sufficient water for additional irrigation demand in the catchment.

The Cultural Heritage review processes associated with the eastern shores of Lake Wyangan have commenced and will progress further through 2021.

Contact Council on 1300 176 077 if you have further inquiries.

Message from Mayor John Dal Broi

On behalf of us all here at Griffith City Council I'd like to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas.

I know that we each celebrate this season in our own special way, so whatever you do, may it be filled with peace, love and happiness.

As I reflect back on 2020 and all the uncertainty that came with the COVID-19 pandemic, I consider how fortunate our community has been to come through it largely unscathed.

Of course, initially we experienced upheaval and we all had to adapt to a new way of life, but I can't help but think that we dodged a bullet in many ways.

I'm impressed with how our community handled the need for restraint in dealing with COVID-19. I know that some of our businesses are still recovering however, I'm proud of the way in which many of them adapted the way they do business and moved online, and I've been told that some actually improved their turnover.

As we head towards a new year, above all I hope we can build optimism, confidence and greater community connection.

We have much to be proud of living in this wonderful, multicultural community and with positivity and cooperation I believe we can make this an even better place to live. I'd like to urge any community leaders, who would like to see Griffith continue to grow and prosper, to seriously think about standing for the next local Council election in September 2021.

In 2021 I'd also ask that you be on the lookout for opportunities to provide feedback and your thoughts to Council as we consult residents for the review of a document that is key

to what Council does, the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). You can expect to see our staff out and about throughout the year. They will be doing their best to help residents understand how Council plans for our region's future and how they can be a part of that process.

I welcome visitors back to our region and hope they enjoy all the wonderful things our City has to offer, including the beautiful wines and delicious food.

On a sad note, Griffith lost an incredible community stalwart last weekend, Roger Penrith. Roger was such a positive, genuine soul, whose kindness touched many within our community. Our thoughts are with his wife Lisa and daughter Madison, as well as his immediate and extended family.

If this year has taught me anything, it's the importance of family and enjoying the small things together. There is nothing quite like a global pandemic to make you realise that we don't have control over the number of days we have on this earth, only what we do with them while we are here.

Finally, while you are enjoying your celebrations, please consider those who are less fortunate and think of neighbours who may be in need of support during this time. If you are travelling at all over these holidays, please stay safe on the roads.

With warmest wishes, Councillor John Dal Broi





PUBLIC NOTICES - ITEMS ON EXHIBITION

Draft Pioneer Park Museum Strategic Plan

Council has resolved that the Draft Pioneer Park Museum Strategic Plan be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The Draft Pioneer Park Museum Strategic Plan may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.go hibition Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Pioneer Park Museum Strategic Plan can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission. Submissions received will be referred to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination, and your submission will form part of Council's Business Paper. As such, a copy of your submission including your name and address (unless you specifically request that these details be withheld) will be publicly distributed and available to the public. Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm Monday 25 January 2021.

Draft Griffith Destination Tourism Plan 2021-2024

Council has resolved that the Draft Griffith Destination Tourism Plan 2021-2024 be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The Draft Griffith City Library: Will be open until 1pm on Thursday 24 December 2020 and will Griffith Destination Tourism Plan 2021-2024 may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Griffith Destination Tourism Plan 2021-2024 can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission. Submissions received will be referred to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination, and your submission will form part of Council's Business Paper. As such, a copy of your submission including your name and address (unless you specifically request that these details be withheld) will be publicly distributed and available to the public. Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm Monday 25 January 2021.

Notice of Proposed Names

Griffith City Council announces that the following names are proposed for road names within the council boundaries.

- 1. Road 2 Sharam Drive: Charles Edward Sharam was a Pioneer who founded Pioneer Park.
- 2. Road 4 Agostino Place: Giovanni Agostino was an original owner of the farmland of the proposed subdivision.
- 3. Road 5 Jeffery Street: Daniel James Jeffery was a soldier in the S.S Area and also an original land owner prior to 1920.
- 4. Road 7 Ellis Place: Nicholas Sydney Ellis was an original land owner prior to 1920
- 5. Road 8 Marando Way: Michele Marando was the last family to own the parent site. The family farmed it for almost 10 years.

Roads 1, 3 and 6 were previously named by Council.

Locality: Griffith

Reason for proposal: Names to be utilised in the new subdivision of Clifton Gardens as defined on the map can be found at Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/ onexhibition You can also view the map on our website.

Anyone wishing to make comment on the Notice of Proposed Names can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission. Submissions received will be referred to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination, and your submission will form part of Council's Business Paper. As such, a copy of your submission including your name and address (unless you specifically request that these details be withheld) will be publicly distributed and available to the public. Comments or submissions will be received up to 4pm Monday 8 January 2021. For further information on this proposal, please contact Council's Information Management Administrator at the Council Offices or by phone on 1300 176 077.

Tharbogang Tennis Courts - Demolition & Removal

Council is proposing the demolition and removal of the Tharbogang Tennis Court buildings due to their deteriorating condition & ongoing vandalism. Council is seeking community feedback to this proposal and will receive written submissions up to 4pm Monday 4 January 2021. Submissions are to be addressed to Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680. Email: admin@ griffith.nsw.gov.au

Public Exhibition Submissions Disclaimer: Submissions received will be referred to the Ordinary Meeting of Council for determination, and your submission will form part of Council's Business Paper. As such, a copy of your submission including your name and address (unless you specifically request that these details be withheld) will be publicly distributed and available to the public.

Christmas Closures

Administration Office and Council Depot: Council offices at 1 Benerembah Street and Council Depot will be closed for the period of 1.00pm Thursday, 24 December 2020 to Friday, 1 January 2021 inclusive and will re-open for business on Monday, 4 January

2021.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery: The Gallery will be closed from Monday 21 December 2020 and will re-open Wednesday 13 January 2021.

Griffith Regional Theatre: The Box Office will be closed from Friday 21 December 2020 and will re-open Monday 11 January 2021.

Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre: Thursday 24 December, 6am - 6pm, then closed on the following days: Friday 25 December - to Saturday 26 December, Monday 28 December and Friday 1 January. Open Sunday 27 December, 10am - 5pm and normal operating hours from Tuesday 29 December - Wednesday 30 December, Thursday 31 December closed from 6pm.

Pioneer Park Museum: Closed Saturday 19 December 2020 and will re-open on Tuesday 12 January 2021.

Griffith Sports Stadium: Closed Monday 21 December 2020 and will re-open Monday 11 January 2021.

Griffith Visitor Information Centre: Thursday 24 December, 10am - 3pm then closed from Friday 25 December – Saturday 26 December and Friday 1 January. Open 10am 3pm Sunday 27 December through to Thursday 31 December.

re-open 9am Monday 4 January 2021.

Griffith City 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 Thursday 21 December 2020 and will reopen Monday 4 January 2021.

Tharbogang Waste Management Centre: Will be closed from Friday 25 December 2020 and will re-open Tuesday 29 December 2020. The Centre will also be closed on Friday 1 January 2021.

Yenda Waste Management Centre: Will be closed Friday 25 December 2020 and Friday 1 January 2021.

Waste 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 public holidays.

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)

Essential Energy: 13 2080 (emergencies)

MIA Rural Fire Service: 6966 7887

Notice of Temporary Road Closures

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 for the temporary closing

Hickey Crescent between Wakaden Street and Lowing Place will be closed on 14 January 2021 from 8am until 1pm as Essential Energy will be completing power line works. Detours around the site will be provided.

O'Sullivan Street between Graham Street and Blumer Avenue will be closed on 20 January 2021 from 8am until 5pm as Essential Energy will be standing power poles. Detours around the site will be provided.

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

DA No: 251/2020(1) Applicant: Berton Vineyards Holdings Pty Ltd

Address: Lot 1 DP 1235833, 55 Mirrool Avenue YENDA

Description: 5ML Wastewater Storage Dam and Pipeline from winery, for irrigation of turf farm

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection on Council's website under Council/Public Notification and Items on Exhibition/Development Applications. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 02 6962 8100. This documentation may be viewed up until 4pm on Friday 22 January 2021. 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 Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until 4pm on Friday 22 January 2021. 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.

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 for the following positions:

Leisure Services Cashier - Casual

The Cashier is responsible for the collection and balancing of all monies relating to the entry, booking fees and all over-the-counter transactions. This role also includes working in the Kiosk preparing and selling food to patrons and relieving in the creche as needed. The successful applicant will need quality customer service skills and experience in cash handling. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. To be considered for this position applicants must have a new NSW Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form **www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au** (in child related industry sector tick, entertainment for children). **Hours of work:** Spread of hours from 6:00am – 9:00pm Monday to Sunday. The successful applicant will need to be available to work day and evening shifts. **Salary and conditions:** Commencement ordinary hourly rate \$27.2871 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 6). **Special conditions:** This position is designated as a child-related position. It is an offence under NSW Legislation for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply. If you have any questions about the role please contact Trish Ennis on 1300 176 077.

Applications for the above position close Monday 21 December 2020

Workshop Team Leader - Permanent

This significant role has the responsibility of ensuring all of Council's Fleet (400 +), is maintained and operating safely for the full range of Council's activities. The Team Leader is required to have an excellent customer service focus for both internal and external customers. They will manage a modern workshop and lead a team of 4 Mechanics, a Fitter Welder and an Administration Assistant. The successful applicant will be a licensed motor mechanic with extensive experience in repairs of a diverse fleet, hold a HR license, an air-conditioning repair license as issued by the MVRIC and ARC and current NSW RMS motor vehicle examiners certificate (light vehicle), and will have experience in managing staff, experience in computerised fleet management systems and excellent verbal and written communication skills. Hours of work: 38 hours per week Salary and conditions: Commencement annual salary range \$78,682.74 to \$86,553.94 (Grade 15), plus Superannuation with a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions about the role please contact Steve Croxon on 1300 176 077.

Workshop Administration Officer - Permanent

This exciting position is responsible for coordinating and maintaining the fleet system database, provide administrative assistance to the Workshop team, book plant and machinery for maintenance and repairs and source spare parts. The successful applicant is also required to have an excellent customer service focus for both internal and external customers. The successful applicant will have extensive experience in office administration and a high degree of communication, interpersonal and record keeping skills. Hours of work: 38 hours per week Salary and conditions: Commencement annual salary range \$53,919.31 to \$59,309.64 (Grade 6), plus Superannuation with a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions about the role please contact Steve Croxon on 1300 176 077.

Applications for the above positions close Monday 4 January 2021

Information Technology Support Officer (Level 2) - Permanent

The purpose of the Information Technology Support Officer — Level 2 is to provide high level support to users of Council's information technology infrastructure and to assist with the efficient operation of Council's information technology systems. The successful applicant will require a Degree in Information Technology or qualification relevant to the duties of the position and hold a current Australian Driver License. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. The successful applicant will require a high level of knowledge and/or experience in the support and administration of information technology systems, have a working knowledge and experience in Local Area Network (LAN) Wide Area Network (WAN) and virtual network support, also a high level knowledge and/or experience in the support and administration of Microsoft Windows operating systems, both server and desktop. Hours of work: 35 hours per week Salary and conditions: Commencement annual salary range \$72,264.37 to \$79,488.14 (Grade 13) plus Superannuation with a rostered day off once a month. If you have any questions about the role please contact Katherine Elliot on 1300 176 077.

Applications for the above positions close Monday 11 January 2021

Building Certification Coordinator - Permanent

The purpose of this position is to coordinate the functions of the Building Certification Unit which includes the certification of buildings, building fire safety, swimming pool inspection and certification, maintenance of Council's building assets and local government activity approvals. It is the responsibility of the Building Certification Coordinator to ensure that all functions are carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation and standards. Qualifications: The successful applicant will hold a degree in building surveying or related field and hold an Australian Class C driver licence. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application.

Skills & Knowledge: The successful applicant will be required to comprehensive knowledge or relevant legislation, including the Building Professionals Act 2005 and the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, with the ability to make appropriate decisions relevant to the circumstances and legislative requirements.

Hours of work: 35 hours per week Salary and conditions: Commencement annual salary range from \$96,067.79 to \$105,672.29 (Grade 19) + Superannuation. Rostered day

Applications for the above positions close Monday 25 January 2021

off once a month and a fully maintained leaseback vehicle. If you have any questions about the role please contact Carel Potgieter on 1300 176 077.

How to apply:

- 1. Log onto www.griffith.nsw.gov.au, go to the Jobs page and complete your application online.
- 2. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications.

Only those with current rights to work in Australia may apply. Griffith City Council is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and welcomes diversity in the workplace.

