

# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

## Message from the Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi

It's ANZAC Day this Saturday 25 April and although traditional ANZAC Day services across the region have been cancelled due to coronavirus, we can still mark this national day of remembrance and ensure Australian servicemen and women are appropriately remembered.

The Griffith RSL Sub Branch is encouraging the community to stop and remember those who have fought and died in defence of this great country by standing at the end of their driveways at 6am to 'Light up the Dawn'. You can even sign the pledge to light up the dawn at [rslanzacspirit.com.au](http://rslanzacspirit.com.au)

Griffith's community radio station 2MIA will be holding their own service over the airwaves from

10.45am.

Community members are urged to stay at home on Saturday, but you can still do your bit to help keep the ANZAC Spirit alive, it's more important than ever that we pull together in these uncertain times.

Together – although we're apart – we will remember them.

It is disappointing for our community that printing of The Area News has been suspended until the end of June due to the impacts of coronavirus and on behalf of Griffith we will be letting those in control of the paper know that we are unhappy about it.

As a result of this decision Council has created a new weekly online communications portal.

We want to make sure we keep our community as

informed as possible and have created the Council Catch Up Newsletter to help us reach as many people as possible.

This community newsletter will be produced each week and will include all the latest news, media releases, advertisements, positions vacant, Development Applications, messages from our Councillors and more.

We've made some changes to the website to make it easier to find this information. I urge you to subscribe and have this newsletter delivered to your inbox.

It is pleasing to hear that, at the time of going to print, no further cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Murrumbidgee Local

Health District (MLHD). I want to thank all of you for your continued support in doing the right thing and following the rules.

Let's keep up the good work, I know it isn't easy, but it's important to ensure the safety of our community.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District is urging people who have symptoms of COVID-19 to come forward to be screened for testing. Large-scale COVID-19 testing allows health services to quickly identify who has the disease and arrange for them to receive the care needed. Isolating known cases prevents them from coming into contact with others and slows the rate of transmission.

If you have a fever, sore throat, dry cough or

shortness of breath call the hotline on 1800 831 099 for a confidential over the phone assessment from 7am - 9pm.

Keep washing your hands regularly, stay home as much as possible, stop shaking hands, hugging, or kissing other people and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly.

If we remember these important tips we can reduce the potential for virus transmission and that will get us closer to being able to rebuild our lives and return to some form of normality.

Please, stay safe and stick together Griffith - from 1.5m apart.

Regards,

Councillor John Dal Broi  
Mayor

## LIKE TAKING PHOTOS? ENTER OUR EXHIBITION!

UP CLOSE is Griffith Regional Art Gallery's first online community exhibition!

Locals of all ages are invited to create a photographic portrait of someone who is sharing their isolation. With all that time on your hands why not use it to study the features and capture the unique characteristics of your loved ones – be it partner, kids, parents, grandparents, flatmates – or the family pet! Explore some photographic elements and make some seriously creative images or some just-for-fun portraits of your lockdown buddies! Entries close Friday 12 June 2020.



For more information or to enter please go to  
[www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au](http://www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au)

**UP CLOSE** COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT EXHIBITION

## Protect yourself from viruses



**Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



**Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



**Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



**Stay home** if you are sick.



## Take our MLAK survey

Griffith City Council is reviewing the Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK) system and is urging those living with a disability or their carers to help by providing feedback.

The MLAK system is used to access the disabled toilets in the Griffith Local Government Area (LGA) at any time of the day or night. Council provides a free MLAK key to any eligible person making an application.

You can help Council make an informed decision about the usage of public disabled access toilets by completing a short survey [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/mlaksurvey2020](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/mlaksurvey2020)

Disability Inclusion and Access Committee Chair, Councillor Mike

Neville said, the aim of this review is to ensure disabled persons have exclusive access to clean, safe public toilets in the LGA at any time.

"I encourage members of our community to fill out this survey. The results will help Council ensure we have a system in place that positively impacts those using these facilities," Councillor Neville said.

The wheelchair accessible toilets in our LGA, locked with the MLAK system include:

- Memorial Gardens, Banna Avenue
- CWA Park, Banna Avenue
- Poplar Park, Banna Avenue

## Citizenship Ceremonies affected by Coronavirus

Griffith City Council wishes to advise that due to the Australian Government's precautionary measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic citizenship ceremonies have been placed on hold.

The Department of Home Affairs is now working to introduce online citizenship ceremonies via secure video link, to enable people to continue to become Australian citizens. These ceremonies will be one-on-one with the presiding officer. Ceremonies performed via video link will continue to include integrity measures, like identity

requirements.

The Department will be in contact with conferees with full details in due course. There is no need to contact the Department or Council about your ceremony. The Department will recommence in-person interviews and citizenship tests when it is safe to do so.

Council apologises for any inconvenience.

For further updates please check the Department's website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship/become-a-citizen>



TO STAY SAFE FROM CORONAVIRUS, ALL ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 50 SHOULD STAY HOME.

Help our Elders stay healthy.



Waste management and disposal is classed an 'essential service'

Our facilities are open as normal





# Council adopts first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Griffith City Council has reinforced its long-standing commitment to reconciliation with the development of its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021 was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 March 2020 following months of development in collaboration with Reconciliation Australia and extensive input from the local Wiradjuri community.

Griffith Mayor, Councillor John Dal Broi said the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan provides a framework to demonstrate Council's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"It's unfortunate that due to the Coronavirus and the disruptions it has caused we haven't been able to officially launch this important document in the way we would have liked," Mayor Dal Broi said. "Council's RAP builds on and strengthens the existing relationship with Griffith's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and showcases Council's dedication and commitment to reconciliation. "This is a strategic document involving all departments within Council. Implementing it across such a large and diverse organisation presents challenges but Council is ready and committed to putting the initiatives into practice."

The RAP includes four standard elements relating to relationships,

respect, opportunities and governance with a commitment to reconciliation by fostering an inclusive community that supports the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

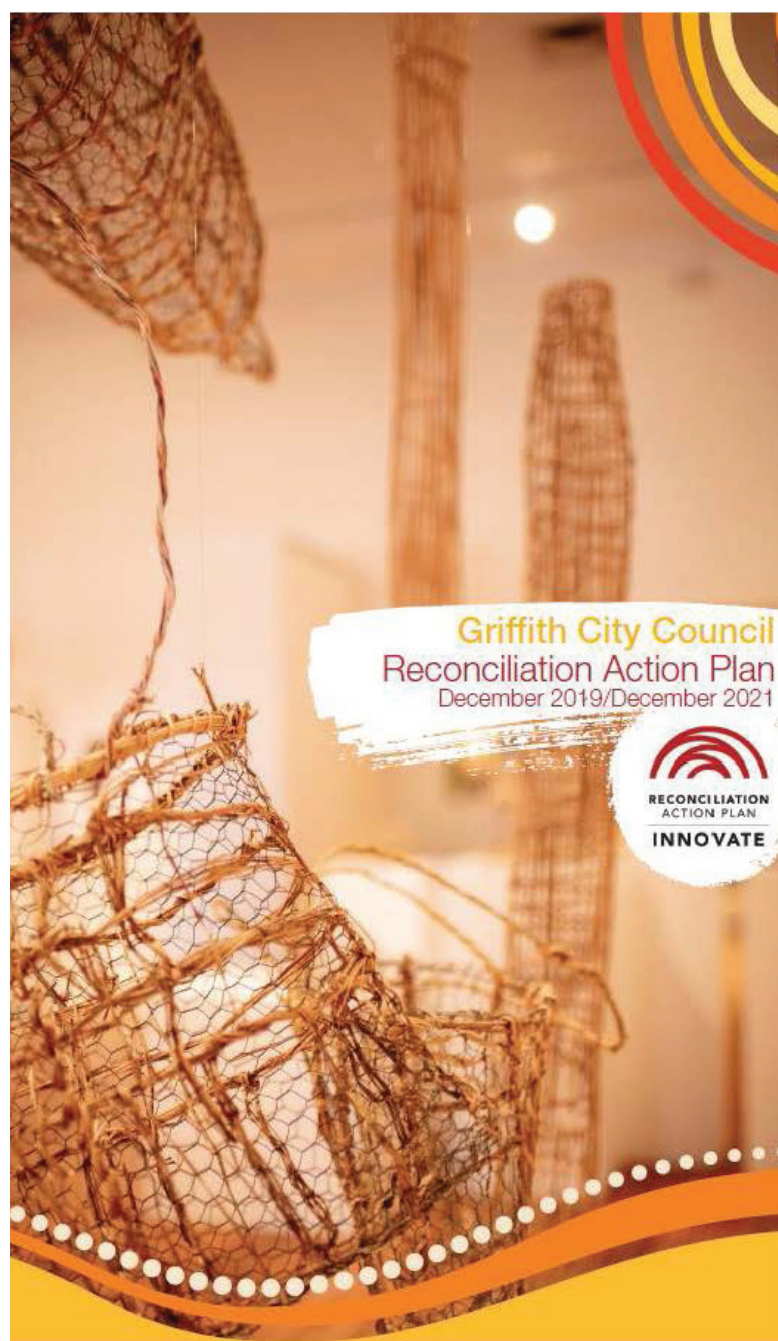
The Griffith Aboriginal Community Working Party (CWP) took a strong interest in creating the document. The RAP was a standard agenda item over 18 months working closely with Council's Community Development Officer - Aboriginal Liaison to develop mutually acceptable outcomes.

A number of discussions regarding the RAP were held with the Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service, the Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Dyrri-Bang-Gu and the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Reconciliation Australia supported the development of this document by giving the RAP conditional endorsement in late 2019 to ensure all sections of the document aligned with their guidelines. They gave their full endorsement of Council's Innovate RAP on 21 February 2020.

The RAP includes local history, an overview of significant activities and events along with identified deliverables and timeframes to be undertaken across all Council departments over the coming two year period.

Council's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2021 can be viewed on the website or for more information contact Community Development Coordinator Peta Dummett on 6962 8100.



## Please don't flush wipes, paper towels or facial tissues down the toilet.



### They don't break down like toilet paper and can cause a sewer spill.

Wipes



Paper  
Towels



Facial Tissues



Physical and mental wellbeing are particularly important during times like these.  
Here are some tips to help keep you well:

- \* Eat healthy foods
- \* Stay physically active - take a walk or ride bikes with your family (same household) or one friend/relative, see if your gym has online classes or kick a ball around the backyard with the kids
- \* Reduce the time spent sitting
- \* Get regular sleep and rest
- \* Practice mindfulness
- \* Connect socially with friends and family, while maintaining physical distance
- \* Remember to get your information from reliable sources - stay informed through [health.nsw.gov.au](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au)
- \* Remember to stay kind, be supportive and reach out if you find you aren't coping

We are all in this together.

#isolatedbutnotalone







# Ordinary Council meetings of Council set to be live streamed via facebook

COVID-19 has even changed the way Councillors will meet. The Minister has allowed Council Meetings to be conducted offsite from the Council Chambers with Councillors accessing the Meeting from their homes.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 28 April 2020 will be held remotely using Zoom Audio Video conferencing technology.

The Council Meeting will be live streamed through Council's Facebook page. The live stream will be stopped during Closed Council (Confidential section) and recommenced after Open Council resumes.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting will be placed on Council's website (as per current practice) the following day and the visual recording will be available to view on Facebook.

Due to the COVID 19 measures put in place, members of the public can address Council either by attending the Council Meeting at the Council Chambers and presenting to the Mayor (in person) and to Councillors (online) or submit their comments in writing by 12 noon on the day of the Council Meeting. Comments or submissions received will be read out at the meeting during deliberation of the item following approval by the Mayor.

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, public addresses must be in respect to matters on the meeting agenda. The Covid-19 Public Addresses to Council Declaration form must be submitted by 12 noon on the day of the Council Meeting. Comments or submissions received will be read out at the meeting during deliberation of the item following approval by the Mayor. The public address form is available on Council's website on our Council Meetings page at [https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/cp\\_themes/default/page.aspx?p=DOC-YCU-77-52-33](https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.aspx?p=DOC-YCU-77-52-33)

The Business Paper for the Council Meeting 28 April 2020 will be available on Council's website by Friday 24 April 2020.

You can also listen to the audio of this, and past Council meetings on Council's website.

## Do you need to contact Council?

Access to Council's Administration Building is restricted due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

You can pay your Rates and Water accounts through BPAY or Australia Post Online. Cheques will be accepted through the mail or at the mailbox at the entry of the Council building.

Staff are on hand to assist - call 6962 8100 to speak with us or to make an appointment. You can also head to our website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) for the latest news and information.

# Isolated *but not* alone

If you are experiencing difficulty, please reach out - we are in this together.

Lifeline 13 11 14

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

1800RESPECT 1800 737 732

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800



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

DA No: 67/2020(1)	Applicant: Convic Pty Ltd
	Address: Lot 701 DP 1030376, Yenda Place YENDA
	Description: Recreation Facility (Outdoor) Skate Park
DA No: 85/2020(1)	Applicant: Aust. Frost Fans Pty Ltd
	Address: Lot 110 DP 756060, 611 Kubank Road NERICON
	Description: Installation of 2 Permanent Frost Control Fans

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 6962 8100 This documentation may be viewed between the hours of 8:15am - 4pm, Monday to Friday up until **1 May 2020**.

The documentation is also available for viewing on Council's website On Exhibition webpage via: [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au). **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](http://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 Friday 1 May 2020. 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Draft Community Engagement and Communications Strategy 2020/24

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 24 March 2020, Council resolved to place the above-mentioned document on public exhibition as part of the Office of Local Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements. The draft document may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerambah Street Griffith, Griffith City Library and on Council's website [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au). Anyone wishing to make comment can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, Friday 24 April 2020**.

### Extraordinary Meeting of Council

Griffith City Council wishes to advise that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council is to be held Tuesday, 5 May 2020 commencing at 7.00pm. The Council Meeting will be live streamed through Council's Facebook page and an audio recording of the meeting will be available on Council's website

the following day. Due to the COVID 19 measures put in place, members of the public can address Council either by attending the Council Meeting at the Council Chambers and presenting to the Mayor (in person) and to Councillors (online) or submit their comments in writing by 12 noon on the day of the Council Meeting. The Covid-19 Public Addresses to Council Declaration form (available on Council's website) must be submitted by 12 noon on the day of the Council Meeting. The Business Paper for the Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held 5 May 2020 will be available on Council's website by Friday 1 May 2020.

### Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Notice is hereby given under the Roads Act 1993, Section 122, for the continued temporary closure of **Yambil Street between Kooyoo Street and Ulong Street**.

Yambil Street will remain closed to West bound traffic until **10 August 2020** as part of the Yambil Street Stage 2 upgrade by Griffith City Council. Detours around the worksite and access for pedestrians will be provided. A 40km/h speed limit will also be in place.

### New Amenities Building at Jubilee Oval, Griffith - Tender No: 15 – 19/20

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract

for the construction of a new Amenities Building at Jubilee Oval, Lot 7303, DP 1153581, Cutler Avenue, Griffith, NSW 2680.

**Tenders close on Thursday, 14th May 2020 at 2.00pm.**

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at [tenderlink.com/griffith](http://tenderlink.com/griffith) or by contacting Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533.

Tenders may be lodged by email at [www.tenderlink.com/griffith](http://www.tenderlink.com/griffith), hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerambah 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.*

### Council Updates

For all the latest in COVID-19 updates, please head to our website at [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au) or like our facebook page at [facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil](https://facebook.com/griffithcitycouncil). Council's recreational, sporting and cultural facilities are closed in accordance with the Public Health Order. Staff are available to talk over the phone at each facility or you can connect via their facebook pages.

Stay home unless it is necessary and remember to support each other - from 1.5m apart.

We are committed to keeping our community up to date. The Council Catch Up is now available as an e-Newsletter to help inform you of Council news, ads and important information.

You can subscribe at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/catchup](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/catchup) to have our newsletter delivered to your inbox each week.

**SUBSCRIBE**



**Have you washed your hands?**



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COVID-19 & CYBER SECURITY ONE-STOP-SHOP:  
[www.cyber.gov.au/COVID-19](http://www.cyber.gov.au/COVID-19)

