

Griffith City Council

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

Mayor John Dal Broi



Spring is almost here and that means the warm weather is coming. I’m sure everyone is looking forward to spending more time outdoors.

Those of us that are lucky enough to get out and about regularly will be enjoying the vibrant colours and sounds of spring in and around our city.

It’s a wonderful time of the year and we’ve got some exciting things happening in the coming weeks including MY SKATE – the street party and skating event for young people on Saturday 15 September, 2018 at the new skate park, our citrus sculptures and of course our amazing Spring Fest and all the fun and festivities that comes with it. Council understands that with spring comes the opportunity to do some gardening and spring cleaning around your home. Our next Dump for Free tip days will be held on October 6 and 7 so you’ve got around a month to get organised for that.

Many of you living at Yenda may be interested in an upcoming Council event. A

community forum will be held at the Yenda Diggers Club on Tuesday 18 September at 7.30pm for all those interested in finding out more about the new East Mirrool Regulator (EMR). During this meeting Council will provide information regarding the new EMR and the breaching protocols that went on exhibition this week.

It has been really encouraging to see so many community members engaging with Council of late. We’ve had good attendance at a number of forums and excellent responses to various surveys and I thank all those who have provided input.

Your contributions help identify community needs and allow us to progress projects that provide benefits to our whole community. We are pleased to let you know that Griffith City Council submitted the final detailed business case for the Griffith Regional Sports Precinct this week.

Community input was both welcome and vitally important. We have listened to your concerns about this proposal as well as the

ideas that you identified to enhance it.

Another opportunity for residents to have their say is the Enticknap Park Playground upgrade. The playground has been identified as a precinct playground in the area and Council is keen to ask the community for ideas to ensure the park development meets the needs of present and future generations.

We’d love you to come along to the Park on Wednesday, 19 September 2016 at 5pm and help us design a playground that you can be proud of.

We’ve also got the final footpath proposal meeting at the Library on Monday 3 September at 7pm.

Our new look Visit Griffith website was launched at the Tourism Networking Night this week. It looks amazing and is going to be a valuable tourism tool for the city. Check it out and let us know what you think.

Speaking of tourism, I attended the annual Festa delle Salsicce, also known as the Sa-

lami Festival, last Sunday. This is another fantastic community event. The Festival just keeps growing each year with more and more people coming from far and wide.

The success of this event, like so many, is due to the hard work of dedicated locals, who I must commend for their efforts.

There were over 1000 people there on Sunday and I was extremely proud to see Griffith showcased in this way. Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to Roy Catanzariti for his hard work and passion over the past 19 years. Roy announced he is stepping down as coordinator and we wish him all the very best.

Regards,
Councillor John Dal Broi
Emeritis Mayor

Spring Fest’s VIP experience

The Griffith Spring Fest LINX Launch Party promises to be a feast of fun, food and fantastic entertainment when it’s held on Friday 12 October, 2018.

This year for the first time, a special VIP experience is being offered, with tickets now on sale.

General admission to the family friendly event is still free however, if you’d like the VIP treatment you can purchase a pass which includes private allocated seating, the Grazeful Table, exclusive meet and greet with the 2018 Gardening Ambassador Jason Hodges from Better Homes and Gardens plus a glass of bubbles on arrival.

Griffith City Council Events Coordinator, Karly Sivewright, said the VIP Pass offers a new experience for locals.

“I hope locals take advantage of our VIP Pass, we wanted to try something a bit different. The Launch Party is an amazing community event, made possible with the generous support of local businesses,”

Ms Sivewright said.

“We have delicious food and incredible entertainment right alongside our bright and beautiful citrus sculptures.

“It’s going to be a great family night out and a wonderful way to kick off Spring Fest for another year.”

Entertainment will be provided by Pristine Productions. Party-goers can take advantage of the markets which include potted plants, jewellery, resin gifts, candles, body and bath products, hand-crafted goods, preserves, ceramics, recycled oak barrels, succulents and more. Keep an eye out for Jason Hodges who will be mingling with the crowd throughout the evening.

There will be plenty of great food on offer. As well as the popular paella station there will be Fresco Seafood, Tato Tornado, Bellisima, Bella Vita Bar, The Donut Hole, Shake Bar & Bean, who will serve cocktails, Dippin Dots Ice-cream, Soft serve Ice-cream, a Wine Bar and Yenda Beer

and Cider.

Chair of the Tourism and Events Committee, Councillor Christine Stead, said she is looking forward to this year’s Griffith Spring Fest LINX Launch Party, which runs from 5.30pm to 9.30pm in the Visitor Information Centre carpark.

“It was such a wonderful night last year, it was awesome to see so many families come along to help us launch Spring Fest,” Cr Stead said.

“The VIP area should be a great addition and I urge everyone to get in quick to ensure they don’t miss out.”

While you are there take a selfie or two with our wacky and wonderful Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures #griffithspringfest.

VIP tickets are \$40 and available online at www.griffithspringfest.com.au or at the Visitor Information Centre. VIP Pass bookings are essential. For further details contact Events Coordinator Karly Sivewright on 6962 8295.



Above: Council’s Binita Shrestha, Peta Dummett and Murrumbidgee Local Health District’s Judy Callinan join forces to encourage local residents to ‘make healthy normal’.

Let’s make healthy normal

Council has joined forces with Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) to encourage residents to ‘make healthy normal’. With over half of the adults in NSW and more than 60 percent in Murrumbidgee overweight or obese, we are living in an environment where being overweight has become ‘normal’. Not only is overweight and obesity associated with a wide range of chronic health conditions including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and cancer, it is currently costing the NSW Government \$19 billion per year. Make Healthy Normal works on the principle that small changes to how we live our lives can make a big difference to our overall health. By gradually increasing the number of healthy choices we make every day, we will be

healthier, and have increased quality of life and reduced risk of chronic disease. Council’s Community Development Coordinator, Peta Dummett, is delighted to be working in collaboration with MLHD to encourage residents to make a change. “Small changes to your lifestyle can make a big difference. Regular physical activity helps you maintain good health and manage your weight and it also makes you feel happier, which is good for your overall mental health,” Ms Dummett said. As part of the Make Healthy Normal Campaign partnership Ms Dummett and MLHD Health Promotion Coordinator Judy Callinan placed stickers around City Park last week. The stickers have been positioned along the footpath at 200-metre intervals and pro-

vide a visual of how many kilojoules you have burnt over the 1kms marked out. Ms Dummett is encouraging residents to take the first small step towards a healthier normal by getting active. “As the weather starts to warm up I urge residents to get out and about and enjoy our parks and open spaces,” she said. “Even if you start by simply getting up from your desk at lunchtime and walking around the block with a colleague, or take your lunch break outside. “Why not ask your colleagues to have a ‘walk and talk’ meeting rather than sitting at a desk? Mayor John Dal Broi said he was happy Council could help spread the Make Health Normal Campaign message. Visit www.makehealthynormal.nsw.gov.au to find out more about the campaign.



Record-breaking saleyards

The Griffith Saleyards is having a record-breaking run, with the Council facility currently holding three national titles.

On Friday 22 August, 2018 Prime Lambs reached a new national record of \$318, where multiple pens broke the previous record of \$305.20 made at Wagga earlier in that same week. New season lambs also broke records, with a pen of 31 new

season suckers sold for \$260. Meanwhile merino lambs sold for \$253.

Mayor John Dal Broi commended the vendors involved. "I know that they put a lot of time and money into their lambs. What I'm also impressed about is the area that we are currently drawing from," Cr Dal Broi said. "We are seeing them come from all over which is good news for Griffith.

The whole city benefits because it means that while the husbands are busy at the sales their wives are often enjoying our shops and our restaurants and cafes."

Mayor Dal Broi congratulated staff at the Griffith Saleyards for their efforts.

"The staff do a wonderful job keeping everything running smoothly at the saleyards."



Above: Director Utilities Graham Gordon, Mayor John Dal Broi and Saleyards Team Leader Les Warren.

immunisation clinic



Griffith City Council will be conducting an Immunisation Clinic for children on Thursday 6 September 2018 at the Senior Citizens Centre 47 Canal Street, Griffith between 3pm and 4pm.

Visitors to the clinic are requested to bring with them their children's blue health record book and Medicare Card.



Has rubbish got you down in the dumps?

Dump it for free on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October, 2018 at the Tharbogang Waste Management Facility and on Sunday 7 October, 2018 at the Yenda Waste Management Facility between 8am and 5pm
Phone Council on 6962 8100 for more information

SONG-WRITING WORKSHOPS WITH JOELISTICS

11AM, SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER PCYC

As part of MY SKATE, there are exclusive song-writing workshops with Melbourne music producer and artist Joelistics.

In this 1 hour workshop, Joelistics performs intimate stripped back versions of a few of his songs explaining the meaning and giving insights in to the making of them. Working with story, narrative and life experiences, Joelistics works with participants to develop lyrics which are then combined with music and beat making.



Contact Griffith Regional Theatre on 6962 8444 for more information



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 from enthusiastic motivated individuals for the following positions:

Water & Wastewater Manager

The purpose of this role is to manage infrastructure responsible for the delivery of Potable and Raw Water through Council's reticulated network and ensuring it complies with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) and Regulatory requirements. Also to efficiently manage the treatment and conveyance of Wastewater to ensure it complies with the Environmental Protection Authorities (EPA) licencing and regulatory requirements. Qualifications: The successful applicant will require to hold the following qualifications:

Degree in Engineering (Civil, Mechanical or Chemical), Demonstrated experience and advanced understanding of the functions of both water and wastewater treatment operations and maintenance, Demonstrated ability to Manage and lead multi-disciplinary teams, contractors and manage plant and resources relating to the delivery of water and the treatment of wastewater, Hold a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or White Card), Hold a current Class C diver licence.

Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 35 hours per week with an annual salary range \$105,606.28 to \$116,168.00 (Grade 22). Plus civil liability allowance and Superannuation, a fully maintained lease back vehicle and a rostered day off once a month. If you have any questions about the role please contact Graham Gordon on 6962 8100.

Applications for the above position close 4pm, Friday 7 September, 2018.

Griffith Regional Arts & Museum Manager

The Manager is responsible for facility and resource management, maintenance coordination and providing leadership in the planning, programming, promotion and presentation of performing and visual arts programs, collections and exhibitions for Griffith Regional Theatre, Griffith Regional Art Gallery and Griffith Pioneer Park Museum promoting community cultural development and participation as determined and approved by Council via the Griffith Cultural Facilities Committee. The successful candidate will ideally have a knowledge and passion for contemporary, performing, visual, cultural, heritage and arts. Tertiary qualifications and/or proven industry experience, well rounded management skills and the energy and vision to lead the facilities to new successes. Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary \$101,201.88 to \$111,321.60 (Grade 21) and a rostered day off once a month.

If you have any questions about the role please contact Max Turner 6962 8100.

Swimming Instructor (casual)

The Swimming Instructor is responsible for preparing and conducting quality swimming and water safety lessons in a safe and friendly manner in accordance with the GRALC Learn to Swim program. Please include copies of all relevant licences and qualifications with your application. The successful applicant will need a Working with Children Check Clearance Number. To apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, log onto and complete the online application form www.workingwithchildren.nsw.gov.au

NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

(Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979)

DA No. 181/2018(1)	Applicant Mr P A Tyndall
Address	LOT 1 DP 1089603 18A Wyangan Avenue GRIFFITH
Description	Tourist and Visitor Accommodation - Air BnB
DA No. 186/2018(1)	Applicant Planningmatters Development Service: For & on behalf of: GA & JG Young
Address	LOT 2 DP 1145133 107-117 Willandra Avenue GRIFFITH
Description	Continuing use of Truck Depot and new Refuelling Facility
DA No. 188/2018(1)	Applicant Samoan Independent Seventh Day Advent Church
Address	Lots 1, 2, 3 Sec 3 DP 758965 4-8 Dunn Street THARBOGANG,
Description	Construction of Place of Public Worship, use of Hall & Subdivision
DA No. 192/2018(1)	Applicant Planningmatters Development Service For & on behalf of: Griffith Preschool Kindergarten Inc
Address	LOT 33 SEC 34 DP 758476 3-7 Kindergarten Lane GRIFFITH
Description	Alterations and additions to an existing childcare centre

Copies of the Development Application and associated plans are available for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre located on the ground floor of the Griffith City Council's Administration Building, 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith. This documentation may be viewed between the hours of 8.15am – 4pm, Monday to Friday up until **14 September 2018**. **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 – www.griffith.nsw.gov.au**

Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on 14 September 2018**. 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.

newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au (in child related industry sector, tick education). The commencement ordinary hourly rate is \$25,2982 plus 25% casual loading Monday to Friday and penalty rates for any weekend work (Grade 5). If you have any questions about the role please contact Vanessa Lanza on 6962 8100. *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.*

Gardener/Plant Operator – Cemetery

This position is being re-advertised as the position description has been amended.

This role involves the daily operation and maintenance of the cemeteries under the supervision of the Team Leader - Cemetery, in an effective, efficient and safe manner recognising the respect, dignity and harmonious exceptions of the Community and to assist with the burial duties as required. The successful applicant must hold an "MR" licence and a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card). Please include copies of all relevant licenses and qualifications with your application. Hours of work are 38 hours per week, with a commencement annual salary \$49,989.16 to \$54,990.00 (Grade 5) and a rostered day off once a fortnight. If you have any questions about the role please contact Peter Craig on 6962 8100.

Applications for the above three positions close 4pm, Friday 14 September, 2018.

To apply or for more information about these positions, log on to griffith.nsw.gov.au/jobs or contact Council's Workforce Planning Administrator on 6962 8100.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

ENTICKNAP PARK PLAYGROUND

Enticknap Park Playground is in the process of a playground upgrade over the next six months. The playground has been identified as a precinct playground in the area. Council would like to ask the Griffith community for ideas to ensure the park development for present and future generations. Come and help us design a playground that you can be proud of. On Wednesday, 19 September 2018 at 5pm at Enticknap Park located on the corner of Langley Crescent and Grey Street, Griffith. For more information, please contact Binita Shrestha on 6962 8100 or email Binita. Shrestha@griffith.nsw.gov.au

PUBLIC SALE ONE IMPOUNDED GELDING

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 24, Part 3 of the Impounding Act 1993 No 31 that Griffith City Council will put up for Public sale one impounded gelding on Friday 7 September 2018. The sale will take place at the Griffith Sales yard and will commence directly after the main sheep sale. The animal can be viewed at the sales yard.

EAST MIRROOL REGULATOR YENDA

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12 June 2018, Council adopted the Floodplain Management Committee Minutes and resolved to place the **Draft EMR Emergency Breaching Protocols and Decision Support Framework** on public exhibition. A Public Meeting will also be held on **Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 7.30pm at the Yenda Diggers Club** to inform community members and provide the opportunity for questions. The breaching protocols provide guidance as to how the responsible authorities can and should manage operation of the flood gates and emergency breaching of the Main Canal embankments at the EMR in response to a flood event from Mirrool Creek flood waters. A copy of the report is available on Council's website at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au or at the Council Chambers and Griffith City Library during normal office hours. Anyone wishing to make a submission on the report can do so in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Submissions will be received up to **4pm, Thursday 4 October 2018**. For more information, contact Kathleen Calabria, on 6962 8100.