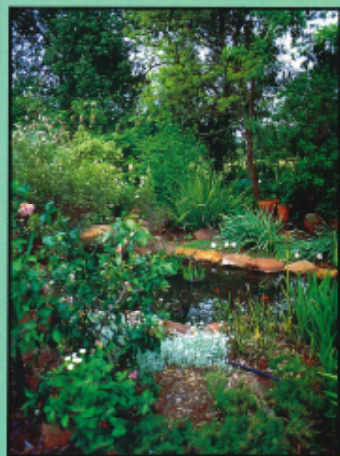
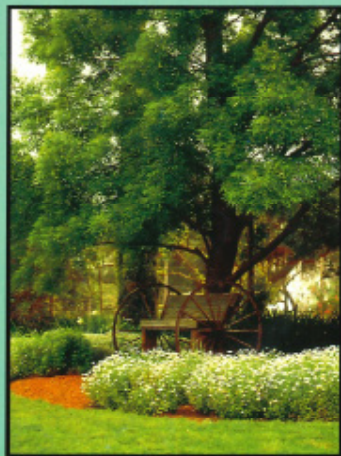


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Griffith Festival of Gardens

We extend to you a warm invitation to come to Griffith - the garden city of the Riverina - to come and enjoy the colourful Festival of Gardens.

Spring is a special time in the country. Nowhere is this more so than in Griffith. The warm sunshine, fertile soils and abundant mountain fresh waters of the irrigation



scheme, combine to provide the ideal conditions for nature's spring awakening.

Everywhere in Griffith - from the parks through to the gardens, there are brilliant colours on display as flowers, shrubs and trees awaken from their winter hibernation.

To celebrate this spring awakening, the popular Griffith Festival of Gardens allows you to see and enjoy the very best of Mother Nature's beauty.

For your viewing pleasure, 14 private gardens - ranging from town plots, larger acreage displays, farm gardens and through to delightful country gardens - are open for you to see and enjoy.

Each garden has something different to offer - no two are the same. Each gardener has sown his or her individual personality

into their garden, and this results in a diverse range of colourful offerings.

At the same time, in nearby Cocoparra National Park, a mantle of wildflowers generally follows the gentle spring rains. When this occurs, the park adds another colourful dimension to the Festival.

But Griffith is also much more than the Festival of Gardens.

Take the time to enjoy the many other aspects that makes a visit to Griffith special.

See historic Pioneer Park, which serves as a reminder of Griffith's early settlers as they carved a city from the barren wilderness. Or visit the arts and craft shops where many local items are on display and available for sale.

Then there is the Regional Art Gallery or the Regional Theatre with its majestic, soft sculptured artistic curtain. Each has much to offer the visitor.

No visit to Griffith would be complete without taking the opportunity to sample the quality wines of the city. Wines which have earned a reputation for quality and which have won many prizes at exhibitions both domestically and internationally. When at the wineries, keep an eye out for the cellar masters specials, there's often some excellent bargains to be found.

Another aspect of Griffith which shouldn't be missed is the food. Locally grown and as fresh as the day it was picked, expert chefs from around the world create gastronomic masterpieces, the envy of many capital city locations. With a large Italian population, the fare from this

Mediterranean country is always in high demand.

So come, enjoy yourself in Griffith during the Festival of Gardens. You will be glad you did.

Special Guest:

This year's Special Guest is Jim Webb, ABC Riverina's Gardening Expert. Jim will launch the Festival as well as visiting all gardens, and being available for gardening advice.



For information on the Festival of Gardens, contact:
Griffith Visitors Centre
Cnr Jondaryan & Banna Avenues
Griffith NSW 2680
Phone: (069) 624145
Open 7 days a week

The Festival Gardens

The Festival Gardens are open from 9.30am through to 5.00pm. Entry prices are \$2.00 for entry to a single garden and \$15.00 for entry to all the gardens. Morning and afternoon teas \$3.00, Lunch \$5.00.

Julie Armstrong: "Corrynnia Station", Carrathool
This large garden is a mix of cottage and formal highlighted by the use of terracotta statuary. Style and simplicity are key elements with cool colours favoured. Featuring roses, daisies, lavenders, Queen Anne's lace, nigella and bougainvillea.

Charity:- Goolgowi School. Lunch, Morning and Afternoon tea available.

Liz Bunn: "Jeanella", Goolgowi
Set on one hectare, sweeping lawns lead you through garden beds full of colour. An archway beckons as annuals flower alongside the orchard. Extensive areas of native plantings abut the main garden.

Charity:- Combined Churches of Goolgowi. Lunch, Morning and Afternoon tea available.

Nora Ceccato: Farm 2380 Clark Road, Yoogali
Nora's dream was a garden where she could work with plants and nature and watch the results with satisfaction. The garden started as an encroachment into the family citrus farm and is now extensive, having evolved over a period of 45 years.

Charity:- Arthritis Association & Griffith Leisure Gardens Trust Fund.

Mr & Mrs Colla: 9 Lawford Cres., Griffith
This garden has won nine prizes in Griffith garden competitions. The initial design by local artist Kevin Sheridan included the use of local rock. The Colla's have now extended the basic design planting many seedlings & shrubs.

Charity:- Scalabrini Village.

Audrey Davies: Farm 2043 Boorga Rd, Nericon
In farming tradition, the garden was the only area not suitable for agriculture. Finally, many trees became established. Today there is 1 1/2 acres of shady trees, shrubs, lawns and flowers.

Charity:- Melanoma Foundation.
(Lunch available for coaches by prior arrangement)

David & Esther Dumbleton: Macedone & McCormack Rd, Griffith
A 1/2 hectare garden featuring deciduous trees in a spacious lawn setting. Special features include a 1903 windmill. The homestead "Heather Brae" blends in harmoniously with the gardens.

Charity:- Catholic High School.
Lunch, Morning and Afternoon tea available.

Pat Jones: "Yambiana" Yenda
Lawns wind around curving gardens, harbouring stands of tall timber to give shelter and provide magnificent vistas. Background plantings provide rich foliage and flower colour, whilst the house verandas are framed with climbing roses.

Charity:- Griffith Genealogical & Historical Society (with historical display & trading table).
Lunch, Morning and Afternoon tea available.

Helen McDermott: "Ripple Vale" Goolgowi
Prior the arrival of domestic water in 1977, only the most hardy plants could be grown. Small beds were established and lawn sown. There are now many focal points, featuring colourful foliage, natives, old fashioned roses, a creek and ponds.

Charity:- Combined Churches of Goolgowi.
Fashion parade - Sunday afternoon.

Nat & Allan Murray: Portion 959 Kendall Lane
Natives are interspersed with exotic shrubs and bushes. Sweeping lawns give a feeling of space while dwarfed citrus trees allow views of our city. Ground covers have been used extensively, whilst hydrangeas and roses add colour.

Charity:- Griffith Riding for the Disabled.
Morning and Afternoon tea available.

Peter & Belle Morris: Maegraith Place, Somerton Park
A unique garden, nestled under a canopy of natives. A garden full of ferns, orchids and other sub tropical plants. The garden gives the impression it goes on and on forever.

Charity:- Presbyterian Church.

Joy & Bruno Plos: 5 Maegraith Place, Somerton Park
A natural bushland setting. With an abundance of trees, shrubs, perennial and exotic plants. Roses are prominent with the sunken garden featuring lovely heritage roses.

Charity:- Griffith Lions Club (Display of wedding photographs taken in garden).
Lunch, Morning and Afternoon tea available.

Roy & Lorraine Pratt: 21 Park Street, Yenda
Told he could not grow maidenhair ferns in the Griffith climate, Roy decided to try. Before long some varieties were flourishing and the "Maidenhair Factory" was begun. There are now 2,000 ferns on display.

Charity:- Spastic Council of NSW

Andrew & Belinda Storrie: 26 Carrathool Street
The garden development has been towards a cottage feel, to compliment the style of the house. Attention has been paid to creating satisfying and harmonious colour and leaf texture combinations. Perennials abound to a backdrop of shrubs and roses.

Charity:- Griffith North Public School.

Jim & Vera Vardanega: 10 Beale Street
A small yard does not necessarily mean a small garden. Imaginative use of florals, trees, potted plantings and espaliered shrubs are a feature - a must for anyone living in a unit or with a small area they wish to transform into a colourful oasis.

Charity:- Scalabrini Village.

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The Visitors' Centre has details of all the gardens & special attractions. Garden entry tickets must be purchased from the Centre prior to proceeding to the gardens.

Tours and Shuttle Bus Service:

Relax and take a tour, or use the Shuttle Bus to visit the gardens.

Tours:

Friday: Griffith City and Yenda
Saturday: Cocoparra National Park
Sunday: Goolgowi (includes fashion parade) and Carrathool
Monday: Goolgowi and Lake Wyangan

To ensure your seat, Book Early!

Shuttle bus:

A regular Shuttle Bus operates to all gardens in the Griffith, Yenda and Lake Wyangan areas on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets must be purchased from the **Visitors' Centre** prior to boarding the coach.

Toilet facilities are available at the:

- Griffith Visitors Centre
- CWA Rest Rooms, Banna Avenue
- Memorial Gardens, Banna Avenue
- All Festival gardens

Special Attractions

• Griffith Regional Art Gallery

The exquisite quilts designed by Deborah Brearley will be on display. The use of floral designs and patterns in her quilting makes the display an appropriate accompaniment to the Festival.

Thursday 13 October

• 2RG Sidewalk sale

A day when the main shopping centre of Griffith takes on a carnival air. 2RG broadcasts from the street through the day and there are BBQ's and sausage sizzles available. There are bargains and savings galore. A day for the dedicated shopper.

Friday 14 October to Monday 17 October

• Griffith Regional Theatre

The majestic soft sculptured 12 x 5 metre theatre curtain, depicts the city of Griffith and the surrounding countryside.

• Catania Fruit Salad Farm

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Saturday 15 October

• Anglican Church Fete

Stalls with all types of home made items including mouth watering jams and preserves.

Saturday 15 to Monday 17 October

• Realist Artists of the Riverina

In the tasting room of Miranda Wines, an exhibition, demonstrations and sales.



Saturday 15 October

• Cocoparra National Park Tour - 4.00pm

A twilight walk through the park to enjoy the colours of spring in the Australian bush. At the end of your tour, relax over a cup of billy tea.

Sunday 16 October

• Fashion Parade - Helen McDermott's garden

• Mini action day Pioneer Park Museum

The Nurseries of Griffith

Behind most successful gardens there is usually a nurseryman; an expert in his field who can recommend what to plant and when, what is wrong with a plant, helpful advice on when to prune or fertilise. So during the Festival of Gardens, take the time to visit the local nurseries. At these nurseries you will find a wide variety of plants and all exhibiting the new growth of spring. You never know, you might just find that elusive plant you have always been searching for.

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