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# The Daily Telegraph **BUSH SUMMIT**



## Anthony Albanese heads to NSW food bowl to join Telegraph's Bush Summit

Anthony Albanese and community leaders will meet in Griffith NSW town at the heart of the nation's food bowl next month to discuss the opportunities and struggles in the bush. Anthony Albanese and community leaders will meet in a regional NSW town at the heart of the nation's food bowl to discuss the opportunities and struggles in the bush.

The Prime Minister will be the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Daily Telegraph Bush Summit, to be held in Griffith on August 26.

"The 2022 Daily Telegraph Bush Summit is an exciting opportunity to bring people together in the Griffith region after we were unable to gather in person during the height of the Covid pandemic," he said.

"I look forward to attending as Prime Minister to talk about the issues that matter to regional NSW and the opportunities that we can create

together under the government I lead."

Premier Dominic Perrottet will also attend the Summit, where a range of issues including food supply chains, jobs, energy, regional development, services and infrastructure will be discussed.

Griffith Mayor Councillor Doug Curran said it was not only an exciting opportunity to host the Summit, but an incredible chance to demonstrate to the Prime Minister and the Premier of NSW what opportunities are in Griffith.

"It's wonderful to be able to welcome PM Anthony Albanese and Premier Dominic Perrottet here to Griffith for the Bush Summit, and to be able to show them first hand experience of all that Griffith is and offers," he said.

"I hope that this opens the door for more high profile politicians to visit our region

and see the value in investing further in our community."

Daily Telegraph editor Ben English said it was a measure of the Bush Summit's "stature" that the Prime Minister had "cleared his calendar" to attend.

"In just four years, the Bush Summit has become a compulsory event on the calendar for anyone with a stake in rural and regional Australia," he said.

"We are very proud that the bush summit has brought about lasting and profound reforms that have bettered the lives of people in the country."

Mr English said he was "especially excited" to be holding the 2022 Summit in Griffith, in the "heart of the nation's food bowl".

"The timing couldn't be better as city residents grow increasingly aware of the critical role the bus plays to all our welfare," he said.

## Albo's crucial bush visit - The Daily Telegraph Editorial



The fourth Daily Telegraph Bush Summit will this year be held in Griffith. The issues at hand are plainly urgent.

Australia is presently enduring all manner of food shortages and supply complexities, with regional NSW as a central focus.

Our state's regions are copping it from all directions. Dramatically unhelpful weather is prohibiting the growth of multiple crops, and increased fuel and power costs are eating into remote and regional budgets.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will be this year's keynote speaker. He is urged to concentrate on practical, quickly achievable solutions in dealing with the subjects raised.

The Bush Summit is not a venue for theoretical or hypothetical scenarios. It is a venue for straightforward questions and answers, directly dealing with important matters.

And, it is also a way to promote NSW's regions, which suffered serious tourism declines during the Covid pandemic.

On that topic, The Daily Telegraph again encourages coastal and city residents to explore our great state. Inland NSW is absolutely brilliant.



## An aerial photograph of a large-scale construction or archaeological excavation. The site is a massive rectangular pit dug into the ground, revealing multiple layers of earth and some structural elements. The exposed earth is a reddish-brown color. The excavation is surrounded by safety fencing and yellow bollards. In the background, there are roads and some greenery. The overall scene suggests a major earthmoving or foundation project.



priority for the community and I am pleased to be able to announce that work has been completed, and the car park is accessible to road users," said Councillor Curran. "We appreciate the patience of the community and hope this new car park, along with the other car park completed in Railway Street last year, eases the parking congestion in the CBD.

"Griffith is thriving and this is just one of the many projects recently completed, underway or in the planning stages which will help grow Griffith into the future."

Sussan Ley, Member for Farrer said the local funding from the Coalition Government was absolutely vital in keeping the MIA economy ticking over through the COVID shutdowns, allowing councils to put dollars into their priority projects.

"Parking spaces along Banna Avenue in particular have grown very tight, so this is a much needed and close alternative for access to the main CBD," said Minister Ley.

Griffith City Council is preparing a Draft Plan of Management for Scenic Hill and is asking the community to complete a survey to assist.

The Draft Plan of Management (PoM) includes the natural bushland areas of Scenic Hill (excluding formal areas of Dalton Park, Griffith Rodeo Grounds, The Pines Speedway, Griffith Golf Course, Griffith Gun Club and Pioneer Park Museum).

The survey aims to find out how frequently the community uses the Scenic Hill area, along with why, how and what concerns they may have with the locale.

Scenic Hill is a valuable natural resource to the City of Griffith and the broader community providing a range of formal recreational use areas, cultural experiences, natural areas and a significant visual quality. The total area of natural bushland is approximately 537 hectares.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said the Plan will examine the current character, current use and future needs of the reserves and their relationship to the surrounding lands and communities within which they are located.

“The Draft PoM will establish

a clear direction for future development, planning and resource management of the land by Council - Scenic Hill is owned by State of New South Wales (as Crown land) and managed by Griffith City Council under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993," said Councillor Curran.

"There are limitations in relation to development on Scenic Hill due to Federal and State Government laws in relation to Crown land which means any activities, or future proposals, need to be compliant with relevant Local Government, Crown Land's legislation and Native Title considerations.

"Council is undertaking community consultation to assist with the development of the PoM for Scenic Hill and inviting the public to provide feedback in an effort to gain the community's use and appreciation of the area so that we can plan appropriately for the future of this important natural resource," he added.

The community is invited to complete the survey online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/scenichill](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/scenichill)

The survey closes 18 August 2022.  
If you have any questions, please  
contact Council on 1300 176 077



Griffith Regional Theatre Presents

# GRASS ROOTS

WANT TO BE IN THE AUDIENCE?  
TICKETS \$10 AVAILABLE NOW

**UNDER 30'S OPEN MIC COMPETITION**  
**SUNDAY 31 JULY 2PM**

Grass Roots is presented by Griffith Regional Theatre. Supported by Picnic Family Farm through 4 Day on the Grange Music Festival, Western Riverina Arts and The Café Factory

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## Two worlds, twice the thrill – Dinosaurs take the stage at the Griffith Regional Theatre!



Bringing ancient creatures from land and sea together in one show, Erth's Prehistoric World is hitting the Griffith Regional Theatre on Saturday 23 July at 6pm.

With the perfect combination of theatrical magic and charm, this show takes the audience to the bottom of the ocean to discover ancient bio-luminescent creatures and incredible marine reptiles, and then back to dry land to witness some of the most amazing dinosaurs to have ever walked this Earth.

The company behind this production, Erth, is a team of creators, makers and performers pushing the limits of design, content and experience.

Director Scott Wright said Erth's journey into prehistoric times has provided a platform for the company to engage with children on a level that has surprised even us.

"Erth is not a company that exploits dinosaurs for commercial gain, but as a way of starting long and lasting relationships with our worldwide audiences, united in our love and wonder for the natural world," said Mr Wright.

Erth's puppetry-based theatrical productions and innovative community projects have challenged and inspired audiences for more than twenty-five years, driven by a special interest in natural history, First Nations stories and urban mythology.

By connecting with audiences young and old, Erth educates and inspires people to make an impact in the world through their own actions.

Today the company is recognised internationally as an innovator of physical and visual theatre, and a creator of brave, unbridled work for children.

Griffith Regional Theatre Manager, Marg Andreazza, said Erth is world-renowned for their theatrical magic and for pushing the limits of design, content and experience.

"People may remember their sold-out visit in 2015 with Erth's Dinosaur Zoo, where the theatre was packed with families and a lot of excited children. This show will be just as fun and awe-inspiring," she said.

"We are also putting the show on for schools on Monday 25 July, so ask your child's school if they are coming along!"

Experience the creatures of your imagination coming to life on stage in this enthralling new show - see Erth's Prehistoric World at Griffith Regional Theatre on Saturday 23 July 6pm.

Tickets are \$20 for children and \$35 for adults.

Tickets can be purchased by dropping into the Box Office at Neville Place Griffith, by calling the Theatre on 6962 8444 or online at [griffithregionaltheatre.com.au](http://griffithregionaltheatre.com.au)

## Message from the Mayor

*"Reflection is one of the most underused yet powerful tools for success."* – Richard Carlson

I was lucky enough a couple of weekends ago to attend the 2022 MLHD Excellence Awards in Wagga. Congratulations to all of the nominees and winners, especially those representing Griffith including Sarah Grant, Patient Experience Officer, Sherin George, Clinical Nurse Educator and Ellyse Willson (RN), Infection Prevention & Control.

It was an excellent night and thank you one and all for all that you do for our community.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending our local Hospital to see a lot of these wonderful caring people in action first hand.

I cannot speak highly enough of the care and attention I received and not only myself, but I also witnessed doctors, nurses and staff look after many patients and the care was exemplary. It is very easy to criticise our health care system and there are certainly aspects that could be improved, but the care and service isn't one of them.

If you see a Health Care worker or Emergency Services worker, please take the time to say thank you or maybe buy them a cup of coffee. A lot of what they do goes unnoticed and this simple gesture may brighten their day immeasurably.

Last week was NAIDOC week and I was privileged to be able to attend the Flag Raising Ceremony at Griffith City Council. The event



was very well attended by the community and I would like to extend my thanks to all that came along.

This year's theme was 'Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up' and I encourage everyone to learn a little bit more about our shared history - together we can make this a better world for everyone.

Finally Council is seeking feedback on Scenic Hill for the Draft Plan of Management (PoM).

This asset needs more effort by Council and the community and we need to know what you want improved, removed or included in the PoM. This isn't an easy process, with many varying views and opinions but we need to hear them all and then make informed decisions and apply for State and Federal grants to have an area we can all be proud of.

Please take the time to have your say by heading to Council's website and completing the short survey - [griffith.nsw.gov.au/scenichill](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/scenichill) Stay safe, stay well and above all else be kind.

Bye for now,  
**Councillor Doug Curran,**  
**Mayor**

# Had COVID-19?

## Change to testing and self-isolation advice



# Public Notification

## Draft Plan of Management – Tharbogang Wetlands

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for Tharbogang Wetlands is currently on exhibition until **Tuesday 9 August 2022**. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Tuesday 23 August 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](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or can be submitted online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition). 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 or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 1300 176 077.

## Draft Plan of Management – Campbell's Wetland

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for Campbell's Wetland is currently on exhibition until **Wednesday 20 July 2022**. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm, Wednesday 3 August 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](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or can be submitted online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition). 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 or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, contact Corporate Property Officer, Daphne Bruce on 1300 176 077.

## Draft Local Policies

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 June 2022 it was resolved that the following Draft Local Policies be placed on public exhibition. The Draft Local Policies may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/oneexhibition). Anyone wishing to make comment on the Draft Local Policies 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 close 4pm 12 August 2022**. 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.

## Notice of Temporary Road Closures

**Neville Place between Benerambah Street and Benerambah Street will be closed from 7am until 10am on 8 August 2022** for the commencement of a community event by Griffith City Council on behalf of The Black Dog Institute.

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

<b>DA Number: 119/2022(1)</b>	<b>Applicant: Planningmatters Development Service</b>
<b>Address:</b> Lots 590, 589 DP 751743 & 695 DP 43610, Nos. 1683 & 2749 Citrus Road, and No. 2350 Rifle Range Road GRIFFITH	
<b>Description:</b> 282 Lots Torrens Title subdivision	

<b>DA Number: 129/2022(1)</b>	<b>Applicant: SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Address:</b> Lot 1 DP 1066274, 892 Kidman Way GRIFFITH	
<b>Description:</b> Takeaway Food and drink premises with drive thru and associated signage	

Copies of the Development Applications 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 29 July 2022**.

**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 [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)

Written submissions regarding the Development Application or modification should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on Friday 29 July 2022**. Submissions should include a contact name, address and telephone number and the DA number the submission relates to. 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.



We are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

**Plant Operator/Grader Team Leader**  
(Permanent)

**Gardener x3** (Permanent)  
**Applications close 18 July 2022**

**Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Project Officer**  
(Permanent)

**Waste Operator - Landfill** (Permanent)  
**Applications close 25 July 2022**



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Apply online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)

## Japanese Encephalitis Help us help your town

NSW Health will be conducting blood testing in this area to understand more about the risk of Japanese Encephalitis.

### Clinic details

**Griffith Community Centre**  
1 Olympic St  
Griffith NSW 2680

Mon 18 July 10am-6pm  
Tue 19 July 8am-4pm  
Wed 20 July 8am-4pm  
Thu 21 July 10am-6pm  
Fri 22 July 7am-12pm

### Why?

Japanese encephalitis is a rare but potentially serious mosquito-borne disease.

By donating blood to this program, you will help us understand if mosquitoes carrying Japanese encephalitis have been present in this town. This will help inform vaccination planning for Summer 2022/23.

### What's involved?

Volunteers will be asked to:

- Give a small blood sample
- Complete a 5-minute questionnaire

We anticipate that this will take 15 mins to complete. You will be informed of your individual testing results. NSW Health will be on-site to answer any of your questions on the day.

### Who can take part?

People who lived in or close to

Griffith

between 1 January 2022 and 31 March 2022 are eligible to contribute.

People of any age are invited to come along. Children <16 must be accompanied (and have consent provided) by parent or guardian.



Find out more about what's involved  
[health.nsw.gov.au/jevirus](http://health.nsw.gov.au/jevirus)

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