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Youth Advisory Group celebrate Drive-In Movie success

The Griffith Youth Advisory Group (YAG), in partnership with Pristine Productions, proudly hosted a highly successful Drive-In Movie Night on Friday, 30 August 2024, at the Griffith Showgrounds. The event, which featured the blockbuster hit *Top Gun: Maverick*, attracted approximately 250 cars, each with 2 to 4 moviegoers ready to enjoy a night of cinema under the stars. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the choice of movie and the unique experience of watching it in a drive-in setting.

Ellie Andreazza, Youth Advisor at Griffith City Council, highlighted the importance of such events for the local youth community. "The Drive-In Movie Night was an incredible experience for our young people. It provided a safe and fun environment where they could come together and enjoy a movie, and socialise. Events like these are so important for

building a sense of community and offering entertainment that appeals to everyone," she said.

Shireen Donaldson, Director of Economic and Organisational Development at Griffith City Council, expressed her delight at the event's success. "We are so proud of the YAG who delivered this event, and we are amazed with the turnout and the enthusiastic response from the community. The success of the event shows there is a strong appetite for more events like this. We are already looking forward to planning an even bigger and better Drive-In Movie Night in the future."

To help ensure future events are even more successful, attendees are asked to complete this short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GYBKP>. The YAG and Council thanks those who attended, the food and drink vendors, and Pristine Productions for their outstanding event management and technical support.

Say no to water buybacks – sign the petition today!

Griffith City Council urges residents to support a petition led by Mrs Helen Dalton MP to protect communities from the impacts of Commonwealth Water Buybacks. The petition, which requires 10,000 signatures to be debated in Parliament, calls for a transparent report on the economic, social, cultural, and environmental effects of water transfers. General Manager Brett Stonestreet emphasised the critical importance of water to the region and the

need for informed decision-making. He encouraged community members to unite by signing the petition, available at Council's main office on Benerembah Street, Griffith City Library, or online.

An informative video by Helen Dalton explaining the issue is also available via Council's Facebook page. Council stresses that community action is vital in ensuring their concerns are addressed at the highest levels of government.



Early voting opens ahead of Local Government Elections

The NSW Local Council Elections are on Saturday, 14 September 2024. All eligible voters within the Griffith Local Government Area (LGA) are reminded that voting is compulsory and must be completed within their Local Government Area.

Early voting opens on Saturday, 7 September 2024. If you are unable to vote on election day, you can cast your vote early at one of the designated pre-polling locations in the Griffith LGA. Pre-Polling Locations for the Griffith LGA are located at Griffith Aboriginal Community Centre, 5 Wiradjuri Place, Griffith from Wednesday, 11 September to Friday, 13 September 2024, and Griffith Region

Returning Officer's Office, Griffith Regional Sports Centre, Merrowie Street, Griffith from Saturday, 7 September to Friday, 13 September 2024.

Residents should check the opening times for these pre-polling places by visiting elections.nsw.gov.au/elections

For those who cannot attend a polling place, a reminder that applications for postal voting close on Monday, 9 September 2024. To apply, visit the NSW Electoral Commission Website.

For any questions regarding the voting process, voters should contact the NSW Electoral Commission's Elector Enquiry Centre on 1300 135 736.

Register your business for Star Business and Shopper



Local businesses are invited to join this year's Glow2680 Star Business and Shopper Christmas Campaign by registering early. The campaign, which encourages residents to shop locally and support the Griffith economy during the festive season, will run from 4 November to 12 December 2024. Businesses can register starting Monday, 21 October 2024, and will receive promotional materials, including Glow2680 Star Business stickers, entry forms, and boxes. Shoppers who spend \$15 or more at participating businesses can enter to win a \$500 grand prize or

one of five \$100 vouchers, redeemable at the business where the entry was submitted. The campaign will be heavily promoted on social media, and businesses are encouraged to use the hashtag #Glow2680. A special Sidewalk Sale is planned for Saturday, 7 December 2024. To participate, businesses can register for the campaign or the Sidewalk Sale via this link: <https://rhvix6ka.paperform.co/>. Winners will be announced on Friday, 13 December 2024. For more information, contact the Economic Development team at 1300 176 077.

Fire at Campbells Wetlands destroys boardwalk



Griffith City Council remains committed to the restoration of Campbells Wetlands despite a recent fire that destroyed critical infrastructure. The fire, which started on Tuesday, 27 August 2024, has caused significant damage to the boardwalk and surrounding areas, forcing Council to reassess its current plans. Funded by a grant under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund, Council had initially planned to replace the existing boardwalk using the current structure as a working platform, with construction scheduled to begin on 7 October 2024. However, due to the destruction of the existing infrastructure, these plans are now under review. The contractor appointed

by the Council to undertake the project assessed the site last weekend, and will provide a revised solution ensuring that the project remains on track despite the recent setback. In addition to the fire damage, vandals have further compromised the site by kicking in some of the metal lining on the bird hide. The boardwalk is now closed to the public due to safety concerns, and barricades will be in place to prevent access. Council urges residents and visitors to respect these closures for their safety.

Council remains fully committed to delivering the project within the allocated timeframe and budget, with the aim to complete all works by 30 April 2025 to meet the Crown Reserves funding milestones.



Save the date

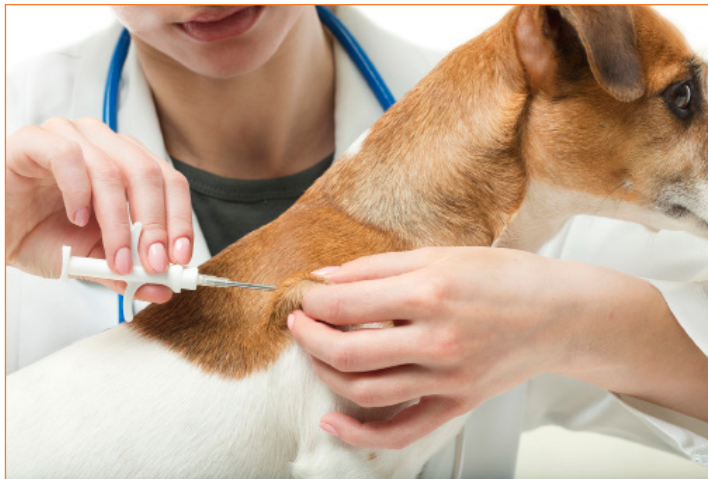
2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday, 14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24
or call 1300 135 736

Free microchipping day for companion animals



Griffith City Council will hold a free microchipping day at Kubank Park, Parkinson Crescent, Griffith on Saturday, 28 September from 10am to 1pm. This event provides a valuable opportunity for pet owners in the Griffith area to ensure their pets are microchipped, and that their details are accurate and up-to-date. Pet owners are invited to bring their pets along, and our team will check if your pet is already microchipped. If your pet is not microchipped, we will provide this service for free. Additionally, if your pet's microchip details are incorrect, our team will help you update the information on the Companion Animals Register after the event. Our Pound &

Animal Rehoming Centre Team will be available to answer questions and offer advice on responsible pet ownership, including the importance of registration and proper care. The Friends of the Griffith Pound will also be on hand to provide information about their desexing program and to offer desexing vouchers to eligible residents. This event aligns with Griffith City Council's commitment to promoting responsible pet ownership and ensuring compliance with the Companion Animals Act 1998, which requires pet owners to have their pets microchipped and 'Lifetime Registered'. For more information, please contact Griffith City Council on 1300 176 077.

Happy snaps from the Drive-In Movie



WE ARE **HIRING**



Council is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Pumpwell Operator

Water & Wastewater Maintenance Operator/Relief Pumpwell Operator

Applications close 8 Sept 2024

Swimming Instructor - Casual (no Austswim)

Applications close 9 Sept 2024

General Labourer - Road Maintenance (multiple)

Pool Attendant - casual

Work Health and Safety Officer (2 year term)

Workforce Planning Manager

Applications close 16 Sept 2024

APPLY: griffith.nsw.gov.au

Public Notifications

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

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

DA Number: 117/2024(1)	Applicant: Griffith City Council
Address: LOT: 1 PLT: PART LOT DP: 12720623 Olympic Street GRIFFITH	
Description: Temporary Use of Land for Weekend Event 21-25 Nov 2024	

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. Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4.00 pm on Friday 13 September 2024**. 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.

DA Number: 84/2024(1)	Multicultural Council of Griffith Inc
Address: LOT: 4 SEC: 8 DP: 758476 265-329 Banna Avenue GRIFFITH	
Description: Multicultural Event - Annual Festival - 12 October 2024 (First date)	

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 4:00pm on September 2024. Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4.00 pm on 27 September 2024**. 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.

Griffith Worker and Housing Shortage Taskforce draft "Report on Strategies to Increase Housing Supply August 2024"

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 August 2024, it was resolved that Council adopt the Griffith Worker and Housing Shortage Taskforce draft "Report on Strategies to Increase Housing Supply August 2024" and place the draft document on public exhibition for 42 days seeking community submissions. The draft "Report on Strategies to Increase Housing Supply August 2024" 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 Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft "Report on Strategies to Increase Housing Supply August 2024" can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit Council's website to provide an online submission. Submissions received will be included in a report to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. 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. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4.00 pm, Thursday, 10 October 2024**.

Amended Griffith Residential Development Control Plan

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 August 2024 it was resolved that the amended Griffith Residential Development Control Plan be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 42 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document. The amended Griffith Residential Development Control Plan may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition. Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, 27 September 2024**.

Naming the Roundabout at the Intersection of Kidman Way and Thorne Road

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 13 August 2024 it was resolved that the naming of the roundabout at the intersection of The Kidman Way and Thorne Road the "Khalsa Chowk" be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding the naming of the roundabout. The naming of the roundabout can 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 Comments or submissions will be received up to **4pm, 12 September 2024**.

Night at the MUSEUM

Featuring installations and video projections from **bioluminescence**

Jason Richardson
Greg Pritchard
Bernard Gray
& Andrew Keith

Griffith Pioneer Park Museum
Saturday 7 September
Open 6.30pm - 9.00pm

All ages & family friendly
Gold coin donation entry
Snacks, refreshments and soup available for purchase



TO VIEW Road Closures
SCAN QR CODE

