

# Googonian Gazette

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## GOOGFEST GROOVES

**Googfest 2018 has once again rocked the town to its foundations with a musical extravaganza that had the excited crowd of ten thousand dancing the evening away.**

Mikah Freeman – of Canberra’s own house music legends The Aston Shuffle – hit the decks and pumped out an energetic set, including some of his own hits. In the crowd was Mikah’s family, including daughter Evie who was celebrating her 8th birthday.

The crowd made Evie’s night when everyone sang her ‘Happy Birthday’!

Mikah was preceded by some class acts from Canberra’s music scene, including a fantastic set by The Baker Boys Band – a band that contains no fewer than five Googonians! Nice work guys, if you’re reading this.

All in all, it was a perfect night and a perfect introduction to our little community for visitors to the town. Now to start thinking about who will headline next year’s show...



# A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

The construction of Googong continues steadily as registration of subdivision Stage NH1A Stage 7B (77 lots) and NH1B 8A (61 lots) fast approaches. This brings the total number of completed lots in Googong North to 1,635 and works are underway on a further 89 lots in Neighbourhood 1A Stage 6C.

**There are now around 1,000 homes occupied and a further 250 under construction in Googong –we've certainly come a long way!**

**Works are expected to commence on the first stage of Googong Central around May 2018.**

This follows on from the approval of the Development Application this January, and further detailed designs and approvals. In preparation for this, we've commenced works to relocate the overhead power lines through this area to the edge of Old Cooma Road.

**Works on upgrading the intersection of Old Cooma Road and Googong Road are planned to commence in February/March.**

These works are expected to take about 6 months and once complete will provide a huge improvement to convenience and safety at this intersection. I ask that you please drive carefully and with patience whilst the construction works are underway.

**Similarly, we understand Council are working to finalise the design of the upgrade of Old Cooma Rd between Googong and Edwin Land Parkway** and that they hope to commence works within the next few months. Again, this will be a great improvement to access to Googong but will involve some inevitable delays during construction.



**The opening of Burbank's display home brings our display village to 18 homes – the biggest of its kind in the region.**

Burbank's home is quite spectacular, and is definitely worth a visit if you're looking for a little inspiration for your own build.

In an exciting step forward for the town as a whole, The Anglican School Googong recently welcomed its first high school students. This and the imminent opening of the Googong North Village Centre are signs that the community is truly coming of age.



## 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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# THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

There was real sense of community on Monday 29 January at The Anglican School Googong as we launched the new school year with open classrooms and a family picnic. With over 180 students enrolled for the 2018 school year and 21 staff there is a great anticipation for the year of learning ahead.

This year we reach a particular milestone as we launch our Senior School, with two classes in Year 7. This is a wonderful celebration and we are particularly delighted with our brand new building situated at the front of the school's land on Gorman Drive. This building has been named Yumalundi, which means welcome. A very befitting name for the building which also houses the new reception.

*Our Year 7 students have settled into their new learning spaces well, particularly enjoying the flexible learning environment and diverse range of furniture designed to promote collaboration with their peers and absorption in individual tasks.*

Highlights for the term ahead include school camp for many of the students, a swimming carnival, plus our Family and Community Engagement Group (FaCE) are running a disco for the Junior School students and a Trivia Night for parents.

With the school continuing to grow at a rapid pace we invite families to come and explore a place for their children in our school community where our students discover, dream and grow in this local, unique and creative learning environment.

For further details visit our website

[GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au](http://GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au)

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[Facebook.com/GoogongSchool](https://www.facebook.com/GoogongSchool)

MERRYN CLARKSMITH, PRINCIPAL

# GOOGONG NORTH VILLAGE CENTRE IS NEARLY HERE



## WE'RE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOOGONG NORTH VILLAGE CENTRE IS NEARING COMPLETION!

At this stage, we're looking at a late February completion date for the centre itself. That said, the businesses moving in will take a little longer to get up and running – we're expecting trading from late March or early April, subject to finalising agreements and the progress of the various retail fitouts.

**The site's civil works and car parking is complete,** while the verge works will be completed in the coming weeks. The residential units should be ready for occupation in April/May.

**Our Place Childcare** are putting the finishing touches to the landscaping and internal works, and will have a formal handover from the developers in February. They're expecting to welcome their first groups of mini-Googonians in early March (subject to final licensing).

The **IGA Supermarket** and liquor store commenced their fit out last month and are expected to complete this work towards the end of March. Final stocking and installation suggests an early April trading commencement.

Other businesses who have committed to the centre include:

- Domino's Pizza,
- The Butcher Boys,
- Bakers Café (a bakery),
- Discount Pharmacy,
- a café,
- a gastro pub,
- a dentist and GP clinic,
- a hair/beauty salon,
- a community centre, and
- a real estate agent.

We're also currently looking for tenants to fill the gym/commercial office area on the first floor. Contact Laing+Simmons today if you are interested in one of these opportunities. [www.lscbr.com.au](http://www.lscbr.com.au)



## Just moved in?

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](mailto: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**.

# — Googong —

*where every trip to the park is an adventure!*

**Googong's park designers are determined to bring adventure back into play with Yerradhang Nguru (Gumnut Park) on Aprasia Avenue opposite the display village.**

This brilliant fantasy space features giant gumnut-shaped climbing pods designed to challenge children's climbing skills and sense of adventure. There are even outdoor ping pong tables for the older kids, as well as undercover BBQ facilities.

This playground is one of more than 23 parks and playgrounds that will eventually be scattered throughout the township. The parks are just part of the \$90 million landscaping plan being implemented by Googong development partners Peet Limited and Mirvac over the life of the project. Almost a quarter of Googong will be dedicated to parks and open space.

Googong Common is our town's 'green lungs', stretching across Googong. This enormous park will house major indoor and outdoor sporting facilities, including eight playing fields, an indo or sports centre, tennis centre, netball courts as well as a large regional playground and community gardens.





# GOOGONG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Googong Residents Association (GRA) meets on the first Monday of every month at 7pm at Club Googong on Beltana Road and we welcome new members to come along and hear what's happening in Googong and it is also a great forum to raise issues that concern you as residents. We also have guest speakers who come to talk to members on issues concerning them.

The GRA is currently working on developing a website which will be available shortly. Other issues we are working is maintenance of shared landscape areas in Googong, developing a Landcare Group and working with elected Councillors, State and Federal MPs as well as local groups on issues affecting residents.

The GRA held the AGM in November 2017 and the elected appointees for 2018 are as follows:

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**President** – Kevin Butt  
**Vice-President** – Sarah Niall (appointed following AGM)  
**Secretary** – Tracey Carino (also available via Facebook)  
**Treasurer** – Kevin Butt (also available via Facebook)  
**Executive Committee Members** – Anouska Gregory, Keith Harrison, Mick Gregory and Wade Cramer

## NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**Social Officer** – Sarah Hayward  
**Community Garden Coordinator** – Diana Barnes

**To get in contact with the GRA, please send an email to:**  
[GoogongRA@gmail](mailto:GoogongRA@gmail)



## GOOGONIAN GARDENERS REJOICE!

**The Googong Community Garden (GCG) is open and booming with summer veggies! We've had great success with our organic gardening, and produce is selling directly to Googonians through Yellow Belly Café.**

Plots are still available for those looking to start their own organic vegetable patch, with lots of advice and support on hand from GCG members to help your garden grow. We offer irrigated plots for the time poor, free plots for kids, and memberships for those just looking to enjoy free or heavily discount vegetables. It's also a great place to chat with other gardeners and get advice for your garden at home.

Our **Summer Harvest Festival** will be happening at the garden on **Sunday 25 February from 9:00am till 1:00pm**. It'll be the perfect opportunity to come and see the garden while you enjoy a morning in the outdoors, pick up on some gardening tips, purchase produce, munch on a snag and mingle with your fellow green thumbed Googonians. We'll even have lucky door prizes and a raffle as well as the following information sessions:

**Propagating seeds – 10:00am**  
**Worm farming for beginners – 11:00am**  
**What to plant now? – 12:00pm**

Email [googongcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:googongcommunitygarden@gmail.com) for an information pack.

# YMCA – CLUB GOOGONG POOL



## You're a lifesaver!

Do you have a committed work ethic?  
Do you share YMCA's core values of respect, responsibility, honesty and caring?  
Do you want to contribute to the community and perform meaningful jobs in a dynamic workplace? Then you should consider becoming a Lifeguard at Club Googong.

YMCA Canberra is currently seeking applications from qualified individuals for the dual role as a Lifeguard and Receptionist. The successful applicants will rotate between the two roles over the course of each shift, ensuring a diverse opportunity of duties each day.

Sound like the job for you? Here's what you'll need to be considered for the role:

- **RLSSA Pool Lifeguard Award**
- **Senior First Aid Level 2 Certificate**
- **Current CPR**
- **NSW Working with Children Check**
- **Customer Service skills**
- **Availability for weekend work**

For more information, or to apply for a position, contact Adam Horner via email [adam.horner@ymca.org.au](mailto:adam.horner@ymca.org.au)

## OPENING HOURS

### **Weekdays**

**GYM** 6:00am till 7:00pm / **POOL** 6:30am till 7:00pm

### **Weekends**

**GYM** 8:30am till 5:00pm / **POOL** 9:00am till 5:00pm

To help assist with the effective management of the pool, no entry will be granted 30 minutes prior to close and patrons will be asked to begin vacating 15 minutes prior to close.

If you have any questions about opening hours, programs or special events, please visit the **Club Googong – Swimming and Health Centre Facebook Page** or contact **reception** on **(02) 6181 0391**.

## AQUA AEROBICS

If you're looking for a moderate-intensity group exercise class that reduces stress on the body while still burning fat and building muscle, come and try Club Googong's aqua aerobics class. Run by a fully qualified, local female instructor, aqua aerobics classes are the ideal way to get fit and have fun.

Classes are held on **Mondays at 6:00pm** and **Wednesday's at 9:15am** and cost **\$16.50** or **\$10.00 for concession**.

So make a booking today by contacting the team on **6181 0391**.

## AQUA RUN

Have you noticed the Aqua Run at Club Googong this summer? This floating playground is great fun providing a challenging obstacle course where the landing is always refreshing!

The **Aqua Run** makes regular appearances **every second weekend** between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. To join the fun, children need to be 6 years and above and competent swimmers. Sessions are **\$5 for members** and **\$7.50 for casual use**.

Keep an eye out on the **Club Googong – Swimming and Health Centre Facebook Page** or contact reception on **6181 0391** to find which weekends the Aqua Run is up and running.



## Upcoming Events

### DEFENCE COMMUNITY CATCH-UP

If you or your partner are a serving member of the ADF, this event is for you. We understand the importance of getting to know your fellow Defence Members, especially within the community you live – so we would like to give you the opportunity to make those connections.

We are planning an event during March or April and children will be most welcome. Could you email us at the following address if you'd like to be advised of this, or other ADF activities:

[community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net)



## SAVE THE DATE



### SUMMER HARVEST FESTIVAL

A morning of gardening tips, fresh produce and garden talk. There'll be a BBQ, lucky door prizes and a raffle as well as information sessions.

**GOOGONG COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
**SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY / 9.00AM TO 1.00PM.**

### GOOGONG FISHING FAIR



The Googong Fishing Fair is returning to the town for another day of fish and fishing-related fun for everyone – from beginners and families through to seasoned pros. Stay tuned for more information as the date draws near!

**BELTANA PARK, GOOGONG**  
**SATURDAY 14 APRIL / 11.00AM TO 2.00PM**



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