



"There is a lively crowd enjoying Italian food at Vita's restaurant, the nearby Victoria Hotel is packed to the rafters and many locals are enjoying a passeggiata, an early evening stroll. It could be a scene from Reggio Calabria or Sicily, but we are actually in prosperous Griffith, midway between Melbourne and Sydney, discovering just how quickly the food and wine scene has developed in the Riverina"

Winsor Dobbin, Golf Magazine.

## Griffith Region

With many wonderful offerings in food and wine, Griffith has grown into a bustling and cosmopolitan centre.

It's hard to believe that the Griffith region was dismissed by the explorer John Oxley in 1817 as being 'uninhabitable and useless to civilized man.' Now a veritable oasis, thanks to the development of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area in the early 1900s, the region hosts an abundance of agriculture and processing industries and is an important food bowl of Australia.

Located on the traditional land of the Wiradjuri people, Griffith and its villages have grown and developed over the past century thanks largely to irrigation, the work of soldier settlers and later, Italian immigrants. Today, their combined legacy is alive and well in the people and traditions of this thriving vibrant city.

Griffith, with a population of 26,000, has become a rich blend of cultures and traditions. Today more than 70 nationalities add to our cultural tapestry including Indian, Afghani and Pacific communities.

Our adventurous and industrious people have developed the huge agricultural sector of vineyards, orchards, cereal crops, pasture and rice over the past 100 years and then added value through manufacturing, retail and innovative technology. Griffith is the regional centre for the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA). The MIA is one of the most diverse and productive regions in Australia, contributing over \$5 billion annually to the national economy.

The region produces more than 75% of NSW wine grapes, 70% of NSW citrus production and is Australia's largest citrus producing region along with 90% of Australia's rice production, 95% of Australia's prunes and recently planted one million hazelnut trees for chocolate maker Ferrero. Griffith wineries export over \$800M of wine per year and is the home of Yellow Tail. We are also a major chicken meat supplier and producer of olive oil, almonds, walnuts, tomato products and juice.

Griffith boasts friendly people and a relaxed country lifestyle; we welcome and invite you to visit and enjoy. My Griffith... is your Griffith too.



## Griffith's top 10!

"With some of the best produce in Australia, authentic Italian menus and award winning vineyards, the cuisine could keep a traveller here for weeks. But it's the people that really remain in your memory... you are made to feel really welcome."

Ben Stubbs, Travel Author.

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### Winery Cellar Doors

Experience the wonderful varieties of wine the Griffith region produces.

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### Explore Scenic Hill

Explore Scenic Hill's walking tracks, take in the views and discover the famous Hermit's Cave, the once home of Valeri Riccetti and spend some time at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum.



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### Italian Cuisine

Enjoy dining at an Italian cafe, be sure to try Griffith's gnocchi or famous rocket pizza - rocket toppa.



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### Banna Avenue

Walk down Banna Avenue and enjoy boutique shopping... just make sure you recharge with a coffee, sweet treat or gelato at one of Griffith's many cafes!

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### City Park



As well as flying foxes, City Park boasts the highest climbing frame in the southern hemisphere and was rated as one of NSW's Top 10 Playgrounds by The Daily Telegraph in 2013. Climb, play, walk, splash or take a BBQ picnic.

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### Farm or Agricultural Visit

Take a tour at Catania Fruit Salad Farm or Southern Cotton.



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### Cocoparra National Park

Bird watch, walk or pack a BBQ picnic...your options to enjoy these ranges are endless!

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### Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures

Highlighting Griffith's citrus industry these unique sculptures line the main street for 2 weeks every October.



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### Foodie Trail and Roadside Stalls

Pick up seasonal produce straight from the farmer at one of Griffith's many outlets or roadside stalls... you can't get any fresher than that!

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### Altina Wildlife Park

Fabulous Safari Park on the Murrumbidgee River, offering personalised and behind the scenes tours. Meet white lions, meerkats and capybaras.

