

YMCA – CLUB GOOGONG POOL SUMMER OPENING HOURS

To coincide with summer, the pool, gym and café have extended their opening hours:

GYM	Monday to Thursday	5.30am–7.00pm
	Friday	5.30am–4.30 pm
	Saturday & Sunday	7.00am–7.00pm
POOL	Monday to Thursday	6.00am–7.00pm
	Friday	6.00am–4.30pm
	Saturday & Sunday	7.30am–7.00pm

Neighbourhood Watch



If you're interested in your local community and keen to make a difference in your neighbourhood or street, then we invite you join the Googong Neighbourhood Watch. The program facilitates and supports safer communities through negotiation and exchange of information. It achieves this by promoting crime prevention, quality of life and social inclusion. Neighbourhood Watch is about removing or reducing the opportunity to commit crime, reducing victimisation and strengthening communities against crime.

Next meeting: Wed. 27 January 2016, 7pm, Club Googong.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday
16, 23 and 30 January 2016**
BELTANA PARK 3.30PM – 5.30PM

Enjoy an afternoon of funky tunes and relaxation in Beltana Park over three weekends during this holiday season. Bring a picnic and drinks along for a chilled summer afternoon featuring some of Canberra and Queanbeyan's coolest performers.



Saturday, 6 February 2016
5pm – 9pm Rockley Oval

Featuring a terrific line-up of regional live musical talent including Triple J unearthed winners, SAFIA, The Voice finalist Amber Nichols, The Burley Griffin, and Guyy and the Fox. Bring a picnic and invite your friends and family to come along!



Sunday, 28 February 2016
10-12pm

The managers of Club Googong's pool are looking to raise \$15,000 to purchase disability equipment for the facility. This is a fantastic initiative and we'd love to have your support. Please ask the team at the YMCA reception desk or email admin.googong@ymca.org.au for details.

The Googong Newsletter is distributed quarterly. To ensure you are receiving up-to-date information, please ensure we have your current email address and contact details. Contact your Community Manager or email community@googong.net

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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN CIC AUSTRALIA AND MIRVAC

NEW IN TOWN?

If you've recently made the move into your new home at Googong, don't forget to let our Community Manager, Samantha, know so that

she can give you your welcome pack and gift. You can contact her via email to community@googong.net or by calling her on 1300 446 646. You don't even need to make the trip to Club Googong – she'll come to you! You can also drop in to see her in the Googong Sales and Information Centre from Tuesday to Friday.

QUEANBEYAN FAMILY DAY CARE

Queanbeyan Family Day Care is actively recruiting educators in the Googong area. If you're passionate about working with children in your own home, contact us on 02 6285 6253 or info.fdc@qcc.nsw.gov.au

The scheme also has some vacancies for children in the Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra areas and may be able to help you with your childcare needs.



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Recently our town was overrun by monsters, zombies and other frightening creatures of the night – but the Googonian townsfolk couldn't have been happier! Yes, Boogong was a huge Halloween hit, as these spooky photos will attest.





A MESSAGE FROM GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

The warmer weather and consistent rainfall in late October and early November is helping with progress, especially with the landscaping works.

In November the Beltana Pond and Wetland system final restoration works were completed, and street tree planting in stages 5A, 5B and 6A has commenced.

Rockley Oval has welcomed the popular Tigers Auskick programme and Queanbeyan Junior Cricket, and will shortly be welcoming the Harman Hogs (to become the Googong Hogs) in 2016. Over the summer, Rockley Oval will transition from its winter to summer use, which means the removal of the winter rye grass, topdressing and fertilising to revitalise the summer couch cover. Current planning will see the oval handed over to Queanbeyan City Council in February.

At Duncan Fields the pavilion and grassing have been finalised, the floodlights and football posts are installed, and construction of the playground and surrounds is well underway.

Subdivision Stages 5A (67 lots), 6A (68) and 5B (85) were completed in October and registration of titles has occurred. This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 955 and works are underway on a further 365 lots in Stages 6D and Neighbourhood 1B Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4.

A development application has been lodged for the township's first shopping centre in Googong North. Works should commence early in 2016 and the first shops and childcare facilities are due to open early 2017.

Sales remain very strong as buyers continue to appreciate Googong's special offering.

MALCOLM LESLIE
PROJECT DIRECTOR

RECYCLED WATER UPDATE

With the commissioning of the Water Recycling Plant (WRP) in October, the supply of recycled water to Googong is getting closer.

We're using wastewater from Googong to test the WRP and ensure that the recycled water meets the relevant standards. This will continue until early 2016. Verification of consistent quality will follow for around 4–5 months, at which point we will hand operations over to Queanbeyan City Council (QCC).

You can help us with the testing and the ongoing operation of the WRP by being mindful of what you put down your sinks and toilet. Most importantly please remember to put the following in the bin:

✗ Oils	✗ Nappies and wet wipes
✗ Food scraps	✗ Personal hygiene products

Following the tests, recycled water will be available for non-potable uses such as gardening and toilet flushing, in early to mid 2016. It will also be used to irrigate playing fields and parks in Googong. Using recycled water will help to reduce consumption of potable drinking water in Googong by about 60%.

To learn more about Queanbeyan City Council water, wastewater and recycled water services:

Visit: www.qcc.nsw.gov.au
Email: council@qcc.nsw.gov.au
Phone: 02 6285 6000



A community forum will be held to discuss plans for the Googong Community Garden and its management framework. If you're interested in participating in the garden or attending the forum, please contact your Community Manager, Samantha Remmers via email community@gogong.net

MEETING DETAILS:

Friday, 15 January 2016, 5:30pm
Googong Sales and Information Centre

The Anglican School Googong

It's been a busy and action-packed second half of the year at The Anglican School Googong.

The Kindergarten children had a fantastic 'Kindy Night Out' in August, with dress-ups, dancing, ping-pong, chess, drawing, scooter boarding and colouring in, as well as a movie night and popcorn.

Year 1 had their first camp, which started with a 'Treasure Hunt' to find their home for the night. After a great journey via Rockley Oval, Beltana Park and an ice cream at the Yellow Belly Café they found themselves at the Achieve Homes display home in Bonarba Link.

The school's inaugural athletics carnival was held at Wright Park in Queanbeyan and included 70, 100 and 200-metre races as well as shot put, discus, long jump and javelin. Everyone showed tremendous spirit on the day with some tough competition between the students.

The Year 2 camp involved excited students sleeping at the school in their tents. The second day of camp saw the students build giant trebuchets that fired water bombs the full length of the school oval!

You can follow The Anglican School's activities at [Facebook.com/GoogongSchool](https://www.facebook.com/GoogongSchool)

Homeowner Responsibility for Verge Maintenance

A reminder to Googonians that while the verge in front of your home is owned by QCC, it is your responsibility to maintain it. This includes the lawn and any garden bed in that area.

We've noticed that some of the street trees are struggling with the heat at this time of year and have commenced extra watering to help them during this establishment period. But if you could also help out by giving the tree in front of your home an extra drink during the summer months, it would be gratefully appreciated.



SWIM INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Club Googong is looking for enthusiastic swim instructors to join our swim school team. Both experienced and new swim instructor applications will be accepted. If you're interested in becoming a swim instructor, now is a great time to obtain your AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety qualifications to be ready to start teaching in 2016. The Club Googong swim school takes pride in providing quality swimming lessons, plus you'll enjoy a generous hourly rate and flexible hours make this a terrific part time job opportunity for Googonians. Applicants need to be over 17 to apply.

For more information contact Bree on 02 6181 0391 or admin.googong@ymca.org.au

UPDATE FROM OUR LOCAL RURAL FIRE SERVICE JERRABOMBERRA CREEK

The Fire Season is here so here are a few tips to help get your property ready for possible fires.

TRIM overhanging trees and shrubs.

MOW your lawn and remove all the cut grass.

REMOVE material that can burn around your home (e.g. door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture).

CLEAR and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home.

PREPARE a hose or hoses that can stretch all around the house.

There are some helpful apps that you might find useful, including *Fires near me*, and *My Fire Plan*.

You can also check out the Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade website: www.jcrfb.com

For all the latest fire information, fire danger ratings and information on latest fires, please visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



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