



Australia Day

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Griffith heroes acknowledged at Australia Day event

Griffith's Robert Cappello has been named the Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Mr Cappello was presented with the top Australia Day honour on Tuesday, 26 January, during the official ceremony, held at Griffith Regional Theatre.

Mr Cappello received the accolade for his work as president of Griffith Post School Options. His dedication over the past 10 years has seen the facility grow and develop, improving the lives of local people with disabilities.

Chair of the Australia Day Working Party, Councillor Christine Stead, congratulated Mr Cappello and the other worthy award recipients. She also acknowledged the 29 new citizens.

"On behalf of the Griffith community, I congratulate Robert and all of the other worthy winners and of course, all of the very deserving nominees of this year's awards," Councillor Stead said.

"The Australia Day awards are an important

way we can pay tribute to the commitment and dedication of individuals and groups across Griffith that go above and beyond to support our community.

"Thanks to our Ambassador, Keith Potger OA. It was wonderful to have him here to share his recollections about his time performing with The Seekers with us. Through all of the volunteer work he does, he provides a terrific example of a selfless citizen for us all to aspire to."

Winners of the 2020 Griffith Australia Day awards:

- Citizen of the Year – Robert Cappello
- Young Citizen of the Year - Cadet Corporal Sam Robinson
- Environmental Citizen of the Year - Hampers of Hope
- Community Project of the Year - Yenda Skate Park
- Local Hero Award - Michelle Bordignon

- Young Sportsperson of the Year - Ellie Matthews
- Sports Team of the Year - Hanwood Football Club All Age Women's Team

Griffith Mayor John Dal Broi congratulated the winners and award nominees.

"All those nominated deserve recognition for the hard work and dedication to their community," Mayor Dal Broi said.

"This years Local Hero, Michelle Bordignon is one of those people. Her fantastic sense of community spirit makes her deserving of our Local Hero Award.

“She must be commended for her remarkable efforts in helping people in need, particularly throughout last year when more people than ever needed assistance. I know that Michelle has received praise for her work in the past for other initiatives, but to do what she has done during COVID-19 is simply outstanding. We need more people like Michelle in our community.”

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Join us February 14 at 10am - 4pm for the opening of the 50m pool and help us celebrate our 21st birthday!

**Free entry, free BBQ from
11am-2pm & DJ LadyBarber
will keep you entertained all day!**



Griffith Regional Theatre set to 'Emerge' in 2021

Griffith Regional Theatre and Griffith City Volkswagen invite locals back to the future with their 2021 Season Launch EMERGE at Griffith Regional Theatre on Sunday, 7 February from 3pm.

After the most difficult year for live performance in the Theatre's history, 2021 offers a jam-packed program, including all the highlights of the cancelled 2020 season plus oodles of wonderful new additions.

Griffith Regional Theatre Manager Raina Savage said, "Our 2021 theme is all about celebrating our re-emergence into the wonderful world of live performance after the darkness and uncertainty of 2020. This is our opportunity to thank all our patrons and supporters who have stood with us in spirit during the lockdown, and to welcome them back in person to the beautifully renovated venue that has been waiting for them."

"I can honestly say that 2021 is our best season ever a truly diverse and quality program with virtually all of the Major Performing Arts companies, plus some absolutely stunning contemporary theatre works," Ms Savage said.

Griffith City Volkswagen continues its long association with the Theatre and is delighted to be able to launch the new program.

Griffith City Volkswagen Dealer Principle Dean Owen said, "Our 2020 'Vision Perfect' Season ended up falling just short of 'perfect', with many unforeseen

challenges thrown the Theatre's way. However, this year we have 'Emerged' stronger and better than ever. So I have full confidence that Season 2021 will deliver the goods."

The 2021 season offers a sophisticated program of elegant, classical Theatre experiences with opera, orchestras, drama and ballet world class children's entertainment as well as fabulous circus, dance, musical theatre, film and powerful Aboriginal theatre.

Ms Savage said, "Our season launch will be run with COVID-safe measures in place but it will still be a wonderful celebration with our community and our supporters. There will be live music, season tasters, fantastic food from In bocca and of course bubbles from our wonderful sponsors Calabria Family Wines."

"We have some great performances with a focus on local artists and celebrating the cultural and creative diversity of our town. Find out what is in store for 2021 including all our special Member deals, and guests who sign up as Members on the night go into the draw for a fuel voucher from our fabulous sponsors Griffith City Volkswagen," Ms Savage said.

So join us for the launch of EMERGE- Season 2021 at Griffith Regional Theatre on Sunday, 7 February at 3pm.

For bookings please drop in or contact the Box Office.



Above: The cast of Legally Blonde wowing the audience at the 2020 Launch

Celebrate World Wetlands Day



Griffith City Council will mark World Wetlands Day by reminding locals about the hidden gem that is Campbell's Wetland.

World Wetlands Day is celebrated internationally each year, marking the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) in Ramsar, Iran, on 2 February 1971.

This year, the international theme of World Wetlands Day is 'wetlands and biodiversity', raising awareness of the vital services wetlands provide and their importance as habitat to a diverse range of plants and animals, many of which are rare or threatened.

Campbell's Wetland is located approximately 6 km's North of Griffith and is 27.3 hectares in size, sitting on the eastern side of Lake Wyangan.

Council's Principal Officer Environment, David Kellett, said Campbell's Wetland was one of the best kept secrets in the Griffith City Council area.

"Campbell's is a natural ephemeral wetland, meaning that it would usually hold water after heavy rain and flooding and periodically dry up," Mr Kellett said.

"However, in recent years Campbell's Wetland has been allocated environmental water providing a more permanent habitat for waterbirds to take refuge through our harsh summers.

"While not currently recognised under the Ramsar convention as a wetland of international significance, Campbell's has been recognised as an Important Bird Area (IBA) and helps support the mosaic of wetlands of inland NSW, particularly within the broader Riverina Region and locally within the MIA, as being a site offering refuge during drought years for migratory and other bird species."

Several Threatened Species have been recorded at Campbell's Wetland including the Australasian Bittern and the Southern Bell Frog. Five bird species have been recorded at Campbell's that are covered by the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (JAMBA) and the China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (CAMBA) and over 53 waterbird species have been recorded.

Mr Kellett said the best time to visit Campbell's Wetland is early morning or late afternoon when the birds are more active.

"Just remember to wear long pants and enclosed footwear, broad brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen, and most importantly, be patient, waterbirds at times are very mobile - and please don't litter," he said.

For more information on Campbell's Wetland contact David Kellett on 1300 176 077 or david.kellett@griffith.nsw.gov.au

A graphic advertisement for Griffith City Council. It features the council's logo with the tagline "...love the lifestyle..." and a pair of glasses. To the right, the words "JOB SEARCH" are written vertically. Below the logo, the text "Join the Council team!" is prominently displayed, followed by "We are currently seeking applications for a number of exciting positions." and "For more information or to apply visit our website: www.griffith.nsw.gov.au". A portion of a computer keyboard is visible in the bottom right corner.

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Councillor Catch Up – Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi

I would like to start this column by thanking those in our community who volunteer their time in any capacity. As part of the Australia Day celebrations, we were able to formally recognise those who were nominated across several categories, however I know there are many more citizens who give their time for the benefit of our community.

On behalf of all Councillors, I would like to thank you for what you do - without volunteers many organisations including Council, simply could not function.

On Tuesday it was announced at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony that Robert Cappello was named Griffith's Citizen of the Year.

Robert is the president of Griffith Post School Options (GPSO), and is dedicated to improving the lives of local people with disabilities.

He became president almost 10 years ago and under his guidance the organisation has gone from strength to strength. Relocating from the Binya Street site to

Yoogali, GPSO is able to offer a range of facilities including a gym, indoor pool, futsal and indoor netball court, and respite, to cater for all types of disabilities. The Team at GPSO teaches clients a range of new skills including trades and other skills to enter the workforce.

Robert is well deserving of this honour and is just one example of a volunteer working to improve the lives of our community members. Each year I am able to acknowledge the work of community members through the Local Hero award. This year I have recognised an extraordinary woman, Michelle Bordignon.

Michele's accomplishments are too many to list. She received the Citizen of the Year Award in 2014 and in the years since, she has not slowed down!

Michelle has started a Facebook group titled 'Griffith Helping Hands' where she coordinates the donation of goods and ensures they are given to those in need. In the last year alone she has collected

hampers, handbags, pantry items, furniture, white goods, clothing, toiletries and other essentials. Michelle truly embodies what the Local Hero award stands for.

I would like to congratulate all our other winners and nominees. It is important to show those within our community gratitude for all they do to improve our lives. To those who prepared nominations, I thank you for taking the time to share your stories of these deserving locals.

I understand there has been some discussion regarding the date of Australia Day. This day is about bringing together all cultures to celebrate what makes Australia great, and I would like to see it retained in the future. The marking of 26 January is an important date in Australia's history and has changed over time: starting as a celebration for emancipated convicts and evolving into what is now a celebration of Australia that reflects the nation's diverse people.

In Council news, I am sure you have



seen some of the many projects we have underway. Olympic Street in particular is a hive of activity with the construction of the 50m pool, the new community centre and a new 21 space carpark. Construction will also commence soon on the Pump Track which will be located between the existing skate park and the community centre.

The 50m pool is also almost complete, with the open day set down for 14 February. This will be a free event for everyone to enjoy, including a BBQ and entertainment. I am sure you will agree when I say the facility is looking incredible and I cannot wait to be able to open the doors for the community to enjoy the outdoor pool.

**Until next time,
Cr John Dal Broi, Mayor**

Griffith Regional Art Gallery launches 2021 season

Griffith Regional Art Gallery and new wine sponsor Dee Vine Estate have teamed up to launch the Art Gallery's 2021 Exhibition program with an evening of culture and the arts from 6pm on Friday, 5 February.

The event will officially launch the Art Gallery's 2021 Exhibition and Arts Events brochure – titled restART 2021 – featuring a full run down on all the touring and local exhibitions during the year, as well as public programs including workshops and art classes.

Regional Arts and Museum Manager Ms Raina Savage said, "After a terrible year for the arts in 2020 with lockdowns and cancellations, Griffith Regional Art Gallery is excited to re-start our arts journey with one of our most exciting exhibition programs yet."

The 2021 program includes a broad range of exhibitions in various mediums from local and national artists including a major portrait prize, as well as a diverse program of workshops, master classes, after school and holiday programs as well as the Dee Vines Sundowners - a program of curator

and artist talks sponsored by the winery.

Ms Savage said, "To kick things off in style for 2021 we are offering our local arts patrons something a little special to launch our annual program. There will be live music, delicious canapés and of course fabulous wines from Dee Vine Estate. Patrons can also sign up as Members to enjoy special discounts and invitations to exclusive events."

Visitors are also invited to check out the awesome carvings and exquisite artworks on display by renowned local artist Hape Kiddle in his powerful exhibition Custodian, the first exhibition in the new program.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery invites everyone to join us for a great night of art and entertainment on Friday, 5 February from 6pm, to find out how we can restART with art in 2021.

For all enquiries about the please contact Griffith Regional Art Gallery on: 0269628338.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery is located at 167 Banna Ave, Griffith, NSW, 2680.

Australia Day Colouring-in winners

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Simon Croce joined Australia Day Chair, Councillor Christine Stead and 2021 Australia Day Ambassador, Keith Potger AO, at Griffith City Library on Wednesday to present the 2021 Australia Day Colouring in Competition Winners.

Congratulations to all of our Australia Day Competition winners for 2021!

1-4 years

1. Santina Portolesi
2. Allie Davidson
3. Jad Suleiman

5-8 years

1. Mariam (no surname provided)
2. Fabian Sampson
3. Nadia Battistel

9-12 years

1. Layla Codemo
2. Rayyan (no surname provided)
3. Sejal Dhanoo

Councillor Stead thanked everyone who entered this year.

"This is an annual competition as part of our Australia Day celebrations and I would like to thank everyone for participating - and please make sure you take part next year!" she said.



Public Notification

Notice of Intention to Give Consent to a Short Term Licence of a Crown Reserve - Part Lot 881 DP751728 (Wade Park Yenda)

Griffith City Council hereby gives twenty eight (28) days' notice of its intention to grant a short term licence over part Crown Reserves 61951, 63981 and 65511, described as part Lot 881 DP751728, Wade Park Yenda, to Yenda Golf Club Inc. Written submissions will be received up until **4pm Thursday 18 February 2021** 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 submissions may be included in the Council Business Paper for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

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, Telephone 1300 176 077.

Draft Plan of Management – Hanwood

Sports Precinct (Womens Land Army Park & Hanwood Oval)

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993, Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for Hanwood Sports Precinct (Womens Land Army Park & Hanwood Oval) is currently on exhibition until Friday 12 February 2021.

Written submissions will be received up until **4pm, Friday 26 February 2021** 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. 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. The Draft Plan of Management can be viewed on Council's website or at Council offices during business hours. For further information, please contact Corporate Property Officer, Mrs Daphne Bruce on 1300 176 077.

Application for Membership - Audit Risk & Improvement Committee

Council currently has a vacancy on the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee. The main role of the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee is to provide advice and assurance regarding the effectiveness of Council's risk management and internal controls, fraud and corruption controls, business performance and improvement, financial management practices, compliance with Acts, Regulations, standards and best practice guidelines, and matters that are raised during external and internal audits. Nomination forms are available on Council's website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au - see Application for Committee Membership on our Council Forms page.

For more information please contact Council's Governance Manager, Leanne Austin on 6962 8186. Nominations must be submitted by **4pm, Friday 27 February 2021**.

Part Road Closure - Garton Place

Proposed Road Closing Under Section 38b Roads Act 1993

In pursuance of the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, notice is hereby given that Griffith City Council proposes to close the Council public road listed in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1: • Part Garton Place, Griffith.

Upon closure of the road, Council intends to consolidate that part of the closed road into the adjoining land and then extend the road from Garton Place to Snaith Place.

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to

the General Manager, Griffith City Council, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith, within twenty eight days of the date of this advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration. Once the submission period is completed, Griffith City Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal. Enquiries: Daphne Bruce, Corporate Property Officer. Telephone: 1300 176 077 For the General Manager, Griffith City Council

Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122 that Construction is currently continuing on Stage 6B of the Griffith Southern Industrial Link (GSIL), funded under the Roads to Recovery and Restart NSW Fixing Country Roads Programs. The realignment of Brown Road and installation of additional turning lanes onto Kidman Way is proposed to be completed by end of March 2021, weather permitting. Normal hours of operation will be 6:30am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday, however works may occasionally be required on Saturdays and Sundays. For the safety of workers on site, any vehicles going through the closed roads will face prosecution under Section 102 of the Roads Act NSW. Offenders may also be liable for any damage to the road or traffic road facilities.

Sale of Abandoned Vehicles

Council has impounded vehicles for a period of 28 days and unless claimed and fees paid prior to Friday 29 January 2021, shall be sold.

Sale by quotations are invited closing at 3pm on Thursday, 25 February 2021 for vehicles specified. A viewing will be held at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre (Hillside Drive off Slopes Road Tharbogang village) at 10am Monday, 1 February 2021.

Please address all quotes to Griffith City Council C/- Waste Operations Manager PO Box 485 Griffith 2680 or email admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au.

The list of abandoned vehicles can be viewed on Council's website www.griffith.nsw.gov.au or on Council's Facebook.

Tenders

Griffith City Council invites tenders for contracts for:

The Provision of Compliance Services Compliance and Enforcement - **Tender No: 20-20/21**

The Provision of Compliance Services Parking and Enforcement - **Tender No: 19 - 20/21**
Griffith City Council invites tenders for contracts for the provision of Compliance and Enforcement services and for the provision of Parking and Enforcement services to the Council. Tenders close on **Friday, 12 February 2021 at 2pm**.

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on www.tenderlink.com/griffith

Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533.

Tenders may be lodged by email at www.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 tenderers from the tender process.



Hape Kiddle:

custodian

+ 2021 Gallery program launch
6pm Friday 5 February

Free Event. Limited Numbers. Bookings Essential.

www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au