

Googonian Gazette

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A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

The construction of Googong continues steadily. Registration of subdivision Stage NH1A Stage 7A (43 lots) is imminent. This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 1,594 and works are underway on a further 138 lots in Neighbourhood 1B Stage 8 and Neighbourhood 1A Stage 7B. There are around 850 homes now occupied and a further 250 under construction.

The Development Application for Googong Central is to be considered by the Joint Regional Planning Panel on 8 December 2017 and construction is expected to commence in this area by mid 2018.

Design of a signalised upgrade to the intersection of Old Cooma Road and Googong Road is complete and is awaiting approvals. Construction is expected to commence early next year. Following soon after this will be QPRC's upgrade of Old Cooma Rd which has been brought forward following the NSW Government's announcement of funding for the project earlier this year.

GOOGONG LANDSCAPING

As we near the end of 2017 we have the chance to look back and take stock of what has been achieved in 2017 and what to expect in 2018 in terms of open spaces at Googong.

November will see the official opening of Yerradhang Nguru, at the Eastern end of Aprasia Avenue, with an Aboriginal Cleansing Ceremony. This will be undertaken by representatives of the traditional custodians, the Ngunawal, and attended by various other community representatives including the Mayor of Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council Tim Overall.

Within Montgomery Rise, Munnagai Woggabaliri, the centrally located open space and associated playground, is complete. Munnagai Woggabaliri will be linked to Yerradhang Nguru via the Googong Common network of paths and trails which will be opened in November as well. The path system of the Common provides residents with access to the Montgomery Creek corridor via either a concrete path or a network of bush trails and log bridges that cross over the creek. For the last two years extensive weed control and replanting works have been undertaken to help stabilise and repair erosion within the creek corridor with a view to providing a natural landscape environment for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The Googong North Community Garden has received its license from QPRC which should result in lots of late Spring, early Summer activity in the garden. Come and see the garden for yourself which is located on Helen Circuit. If you would like to join the community garden or be a regular visitor contact the Googong Residents Association who will be running the garden on behalf of the Googong Community.



Googong's second dog park will officially open its gates in November as well. Located at the Northern end of Duncan Fields this dog park features a path network, shade shelter, seating, extensive tree planting, pond, play tunnels and a giant entry statement – to be revealed at the opening.

Coming up in 2018 design work has commenced on the open spaces within Neighbourhood 2, the Town Centre and on Googong's outdoor netball facility within the Googong Common which is planned to be open for the netball season in 2019. Works associated with the netball facility will include the completion of an additional 2km of the planned Googong Common path network.

From an environmental point of view we are completing an audit of the Pink Tailed Worm Lizard population within the Aprasia Conservation Area to inform us on how their existing population is developing; we have commenced revegetation works on Nangi Pimble to provide fodder and habitat for the Glossy Black Cockatoo; and our weed control, stabilisation and revegetation programme continues within the Montgomery Creek corridor adjacent to Montgomery Rise.

GOOGONG NORTH VILLAGE CENTRE

Developers, Googong Projects P/L, are expecting to complete the construction of the Village Centre in early 2018, with tenants moving in as their fit-out is resolved in the weeks following.

Works on the childcare centre, Our Place, have shot ahead with external landscaping commencing in November and the building is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year and available for intake in early 2018.

Civil and landscape works for the residential and retail building are also underway, and will be complete by Christmas. The building itself will open during January for fit-out, while the residential units should settle around March.

In September, Googong Projects P/L announced the appointment of IGA as the supermarket and liquor tenant. Works on this part of the building have been paused to accommodate planning for their specific fit-out requirements, meaning that they will look to start internal fit-out in mid January for a trading opening in March 2018.

The additional allied health and retail shops are linked in terms of traffic volumes to the opening of the supermarket, and are also subject to progress of subdivision/strata titling and individual fit-out programs, but we do expect that these will also open in March. We can confirm that Discount Pharmacy, a dentist, Dominos, and The Butcher Boy are locked in as tenants; while the café, restaurant, cafe/bar, hair/beauty, and GP tenancies are still in negotiation.



Just moved in?



THE BIGGEST AND SCARIEST BOOGONG YET!

This year's annual Halloween event, Boogong, attracted a staggering crowd of 20,000 people, zombies, werewolves, ghosts, vampires and clowns (mostly the evil variety). This makes it the biggest Boogong event so far – a 30 per cent increase on last year's crowd.

Googong Project Director Malcolm Leslie said everyone involved – including Googong's developers Peet and Mirvac – was delighted with the turnout.

"Boogong has really taken off," Malcolm said. "Thousands of people travel from all over the region to be here and the Googonian community turns out in force. This year we had a visitor from Italy as well as families from Queensland and across NSW."

Some incredible costumes could be seen on the day, with fans of Boogong putting in some serious effort to create some real showstoppers (or 'lunchstoppers' in the case of the some of the zombie makeup!).

This year's creepy circus theme was a big drawcard – the giant headless farmer, fire dancers, sword swallower and contortionist were all a huge hit.

"At its heart, Boogong is all about having some fun with your family and neighbours. But it's also a great showcase for the town, and for what has become a really warm and welcoming community," said Malcolm. "Events like Boogong, and our Googfest music festival in February, are a great opportunity to let other people experience a little 'Googonian spirit' for themselves."

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 will come to you! You can also drop in to see her in the **Googong Sales and Information Centre from Tuesday – Friday**.



LOVEGROVE PARK

Did you know that Lovegrove Park on Daniel Street Googong, is an all abilities park?

It includes custom-designed equipment to accommodate children with a range of abilities, including slides, rides and various tactile features to ensure no child is excluded from the playground. The park also has BBQs, sun shelters.

To encourage community involvement in the construction of the playground, students from The Anglican School Googong left their mark by painting totem poles that form the boundary of the equipment.

Lovegrove Park is just one of eight playgrounds currently available in the township, so why not head out for the Grand Googonian Playground Tour this weekend?

GOOGONG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (GRA) NEWS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came along to our recent GRA AGM. A new look executive committee have been appointed, which will bring a fresh approach to our operations. I have been re-elected at President of the GRA, and along with the new committee, will continue represent and champion the interests of the local community. Appointments will be circulated in the minutes. Thank you to everyone for your involvement.

Our grant through the 'Stronger Communities Fund – Community Groups' from QPRC to construct the new Googong Dog Park, Barkley Park is almost complete. Thank you to Peet for project managing this on our behalf and bringing to life this vision from our local Dogonians group.

QPRC Councillors Trudy Taylor and Michele Biscotti have taken residents' concerns on the lack of bus shelters in Googong, particularly along the school bus route to council. A report investigating which bus stops require the shelters the most will be given priority on installation on council's bus shelter program. Thank you, councillors.

The Googong Community Garden (GCG) is now open to GCG members. Council have issued the GRA with a five year licence to operate the garden, so if there is any green-thumbs out there who want to expand planting beyond their own backyards, please contact googongcommunitygarden@gmail.com for more information. A huge thank you to Diana Barnes, who has been reappointed as the Community Garden Coordinator for seeing this to fruition, and just in time for planting season. A note to all users of the garden, walking is encouraged to and from the garden, as there are no parking facilities. Please ensure there is minimal disruption to the homes of neighbouring residents.

If you want any further information on the GRA, please contact GoogongRA@gmail.com, thanks.

Kevin Butt
President
Googong Residents' Association





THREE YEARS YOUNG AND GROWING

The Anglican School Googong is in the final stages of preparing for our first year 7 students who will walk through the door at the beginning of the 2018 school year. In January 2015 we started with just 33 students from Kindergarten to Year 2.



At the beginning of next year, we will be welcoming over 185 students through the doors as we commence the school year with students from Kindergarten to Year 5 and Year 7. When you then add the 40 plus students in the Early Learning Centre it is amazing to think that each day there are over 225 students attending school in such a young township.

Each day at our school sees our students engaged in a rich and diverse range of activities both in and out of the classroom. Throughout Term 3 our year 2 students were writers which saw them learn and appreciate the skills required to write a story just as an author does. They had a visit from an author and learnt how to draft, edit and re-draft their work. At the conclusion of this they each submitted an original story to the Outback City Express newspaper. This resulted in one of students having their story published in this newspaper. Pictured above are each of our winning students with their prize packs donated by Pan Macmillan.

Recently, our year 3 students headed off the National Botanic Gardens for the day. Whilst there they each became a 'pond scientist' which saw them collecting samples from one of the ponds in order to identify the various creatures which call the pond home. It was amazing to see the students delight in the variety of life that they

found and the joy on their faces when they were able to identify upwards of fifteen species of animals in the pond.

Then to wrap up some of our recent highlights our year 3 and 4 students spent a Saturday morning geocaching. This was a great way to get out in the outdoors, learn some navigation skills and uncover some great caches in our region.

With our school continuing to grow at a rapid pace why not join our school community and experience first-hand the wonderful educational opportunities offered in Googong.

For further details visit our website at GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au or follow our Facebook page [Facebook.com/GoogongSchool](https://www.facebook.com/GoogongSchool)



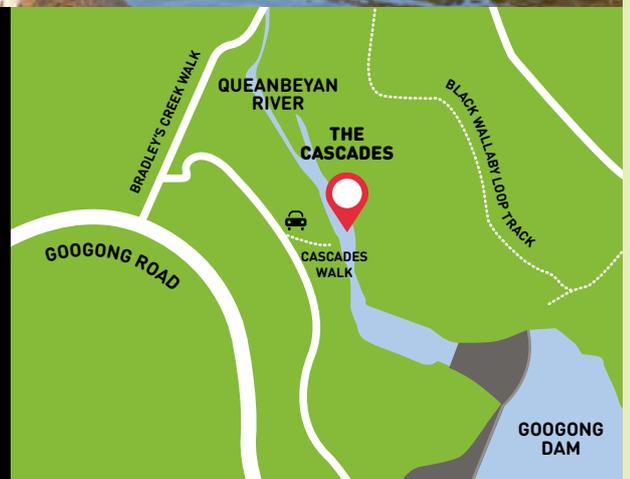


The Cascades:

Googong's local swimming hole

The Cascades is a stunning picnic spot just a short drive down Googong Road (see map). And because it's located below the Googong Dam, you're allowed to swim there. So pack your swimmers and towel along with a picnic and enjoy your local swimming hole this summer.

Please remember that swimming is prohibited in Googong Dam, which is a water catchment area.



Recreation at Googong Foreshores

	Bike riding		No dogs
	Picnicking		No swimming
	Bushwalking		No petrol powered boats
	Fishing		No wading
	Kayaking, sail boating	Protect your drinking water.	



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RESPONSIBLE Dogonian Ownership

With two dog parks here in Googong, the Dogonian's life is a happy one. But if you're a dog owner, it's worth boning up on your responsibilities when it comes to your fuzzy little friends.

There's a great fact sheet available on the Queanbeyan-Palerang Council website (qprc.nsw.gov.au) with everything you need to know, from picking up poo in public through to ensuring your dog is properly contained in your backyard. There's also information on what to do and who to call if you see a menacing dog roaming in public.

Remember, irresponsible dog ownership can result in fines, so check out the fact sheet today and let's keep Dogonian tails wagging happily.

WELCOME TO OUR PLACE!

Our Place Early Learning will be opening in Googong in early 2018, providing high quality education and care for children aged between 6 weeks and 5 years.

Our Place currently runs centres in Jerrabomberra and Evatt with programs that are based on the Early Years Learning Framework, and are underpinned by respect, safety, honesty and responsibility.

Our Place Googong is a modern, purpose-built centre with carefully selected furniture and resources. Our indoor and outdoor learning environments will be exciting, inspiring and engaging places for children to learn through play.

Our educators are highly qualified and passionate and can't wait to meet you and your children! We are excited to be part of the Googong community and look forward to meeting the needs of children and families in innovative ways.

If you would like more information, including waiting list details, please contact us on 6255 8660 or 0430 465 437, or email us at info@ourplacejerra.com.au. Places are filling quickly, so we encourage you not to wait!

RAINBOW CLUB – GOOGONG

Rainbow Club Googong – offering individualised and heavily subsidised swimming lessons for children with a disability – starts this October and we're looking for families who would like to make use of this opportunity.

Initially, a limited number of memberships will be available with swimming lessons scheduled for Monday mornings from 9.30am. Sunday swimming lessons will be added as soon as possible. Memberships can be included in your child's NDIS package.

Interested? If your child is under 18 and has a diagnosed disability, please register at <http://rainbowclubaust.com.au/index.php/registration>



SHARE YOUR FAVOURITE GOOGONG PHOTOS!

We are now on **Instagram**, so be sure to follow us **@googong_township** and share your favourite photos of Googong using **#googong**, **#GoogongTownship** and **#GoGoogonian**.



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YMCA – CLUB GOOGONG POOL

Monday to Friday Opening Hours

GYM: 6.00am – 7.00pm | POOL: 6.30am – 7.00pm

Saturday and Sunday Opening Hours

GYM: 8.30am – 5.00pm | POOL: 9.00am – 5.00pm

SWIM INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED

Our swim school at Club Googong is growing fast, so we're looking for new instructors to teach various lessons on weekdays, weekends and holiday programs.

If you're an enthusiastic and energetic person who enjoys working with children of a variety of different age groups and different skill levels. Our instructors help children develop their swimming skills in fun, creative and innovative ways while promoting safety. As an instructor, you would be teaching lessons on a weekly basis with a schedule following the school terms.

If you would like to apply for our swim instructor positions, or if you would like to send us an expression of interest for our next instructor courses, please contact Josh at admin.googong@ymca.org.au for further information.

Aqua Aerobics Classes

MONDAYS 6.00PM WEDNESDAYS 9.15AM

Our aqua aerobics classes are 45 minute group classes of moderate intensity. They are a great alternative to land-based programs as they reduce stress on the body. So for weight loss, muscle strengthening, conditioning and improvement in aerobic fitness, and general health and wellbeing try aqua aerobics.

Cost \$16.50 (Bookings essential)

See the staff at the YMCA reception today!

E: admin.googong@ymca.org.au | P: 02 6181 0391

Upcoming Events

FREE!



Googong Dog Park 'Grand' Opening
Saturday, 18 November
11.00am – 2.00pm

Come and enjoy a doggy day out in the new Googong Dog Park on Duncan Loop. There will be plenty of fun for your furrer family members and experts will be on hand to provide you with helpful advice.

In addition, QPRC Animal Management Services will be on-site to provide micro-chips for \$15.00 (the usual cost is \$40.00) – a special offer for residents of Googong only!

SAVE THE DATE



GOOGONG CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK
Saturday, 16 December 2017
6.00pm – 8.00pm



GOOGFEST 2018
Saturday, 4 February 2018
5.00pm – 9.00pm



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