



COUNCIL CATCH-UP

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Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures back in Banna Avenue

Griffith will mark the start of Spring Fest with the installation of the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures in Banna Avenue, this Sunday, 13 October.

This Sunday morning, over 800 community volunteers will come together to install each of the sculptures by hand.

Griffith City Council is inviting community-minded people to lend a hand.

"This year we have 65 sculptures registered, a mix of four new sculptures and returning favourites such as the grand piano, the life-sized giraffe and the talking robot," Council's Events Coordinator, Izabella Apolloni said.

Griffith Spring Fest attracts thousands of visitors from all over Australia every year. The unique Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures are one of the core drawcards to Griffith Spring Fest.

The sculptures, which are on display for two weeks, are brought to life with over 100,000 oranges and grapefruit, grown across the region and kindly donated by the Real Juice Company.

As the largest citrus growing region in Australia, the Citrus Sculptures have become an iconic attraction, being the only display of its kind in Australia, attracting over 80,000 attendees over the two-week period.

Construction kicks off at 7:30am this Sunday 13 October. All volunteers will need to be inducted before entering the site. Volunteers are reminded to wear closed in shoes and bring a bucket to help cart oranges from the bins to your sculpture. For more information on becoming a volunteer, stop by the Griffith Tourism Hub, call on 1800 681 141 or head to www.griffithspringfest.com.au

Mamma Mia! Here we go again! Community musical returns

Griffith Regional Theatre is excited to announce the return of a Community Musical Production in 2025, featuring the much-loved music of ABBA in Mamma Mia!, licensed by Music Theatre International (Australasia). The show follows Sophie and her mother, Donna, in a heartwarming, and hilarious journey as Sophie seeks to find her father to walk her down the aisle. Theatre Manager Marg Andrezza said, "Our community musicals have been a hit with both audiences and performers, and Mamma Mia! will be no exception. Everyone loves ABBA's music, and it's sure to be a fantastic production." Performances are scheduled for September 2025, with expressions of interest now open for a Director and full production team. Auditions will take place early next year, and interested participants can register on the Theatre's website. Griffith Regional Theatre welcomes everyone to get involved as cast, crew, or sponsors.



Major road upgrades being undertaken across Griffith LGA



Motorists are being urged to exercise caution as a number of roadworks are currently underway across the Griffith Local Government Area (LGA).

These works are part of Council's commitment to improving infrastructure, safety, and connectivity for all road users.

While some delays are expected, Council is excited to see numerous projects progressing that will enhance our road network.

Current projects include:

- Kidman Way Hanwood: Levee construction
- Kidman Way/Murphy Road: Upgrades
- Thorne Road (Kidman Way to Murrumbidgee Avenue): Changed traffic conditions; reconstruction set for January 2025
- Nelson Road/Dickie Road: Upgrades in progress

- Walla Avenue/Kookora Street: New roundabout installation

- Yambil Street: Stage 4 upgrades

- Animoo Avenue: Hospital redevelopment.

Motorists are reminded to be careful in all work zones and to follow traffic signage. Please be aware that speed reductions may remain in place even when workers are not present.

We recommend allowing extra travel time to accommodate potential delays due to traffic controls. Heavy vehicle drivers should comply with restricted access routes; however, traffic control will assist over-sized vehicles through work areas as needed.

NSW Police will be enforcing speed limits, as well as adherence to traffic signals within the work zones.



Businesses urged to register for Star Shopper Campaign

Businesses are urged to get into the festive spirit early by registering for this year's Glow2680 Star Business and Shopper Christmas Campaign.

Registrations for businesses are now open, with entry forms, boxes, stars and other promotional material available from Monday 21 October 2024.

Running throughout November and the second week of December 2024, this campaign offers

customers the chance to win a \$500 grand prize or one of five \$100 runner-up vouchers when they shop at a participating Star Business. The vouchers can be redeemed at the business where the entry form was submitted.

The aim of the campaign is to inspire residents to shop locally, helping to invigorate the Griffith economy during the festive season. Register your business <https://rhv1x6ka.paperform.co/>



ANIMAL CARE *Services*



FREE VETERINARY SERVICES INCLUDING:

- FREE HEALTH CHECKS
- FREE DOG C3 VACCINATIONS
- FREE MICROCHIPPING
- FREE CAT F3 VACCINATIONS

CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS AND DOGS ON LEAD
MAXIMUM THREE ANIMALS PER HOUSEHOLD

 **Wednesday 16 October | 8am - 12pm**

 **Griffith Showground
Murrumbidgee Ave**



Please ensure you bring a mobile device to sign in.
Be prepared for weather as waiting lines can be long.

Have your say on the future of housing in Griffith



Council invites residents to have their say and help shape our region's housing future.

Griffith is growing, and the demand for diverse housing options across our region is becoming increasingly evident. To ensure we meet the evolving needs of our community, Council has engaged PSA Consulting, to conduct a comprehensive review of the Griffith Housing Strategy, originally prepared in 2019. Council's Economic Development Coordinator, Karly Sivewright, is urging all Griffith residents to share their thoughts and insights on how Council can effectively plan for housing growth and change in our community.

"Your feedback will play a crucial role in identifying community priorities and shaping the discussions that will guide the future of housing in our region," Ms Sivewright said.

The survey is a valuable opportunity for residents to voice their opinions on a range of housing-related topics. The insights gathered will help Council develop a new housing strategy that aligns with the needs and desires of our community, ensuring that Griffith continues to be a great place to live, work, and thrive. The survey is quick and easy to complete, taking only a few minutes. Whether you're a homeowner, renter, or looking to move to the area, your voice matters in this important process. Participate in the survey using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CV7PHHW>

Wake up with Today in Banna Avenue next Wednesday

The news is out! Griffith will be in the national spotlight as the Today Show broadcasts live from the Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures on Wednesday, 16 October.

This exciting opportunity will showcase Griffith Spring Fest and our vibrant community to viewers across Australia. Beloved Today Show weather reporter, Tim Davies, will deliver live weather updates from 5.40am to 8.40am, engaging with locals and highlighting Griffith's charm.

The Griffith Tourism Team invites everyone to join this special morning, with a coffee van and BBQ breakfast available on-site to fuel the early risers.

Be part of the fun and help celebrate Griffith's unique spirit as we proudly promote our region and festival to a national audience.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CURRAN

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old but building the new." – Socrates.

Fortunately, the world doesn't revolve around elections and there continues to be so much happening in our wonderful community. The 100-year celebration for Lake Wyangan school, the Southern Jamboree Basketball event at the Griffith Regional Sports Centre, The Griffith Relay for Life and the 100-year celebration for the Griffith Baptist Church, just to name a few.

Also, this weekend will see the citrus sculptures erected and we hope Heesco can finish the mural on the water tower. He's done such a wonderful job, it truly looks great.

However, I would like to use this column to welcome our new and returning Councillors as well as thank those departing our Council. You will get the opportunity to meet and learn about the new Councillors over the coming weeks as part of the Catch Up. I would like to welcome Mark Dal Bon, Scott Groat and Tony O'Grady and I look forward to working with all three gentlemen on their passions for our community.

They will have plenty of support from re-elected Councillors Shari Blumer,



Jenny Ellis, Anne Napoli, Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni. All of these Councillors have a variety of experience and bring so much passion and knowledge to the Chamber. We must also acknowledge the past Councillors that missed out, Dino Zappacosta, Glen Andreazza, Manjit Lally, Melissa Marin and Chris Sutton. All have put their lives on hold to represent their community and I want to say a huge thank you to one and all. Dino had been on Council for 37 years which is a wonderful achievement and unlikely to be replicated any time soon. Glen had 5 years' experience and Manjit, Melissa and Chris were elected 2 years and 9 months ago. Again I say thank you to the departing Councillors and look forward to working with all those elected earlier this month.

Stay safe, stay well and above all else be kind to each other and yourself, bye for now.

**Mayor,
Doug Curran**

WE ARE **HIRING**



Council is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Curator – Pioneer Park Museum
Applications close 14 October 2024

Economic & Community Development Officer (Trainee)
Applications close 22 November 2024

APPLY: griffith.nsw.gov.au

Public Notifications

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

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DA Number: 39/2024(1)	Salzan Pty Ltd T/A Salvestro Planning
Address: Lot 1 DP 1247659, 759 Thorne Road GRIFFITH	
Description: Alterations to approved driveway access	

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 Friday 25 October 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** Written submissions regarding the Development Application should be addressed to the General Manager and will be received by Council up until **4pm on Friday 25 October 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

DA Number: 87/2024(1)	Griffith Regional Funeral Services
Address: Lot 4 DP 775986172-174 Wakaden Street GRIFFITH	
Description: Alterations and additions to an existing building for the installation and placement of a temporary cremator.	

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DA Number: 141/2024(1)	Regional DOOH Pty Ltd
Address: Lot 101 DP 1115198, 10-12 Yambil Street GRIFFITH	
Description: Construction of a digital, free-standing billboard sign	
DA Number: 143/2024(1)	Regional DOOH Pty Ltd
Address: Lot 16 Section 2 DP 758476, 130-142 Banna Avenue GRIFFITH	
Description: Construction of a digital, wall mounted, billboard sign	

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TENDER

Yoogali Levee Upgrade – Stage 2a & 2b

Tender No: 05-24/25

Griffith City Council invites tenders for a contract for the supply and construction of the drainage upgrade in Yoogali, NSW 2680.

Tenders close on Thursday 7 November 2024 at 2pm.

Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink on www.tenderlink.com/griffith

Please contact Tenderlink Customer Service by telephoning 1800 233 533. Tenders may be lodged by email at www.tenderlink.com/griffith, hand delivered to Council Offices at 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith NSW 2680 or by post to PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

A mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held on **Monday 21 October 2024 at proposed worksite at corner McCormack and Gorton Streets, Yoogali at 2pm.**

Canvassing of any Council members or officers will disqualify tenderers from the tender process.

