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## Supersized open day planned for 'Our Westend' – new regional sports complex

Sporting stars will be heading to Griffith this October to celebrate the opening of the newly constructed Griffith Regional Sports Precinct at Westend, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Regional Sport Events Fund program.

Funding of \$50,000 was secured to hold a super-sized open day on Saturday 29 October 2022, which will see a free 'Come and Try' day for the Griffith community, and showcasing some of Griffith's local sports including athletics, basketball, hockey and netball.

Sporting stars from Giants Netball, Sydney Kings & Sydney Flames Basketball, Kookaburras and Hockeyroos Hockey and high-profile track and field athletes will be in attendance on the day, with everyone invited to come along, meet the elite athletes and participate in the free coaching clinics.

Volunteers from Griffith Basketball Association, Griffith Hockey Association, Griffith Netball Association and Little Athletics Griffith will be on-hand, providing a range of fun activities, information and advice on their

local competitions.

Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said this is an excellent opportunity for the local community and visitors alike to spend the day exploring Griffith's new state-of-the-art sporting facility and trying their hand at a new sport.

"The work being undertaken at Westend will see the area become a state of the art sporting arena, allowing for increased participation from local sporting groups, schools and organisations, as well as providing opportunities to host major local and regional sporting events and carnivals," said Councillor Curran.

"I would like to invite the community to save the date for October 29 and come along to see what the Precinct will offer – try out some of the sports on offer, meet sporting heroes, and take home some goodies!

"This will be a great opportunity to see and try first hand some of the sports that will be on offer, have a chat to representatives from Griffith Basketball Association, Griffith Hockey

Association, Griffith Netball Association, and Griffith Little Athletics. It will be a fun day and not one you will want to miss!" added Councillor Curran.

The Regional Sport Events Funding program supported by the Australia Sports Commission will invest \$1.9 million to support Local Government Councils in regional and remote Australia to host sporting events. The program aims to reinvigorate local economies following the impact of Covid-19, engage communities and encourage greater visitation to regional Australia.

Keep an eye out for more information and a full program of events.

The Griffith Regional Sports Complex is a \$31.9 million project with funding of \$4.5 million from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund, \$11 million from the NSW Government's Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund and Regional Sport Facility Fund, and \$16.4 million from Griffith City Council.



## Name the Crane Competition open

Western Riverina primary school students have the chance to name the 44-metre-tall crane, which has been installed to support construction for the new Clinical Services Building at Griffith Base Hospital.

The three-storey Clinical Services Building is the centrepiece of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment.

The 'Name the Crane Competition' is now open to students from LGAs in the catchment of Griffith Base Hospital – Griffith, Lachlan, Bland, Hay, Leeton, Carrathool, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera.

Simply come up with a name for the crane, briefly explain why you like that name and then colour in the crane on the entry form.

In addition to a number of great prizes, the winning name will be displayed on a banner on the tower crane for all the community to see.

A selection of the students' entries will be displayed in the Griffith Base Hospital.

Entry forms and competition details are available here: [www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev)

You can also request an entry form via email [HI-GBHRedev@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-GBHRedev@health.nsw.gov.au)

Entries close at 5pm, Friday 26 August 2022.



## Council urges motorists to take care around garbage trucks



Griffith City Council is embarking on a road safety campaign, aimed at urging road users to take care when driving around garbage trucks, particularly in the CBD.

A new television campaign was recently released demonstrating the dangers of driving around garbage trucks and runners with Council urging motorists to slow down and take care.

Waste Operations Manager, Mr John Roser said near misses with the garbage trucks and runners were causing concerns, particularly in the laneways such as Banna Lane.

"There have been several incidences where drivers have not given way to the garbage trucks or slowed down when the runners are picking up and emptying the bins from the CBD," said Mr Roser. "This puts the truck operator, the runner and drivers at risk of serious injury so we are asking drivers to slow down, take care and give way to operators."

While it can be frustrating to get stuck behind a garbage truck, it is important to drive with caution to prevent accidents.

"Garbage trucks do have to stop

start frequently so I urge you to keep your distance, drive slowly and cautiously, keep a look out for our runners, and only overtake when it is safe to do so," said Mr Roser.

"Our operators do their best to minimise disruptions but there will be times when traffic will be impeded.

"We want to make sure everyone remains safe and gets home at the end of the day – taking an extra couple of minutes to ensure you are being careful around our trucks will go a long way to ensuring yours – and our operators – safety," he added.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran said road safety is everyone's concern and we all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of ourselves and those around us.

"I understand we are all really busy and often in a hurry in the mornings but it is vital to slow down and take some extra time to make sure that you aren't putting yourself or anyone else in danger," said Councillor Curran.

"That extra minute or two could potentially save a life."

## Young artists stun audiences at Griffith Regional Theatre!

Emerging artists from across the region took to the stage at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Sunday for the fourth Grass Roots Under 30's Open Mic Competition. The competition had ten contestants who were competing for three prizes that either provided them with performing opportunities or could assist them in developing their music careers. The artists showed off their skills to a crowd and judges Ben Ceccato, Luke Piccolo and Bonnie Owen.

Grass Roots founder Ben Ceccato said Grassroots 2022 was a resounding success.

"As one of the founders of the event, I couldn't be more proud of the teamwork and camaraderie in making this happen," said Mr Ceccato.

"This year's entrants were brilliant and attendees would be hard pressed to believe the afternoon was an 'open mic' as all the acts were world class."

Lilly Harris opened the event accompanied by Matthew Segrave on piano with acoustic covers of Lady Gaga's *Always Remember Us This Way* and *She Used to Be Mine* from the musical *Waitress*. Second up was Alana Bernardi with some powerful ballads, followed by Luke Rokotavaga known as 679lukey who performed his original song *Trench Baby*. Previous Grass Roots winner Jorja Scott known as Missi J performed two originals *Just Friends* and *Live in My Heart*.

Fates Babies, a group of young singers comprised of John Samuelu-Kirby, Timote Liu, Jaylan Tia and Liliana Ah Kee, performed a cover and their original song *Missing You*. Traditional Irish musician Caitlín Ní Mhéalóid wowed patrons with her vocal skills, while J.RVU known as Jesse Aviu performed original *Guiding Light* and his rendition of *Crazy* by Gnarl's Barkley. Giorgia De Paoli and Alex Pietroboni took to the stage with original *Follow Me* and

cover of Joel Corry x MNEK's *Head & Heart*.

Kayne Lyndon from Corowa performed two originals *The Spark* and *AIWeC*. Michael Dilorenzo closed the competition with his beautiful rendition of *Perfect* by Ed Sheeran in English & Italian, as well as his original song *Alone*.

All contestants received a ticket to A Day in the Orchard (ADITO) festival at Piccolo Family Farm, and Best Original Song was won by J.RVU who received a recording session at The CAD Factory, including a mixed and mastered finished song valued at \$800. The ADITO Award was won by Fates Babies winning a paid performance opportunity of \$500 for the opening set of A Day in the Orchard festival on Sunday 9 October. And Giorgia and Alex took home the Judges' Choice Award, sponsored by Western Riverina Arts - a Sound workshop valued at \$390 with Hilary Geddes and Niki Johnson, as part of the Speaking Place by ADITO.

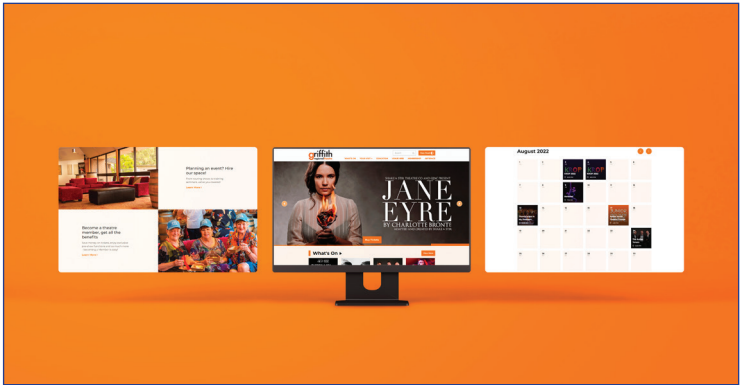
"Grassroots is becoming a highlight of the local music scene and is cementing itself as a local institution for musical creativity and opportunity," said Mr Ceccato. Next year's Grass Roots event will again include a song writing workshop to encourage original music, the open mic competition as well as more performance opportunities for young artists.

Griffith Regional Theatre Manager, Marg Andrezza, said the performers all did such a great job! "We're pleased to put on events like Grass Roots and to be able to facilitate not only just a space, but also opportunities for emerging artists in our community. We're looking forward to having more local performances at the Theatre," she said.

*Grass Roots is presented by Griffith Regional Theatre. Supported by Piccolo Family Farm through A Day in the Orchard Music Festival, Western Riverina Arts and The Cad Factory.*



# New website shows off all aspects of Griffith Regional Theatre!



Patrons are in for a pleasant surprise next time they jump online - the Griffith Regional Theatre has a brand new website. The new site features a modern design, improved functionality, and easy access to information. Griffith Regional Theatre Manager, Marg Andreazza, said "We wanted to make the user experience as simple as possible without sacrificing aesthetic – a lot of thought went into what information our patrons want from our site and how they would navigate it to find that information." With a beautiful and clean design, the refreshed site has a clearer structure and features a full width carousel with both image and video capability that will give patrons a wow factor that is reflected by the shows on stage. The site is mobile-friendly and has some great features that patrons will appreciate, such as performances coming up soon featured on the home page, a calendar view of shows and events, and a scroll-to-top button allowing users to easily navigate back to the top of the website

when they reach the bottom of the page. "We wanted to update the site to be more than a place to buy tickets" said Mrs Andreazza. "We want to show the community that the Theatre is more than just shows. It is a meeting place, a place for inspiration or a place for your next conference." Schools can access the Theatre's education program which contains all the school performances and resources for each show. The community and touring shows can hire the venue with all the technical specs available for download, people can access information on the Artspace exhibitions, and young thespians can enrol in the Youth Theatre Troupe program. Ms Andreazza continues "Thanks must go to our amazing Marketing Officer, Lea Ligakis, who has spent months designing and putting this website together to make it look as great as it does and ensure it is very user friendly." The new website can be viewed at [www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au](http://www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au)

# Message from the Mayor

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrew*

Another full-on week in Griffith, it's great to see so many good things happening in our community, our theme this week has been "We Love Griffith".

This week we celebrated Local Government Week and we have taken the opportunity to showcase what our Council means to our community.

On Tuesday we held a morning tea for volunteers at Griffith Regional Theatre which is a small way for us to say thank you to those that selflessly give back to our community.

There have been free come and try fitness classes at Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC), Council Café is being held at the Library today - I encourage you to head down between 10am and 12pm to give us feedback about anything you are interested in, share your ideas or let us know if you have any concerns.

Lastly tomorrow at the Griffith Visitor Information Centre we will be re-opening the newly renovated interpretive Display Centre. Come down and see all the wonderful things Griffith has to offer our visitors as well as residents - become a tourist in your own town!

On Monday I had the privilege of being invited to visit with the children from the Griffith Wiradjuri Aboriginal Preschool. Student Ryder Lawrence personally invited me, and I thank him immensely for his letter.

The children were so great to



me, and I hope to be able to host them in the Council Chambers in the near future. If your daycare, preschool or school would like to visit Council, please reach out and we will do our best to facilitate a visit.

Don't forget the 'Name the Crane' competition going on with the new Griffith Base Hospital build. ADCO are doing a great job up there and this is the chance for a Griffith students to name the crane for the forthcoming couple of years.


The career expo held by the Griffith Business Chamber last week was a wonderful success. Thank you Amanda Quarisa and the committee for this excellent event that should benefit many Griffith residents. I am pleased Council could be a part of the event and the feedback has been positive.


Finally, Councillors had the chance to see up close the new Kooyoo Street development which is expected to be open by the end of August. Thank you to all of the contractors doing such a stellar job during trying times with the weather and such. This area will be sensational once completed and I look forward to residents being able to utilise the space.

Stay safe, stay well and above all else be kind, bye for now.

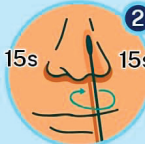
**Councillor Doug Curran, Mayor**

## How to use a nasal swab rapid antigen test

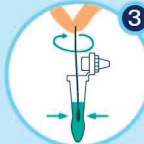




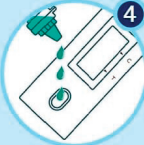
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2 Swirl it around for 15 seconds in each nostril



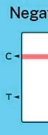
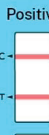

3 Put swab in vial, rotate and squeeze



4 Put required drops onto test well



5 Wait 10-15 minutes

Negative	Positive	Invalid
		

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# 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/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition). 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 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition). 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 Proposed Name

Griffith City Council announces that the following name is proposed for a road name within the council boundaries: **Road 2 – Gulambali Drive**

The applicant and developer have invited the Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) to participate in the naming of this road and all future roads created within this development of Pelican Shores using traditional Wiradjuri names which describe the surrounding landscape/area. This development is situated near Lake Wyangan's two large lakes.

The proposed name of 'Gulambali' is the traditional Wiradjuri meaning for 'Pelican' and has been pre-approved for use by the Geographical Names Board (GNB). The GNB is the authoritative for NSW Road and Place Naming which contains strict guidelines all Council's must follow when naming Roads and Places.

**Locality:** Lake Wyangan

**Reason for Proposal:** Name to be utilised in the new subdivision within Lot 146 DP 1214737, South Lake Drive, Lake Wyangan

For further information on this proposal, please contact Council's Information Management Administrator at the Council Offices or by phone on 1300 176 077. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm, Friday 12 August 2022**. Feedback can be provided by mail to PO Box 485, Griffith NSW 2680, by email to [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or online at [griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition)

## Griffith Cultural Precinct Master Plan Project - EOI No: 05 – 22/13

Council invites expressions of interest to provide consultancy services for the planning, engagement, consultation and preparation of a Cultural Precinct Master Plan for the City of Griffith.

**EOIs close on Friday 2nd September 2022, 2pm.**

EOI documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on [tenderlink.com/griffith](http://tenderlink.com/griffith) - Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533. EOIs may be lodged by email at [tenderlink.com/griffith](mailto: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 respondents from the EOI process.*

## Notice of Temporary Road Closures

**Neville Place between Benerembah Street and Benerembah 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.

**Old Willbriggie Road between Jack McWilliam Road and Murphy Road will be closed from 17 August to 23 August 2022** for Griffith City Council to conduct works on underground services. A full road closure will be in place with detours around the worksite available. Access to Local Residential Traffic will be available.



To view items on exhibition, scan the QR code

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

<b>DA Number:</b> 129/2022(1)	<b>Applicant:</b> SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
<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 12 August 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 12 August 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:

### Environmental Health & Compliance Coordinator

(Permanent) (Readvertised)

**Applications close 8 August 2022**

### Swimming Instructor - No Austswim

(Casual)

**Applications close 22 August 2022**



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