



# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

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## Grass Roots Open Mic sees exceptional local talent

Over 200 Griffith residents were treated to an afternoon filled with the sounds of local talent, as 14 performers took to the stage on Sunday 4 August for the Grass Roots Open Mic at Griffith Regional Theatre. Contestants showed off their skills with a mix of covers and original songs.

Bonnie Owen, from ARTFARM and one of the Grass Roots judges, expressed her delight with this year's event.

"We are so pleased with this year's outcome. Every year we see the Grass Roots program welcome more competitors and larger audiences, all keen to see the up-and-coming talent in our region. How lucky we are to have such talent from the competitors, such enthusiasm from our audiences, skill and support from the staff and our partners, and an exceptional venue like Griffith Regional Theatre in our region," she said. Belle Madden was awarded Best Original Song in the Open

category, and won the opportunity to undertake a recording session at CAD Factory. Jaymi Clancy took out the award in the Under 21 category and will now participate in a one-on-one mentoring session with Song Makers.

Dwayne Broome was recognised with the Judge's Choice Performance Award in the Open category. He won the honour of performing at the Griffith Regional Theatre season launch later this year. Laylah Bains took home the same award in the Under 21 category, and will have the opportunity to show off her voice at the Piccolo Long Lunch Event in October.

The People's Choice Awards went to Belle Madden in the Open category and Maria Piccolo in the Under 21 category. They both received a \$250 voucher at Custom Music.

Pictured above: Belle Madden

## Consultation on Community

Have you had your say on the future of Griffith yet?

With Phase 1 of face-to-face consultation for the review of Griffith's Community Strategic Plan (CSP) due to wrap up later this month, those who haven't shared their thoughts are being urged to do so now.

The online option is available right up until the end of this year. Complete the "Your Vision, Our Future" Survey available online: [www.Griffith.nsw.gov.au/yoursay](http://www.Griffith.nsw.gov.au/yoursay)

Over the past 7 months Griffith City Council has been checking in with the community in a variety of ways including at community events, committee meetings and pop-up stalls.

This feedback, as well as all other consultation carried out since the last revision of the CSP in 2022, will inform the "What Our Community Said" booklet, which will be presented to the new Council.

Phase 1 face-to-face CSP engagement will wrap up at Council Café in the Kooyoo Street Kiosk on Thursday, 15 August 2024, 10am - 11.30am. Phase 2 will commence in October once the new Council reviews all feedback.

## Strategic Plan wrapping up



## Councillor Candidate nominations now open

Community-minded individuals should consider running in the upcoming Local Government elections being held Saturday, 14 September 2024. Prospective candidates are encouraged to visit the NSW Electoral Commission website for detailed eligibility criteria

and information on the nomination process. Nominations must be lodged with the NSW Electoral Commission by 12 noon on Wednesday, 14 August 2024. For more information on nominations visit the NSW Electoral Commission website.



## Council reminds motorists to adhere to traffic regulations

Griffith City Council urges all motorists to strictly obey traffic regulations to avoid Penalty Notices. Council has received several complaints about drivers not complying with parking regulations, in particular, vehicles, including large trucks, obstructing driveways. Other issues reported to Council include, large trucks parking within

10 metres of an intersection, which obstructs the view of motorists entering a line of traffic. Complaints have primarily focused on the Hanwood Village, along Kidman Way. Motorists are reminded to adhere to all traffic regulations to ensure the safety of all drivers and to avoid Penalty Notices.

## Echoes of Pink Floyd coming to Griffith Regional Theatre



Griffith Regional Theatre will host the upcoming tribute performance of Pink Floyd on Saturday 31 August at 8pm. Australia's own Echoes of Pink Floyd bring you their painstakingly crafted concert experience. Their performance, Signs of Life, promises a stunning tribute to Pink Floyd's 1988 Delicate Sound of Thunder tour, featuring both timeless hits and rare tracks not performed live in Australia for decades. Griffith Regional Theatre Manager Marg Andrezza noted that Echoes of Pink Floyd are Australia's leading

Pink Floyd tribute band, having captivated audiences nationwide since 2009. Founder Daniel Hunter shares his enthusiasm by showcasing David Gilmour's legendary guitar work, promising a memorable night for fans. Tickets are \$79 for adults, \$74 for concessions and groups of 8+, or \$49 for a child. Tickets are available from the Box Office, by calling 6962 8444 or visiting [www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au](http://www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au)



## Save the date

### 2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,  
14 September

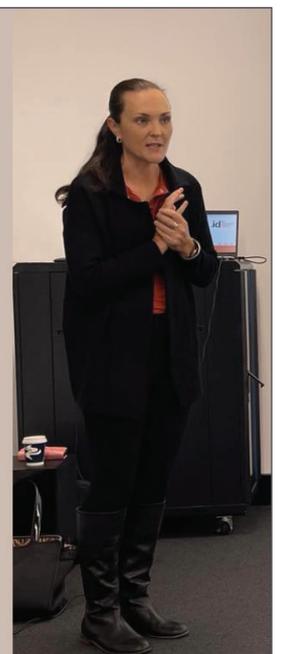
Voting is compulsory

Visit [elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24](http://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24)  
or call 1300 135 736

## LUNCH & AN ECONOMIC UPDATE

Featuring guest Katrina from .id  
Reserve Your Seat Now!

Tuesday 13 August 2024  
12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Multipurpose Room -  
Griffith City Library



## Joe Rizzo appointed Director Sustainable Development

Griffith City Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Joe Rizzo as Director of Sustainable Development, effective Monday, 12 August 2024. With over 20 years experience at Griffith City Council, Mr Rizzo has held various roles, including Engineering Design and Approvals Manager and has worked closely with the Sustainable Development Team. In his new role, Mr Rizzo will manage key Council functions such as DA Assessment, Property Management, Strategic Planning, Urban Design and more. He expressed enthusiasm for the challenges ahead and his commitment to

the Griffith community. General Manager Brett Stonestreet praised Mr Rizzo's experience and dedication, confident that under his leadership, the Sustainable Development Team will continue to excel.



## Griffith Pioneer Park Museum seeks new volunteers

Do you have a passion for history and a few spare hours to give back to your community? Griffith Pioneer Park Museum is on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to help in various areas to keep our local history alive. Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Manager, Jenny O'Donnell said she was particularly keen to hear

from individuals who can assist in areas such as, front desk, machinery, mechanical, gardening, cooking, sewing, carpentry, cleaning, history research and restorations. To join the team or learn more about volunteering opportunities, call 02 6962 8333 or visit: [www.griffithpioneerpark.com.au](http://www.griffithpioneerpark.com.au)



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**ITALY**  
GRIFFITH

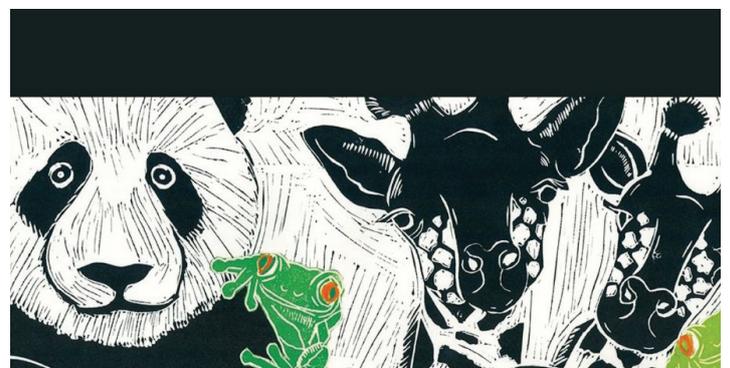
19 - 25 AUGUST 2024



**WE ARE HIRING** 

Are you highly motivated, with attention to detail and excellent time management and administration skills? Join the Governance Department at Griffith City Council as a **Governance Officer**

Applications close 19 August 2024  
**APPLY:** [griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://griffith.nsw.gov.au)



**OPERATION ART**  
SATURDAY 10 AUGUST - SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER  
GRIFFITH REGIONAL ART GALLERY

# Public Notifications

## Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 July 2024 it was resolved that the draft amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document.

The draft amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy 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). Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, 22 August 2024**.

## Integrated & Designated Development

### (Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979)

#### Modification to DA 78/2023(2) for Expansion of Existing Quarry Activities on Lot 1 DP 1290213 - Stevenson Road THARBOGANG

**Applicant:** Rockwoods Investment Group Pty Ltd

**Consent Authority:** Griffith City Council

**Determining Authority:** Griffith City Council

**Description of the proposed development:** Description of the proposed development: The proposed development relates to a modification to the expansion of existing basalt quarry to include that part of the subject land located on the northern side of Stephenson Road Warburn, with a maximum extraction capacity of 250,000 tonnes per annum

**Type of development:** The proposed development is classified as "Designated Development" under the provisions of section 4.10 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and is Integrated Development under the provisions of section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Integrated approvals required: The proposed development is also "integrated development", as defined in section 4.46 of the EP&A Act, requiring an environment protection licence under Chapter 3 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 from the Environment Protection Authority, and an approval under Chapter 3 of the Water Management Act 2000 from Water NSW. Copies of the Development Application, submitted plans and supporting documentation, relating to the proposed development are available on Griffith City Council's website under Council/Public Notification and Items on Exhibition/Development Applications: [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au) and also the Council's DA Tracker. If you do not have access to the internet, this documentation will be 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, during Council's normal office hours of 8.15am – 4pm, Monday to Friday from Friday 26 July, up until **Friday 23 August 2024**. Copies are also available for viewing at the Griffith City Library, 229 Banna Avenue, Griffith during Library's normal opening hours. Written submissions regarding the proposed development will be received by Council up till **4pm on Friday 23 August 2024**. For more information contact Council's DA Planner, Joanne Tarbit on 1300 176 077 or email [Joanne.Tarbit@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Joanne.Tarbit@griffith.nsw.gov.au)

#### Review of Local Policy Storm Water Drainage & Disposal

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 July 2024 it was resolved that the draft Storm Water Drainage & Disposal Local Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days, allowing 42 days for submissions to be received from the date of advertising. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document.

The draft Storm Water Drainage & Disposal Local Policy 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). Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, 4 September 2024**.



TO VIEW Road Closures

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

<b>DA Number: 104/2024(1)</b>	<b>Applicant: SKM Planning</b>
<b>Address:</b> Lots 13, 14 & 15 Section 17 DP 758476 16 Benerembah Street & Adjacent Road Reserve in Willandra Avenue, GRIFFITH	
<b>Description:</b> Demolition of existing structures and Construction of a new centre base child care centre, landscaping, fencing and a carpark	

Copies of the Development Application 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 9 August 2024**.

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 9 August 2024**.

FREE event. Book via QR Code  
Women over 16  
Children welcome  
Thursday 15 August  
Griffith Community Centre  
1 Olympic St, Griffith  
10.30am - 12pm | Light lunch incl.

# Make-up Workshop

WAGGA WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE

Griffith City Council  
...love the life style...

## Have your say at

# Council Cafe

Thursday 15 August 2024  
Kooyoo Street Kiosk  
10am - 11.30pm

Stop by and give us your feedback