

Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 14 - AUGUST 2018



Green Day!

How we celebrated National Tree Day 2018



On Friday 29 July, a dedicated team of Googonians – big and small – got together to greenify Googong's future as part of National Tree Planting Day– Australia's largest tree planting and nature-care event.

Around 700 native grasses, shrubs and trees were planted along Montgomery Creek as part of a Molonglo Catchment Group and Conservation Volunteers project. Residents were supported by a great turnout of Queanbeyan Landcare volunteers.

Add to this The Anglican School Googong's amazing tree-planting effort for Schools Tree Day on 27 July, and it's clear that Googong's leafy future is all but guaranteed!

If you're interested in joining our Googong Landcare Group, please email community@googong.net



A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Hello again. I'm happy to report that everything has been proceeding as planned. Here are some milestones of note for our town.

- Registration of 4 new stages of subdivisions with **NH1A Stage 7B** (77 lots), **NH1A Stage 6C** (89 lots), **NH1B Stage 8A** (61 lots) and **NH1B Stage 8B** (39 lots) all occurring since my last update. This brings the total number of completed lots in Googong North to 1,901 and works are underway on a further 195 lots in Neighbourhood 2 Stages 1 and 2.
- There are now around **1,265 occupied homes in Googong**, with 260 more under construction.
- Upgrades to the **intersection of Old Cooma Road and Googong Road** are planned to commence in September (subject to final RMS approval), and should take around six months. Please drive carefully and with patience until construction is complete – and then we can all enjoy a safer and more convenient entrance to our town!
- Council are finalising the design of the **upgrade of Old Cooma Road between Googong and Edwin Land Parkway** – construction should kick off late this year. Again, this will greatly improve access to Googong, but will involve some inevitable delays during construction.
- **Googong North Village Centre** is close to opening – the community is definitely coming of age.
- **Construction of the upgrade to the water recycling plant** which doubles its capacity is complete and is undergoing final stages of commissioning. Once commissioning is complete it is anticipated that Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) will begin to use recycled water in the non-potable water reticulation network – residents will be advised when this is set to take place.
- **Permanent water supply reservoirs** on Nangi Pimble have been commissioned and the interim reservoirs, near the intersection of Old Cooma Road and Googong Road, have been removed to make way for the development of Googong Central. You may have noticed a significant improvement in water pressure as the new reservoirs come on line.

- **A Development Application for the last stages of Googong North** (comprising 103 lots) has been lodged with QPRC and is currently on public exhibition. The plans and reports supporting the application can be viewed at our Sales and Information Centre or at QPRC's office at Crawford Street.
- At the end of 2017 and the start of 2018, we opened a series of open spaces and parks including **Yerradhang Nguru, Munnagai Woggabaliri, Googong North Community Garden and Barkley Park**. We've now connected Yerradhang Nguru and Munnagai Woggabaliri via a track and trail system within the eastern corridor of the Googong Common. It's a more challenging natural walk along the banks of Montgomery Creek up to the lake at Montgomery Rise.
- Work within the eastern corridor of Googong Common is now focused on ongoing weed control and revegetation works. So far **3,500 plants** have been re-established within the lower reach of Googong Common.
- In June, we commenced a **pilot programme with Molonglo Catchment Group and Conservation Volunteers Australia** aimed at involving you – Googong's residents – in future re-vegetation, weed control and stewardship of the natural environments at Googong. Eventually we hope to see Googong become part of the Queanbeyan Landcare Group so we can be even more actively involved in protecting the natural environment within the region. If this pilot programme is successful it is envisaged that the delivery of some of the environmental works at Googong will shift to a community partnership model. If you're interested in being part of this programme, get in touch with our Community Development Executive, email community@googong.net.
- Detailed design works are now complete on **Googong Common's outdoor netball facility and Googong's third sports field**. Works on these facilities will commence in earnest in December 2018 with a planned opening date of March 2019 for the netball courts and March 2020 for the third sports field. These facilities will be floodlit and include a major carpark facility.
- Design work is also well underway for **the future entry from Old Cooma Road into Googong Town Centre**. This work includes the main entry, Wellsvale Drive and the proposed lake to the north of the town centre. This exciting work will establish a focus for all future development at Googong and create a vibrant hub for residents and visitors to enjoy.
- In addition to the above infrastructure works, Googong and QPRC have been working on a **Smart City Master Plan** for Googong. In July we submitted a grant funding application to the Federal Government's Smart Cities and Suburbs Program. Funding will allow us to incorporate smart technologies into the infrastructure of Googong that will improve the liveability, productivity and sustainability of our town.

Flying High

IN THE GOOGONG SKY

A free day of kites and fun!



A FUN
FATHER'S
DAY
ACTIVITY!

**Sunday 2 September (Father's Day) 11am to 2pm,
Rockley Oval, Googong**

Googong's utterly uplifting kite festival is back with a host of new flying friends including a giant whale shark, dragons, bunny rabbits, a stingray, astronauts and a flying pig! Treat Dad to a Father's Day *Boss Burger* and a beer, bring a picnic, or enjoy a sausage sizzle while our DJ provides the inflight entertainment.

So bring your kite – and your Dad – to Rockley Oval, Rockley Parade, Googong NSW.



A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN
PEET AND MIRVAC

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NEWS FROM THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG



Over the last few months at The Anglican School Googong, our students have spent time thinking about the local environment and learning how they can make a positive contribution to the community and their physical surrounds.

Year 7 began a study of the local area, examining our town's local fauna, and understanding the habitat, environmental conditions and threats posed to these animals. The students' hard work is now presented in a delightful book about Googong's ecosystem titled 'Classified Tails'. The book was published and is selling fast – you can pick up a copy from the School.

Our Junior School students have been learning about sustainability and recycling, about the different types of rubbish and responsible ways of disposing of their waste.

Kindergarten set up bins to categorise their waste, and led the charge in collecting together soft plastics and organised for the school to

WITH PRINCIPAL MERRYN CLARKSMITH



begin recycling this type of rubbish. In addition, buckets for food scraps were placed in the playground, and have been happily received by many of our teacher's

chickens. Families were encouraged to think about how lunches were packaged and ways to reduce the rubbish produced during the school day. Year 4 and Year 5 were also able to visit the waste recycling centre, to further enrich their understanding of how they can contribute to a better future, as they explore the concept of 'Saving the World: Being part of the solution, not the pollution.'

All students contributed to the National Tree Planting Day by taking part in School Trees Day on 27 July. The school partnered with Googong Township, Molonglo Catchment Group and the Conservation Volunteers to plant 400 trees near Montgomery Creek in Googong.

On the day, the students also learned about the importance of native species including Kangaroo Grass. Also on hand to help were several parents, volunteers and teachers. The students will be returning to care for and water their plants in coming weeks.

At The Anglican School Googong, our students are encouraged to discover, dream and grow through inquiry-based learning and collaboration. Our school continues to grow and will cater for Kinder to Year 8 in 2019 and rolling out each year thereafter.

> GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au
> Facebook.com/GoogongSchool



Share your favourite Googong photos!

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



JOIN OUR WINTER PHOTO COMPETITION
with **#googongwinter2018** before 5pm, 31 August 2018.



BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE POLLUTION

A GUIDE BY YEAR 4, THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

Do you care about the world around us? Do you want to keep wildlife alive? Millions of animals die every year because of plastic waste.

Which of the following are true?

- By 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish
- The Pacific Garbage Patch is almost as big as Queensland
- A glass bottle in landfill will take one million years to break down

Uh oh! All of these are true. But, you can make a difference! Making a few small changes won't impact your life too much but will save the lives of thousands of animals.



Easy ways to Reduce

- Don't use straws or one-use cutlery
- Go to bakers and butchers who will let you put your product in containers and cloth bags
- Take eco-produce bags to buy fruit and veg
- Use biodegradable plastics and containers
- Use carved wooden toys not plastic toys
- Make foods and store them in containers, bought foods have so many wrappings
- Use cloth nappies
- Buy soaps that come in cardboard boxes not plastic bottles
- Buy dishwashing tablets that have dissolvable packets
- Don't use one-use coffee cups, take your own cup

If you follow these few easy steps, you can save the lives of millions of animals and change the world to make it a better plastic-free place for everyone.

We can all make a difference!

Thank you for saving our future!

From Year 4,
The Anglican School Googong



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 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 LANDCARE GROUP UPDATE



On a sunny winter's day in June, Googong residents joined Ngunnawal Traditional Custodian Tyronne Bell and Molonglo Catchment Group (MCG) President Dr Karen Williams on a fascinating **Cultural Tour** of the landscape in and around Googong.

The walk was followed with a delicious three course native food lunch and warming teas from local plants.

This tour and lunch was part of a series of activities being run with Molonglo Catchment Group and Conservation Volunteers Australia for Googong residents.

National Tree Day was held on **Sunday 29 July** where we planted some of the 700 locally-sourced plants including traditional food and medicine plants, shrubs

and trees to encourage birds, and groundcover plants including threatened species.

If you would like to sign up to the new Googong Landcare group please contact Samantha Remmers, Community Development Executive via email – community@googong.net

Follow '**Molonglo Catchment Group**' on Facebook for more information and to sign up for future events.



OUR PLACE EARLY LEARNING NOW OPEN IN GOOGONG

Our Place Educational Services has been part of the Canberra and Queanbeyan community for over 10 years – and now the company is delighted to announce the opening of their newest Our Place Early Learning centre at Googong.

The centre – which was officially opened on 6 August by Deputy Premier of NSW and Member for Monaro, Mr John Barilaro – will cater for children from six months to six years.

Business Owner and Manager, Steve Whisker, has been passionately involved in education throughout his professional career and believes in providing a safe, stimulating, fun, home-like environment that respects, encourages and empowers each child.

“Mr Barilaro has always provided support for me, education, small business and Our Place Educational Services as a whole”, says Steve. “This support continued in the establishing of our first Early Learning Centre in Googong. Thank you, John!”

To allow children and Our Place educators to develop successful relationships during the transition period, the centre will have three fortnightly start dates from Monday 6th August.

**Opening hours are 7am until 6pm, Monday to Friday.
The centre is located at 225 Gorman Drive, with our entrance on McPhail Way.**

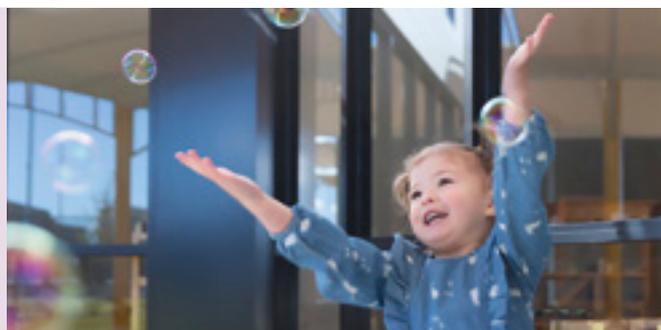
The Early Learning area is a fully inclusive service: including nutritional menu, formula, modern cloth nappies and a broad range of educational programs.

Our Place Early Learning Googong employs passionate and caring educators who demonstrate respectful interactions with children and create amazing and engaging learning environments.

Our Place is now taking enrolments, please head online to the following link to get started:

<https://mywaitlist.com.au/Waitlist/Apply?CentreID=18460>

Alternatively, contact the office via email **googong@ourplace.education** or call **0499 465 438** for further information. Steve and Our Place team would like to thank the whole Googong community for their patience and support through the development delays.



A FREE swimming lesson at Club Googong

DID YOU KNOW THAT CLUB GOOGONG OPERATES A SWIM SCHOOL DELIVERING YMCA SWIMMING LESSONS?



For over 4 years, Club Googong's YMCA Swim School has taught people of all ages from infants through to adults. Our national program has a passionate team of accredited instructors that encourage our students to learn skills that keep kids active while promoting their health, safety and happiness. The skills obtained may even save a student's life.

During Learn2Swim week – held from 2 to 9 October 2018 – Club Googong is offering a free introductory swimming lesson for any child under five.

So if your child is under five and has not yet had swimming lessons, we encourage you to visit the **Learn2Swim Week** website and sign up.

If you're ready to jump in with two feet, you can enrol your child for a full term of lessons by calling **(02) 6181 0391** or emailing **admin.googong@ymca.org.au** to check class availability.

Childhood drowning has a devastating impact on families and the whole community – but swimming lessons can make all the difference. Sign up today!

Cannons Marketplace Googong



Our local **Cannons IGA supermarket** is aiming to open its doors in early September, pending the last few hurdles being leapt over the next couple of weeks. You may have noticed the shelving and fitout being finalised over the past month, and from mid August you will see the shelves being stocked in advance of the opening.

The space is amazing and the wait will be well worth it. John Efkarpidis and his son Alexander have worked hard to bring a fabulous range of products to the store, which will also feature an in-house bakery, in-house butchery with locally sourced fresh meat, a huge deli, a florist, and even an in-house café.

We are also excited to announce that **Cannons Liquor & Co.** will be opening next week and will feature a range of locally produced wines and gin, along with a generous range of wines, beers and spirits from across the country.



CANNONS
MARKET PLACE + CAFÉ

LIQUOR & CO

CLUB LIME GOOGONG FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIPS

Club Lime is opening very soon at the Googong North Village Centre, and we're excited to share their special offer on Foundation Memberships!

\$13 per week and no access pass fee (usually \$59) if you join with a friend within 59 hours of each other, or score a discounted access pass fee of \$29 using the code "nosecondperson" (save \$30).

This Foundation Membership offer is only available for the first 100 members so don't delay.

Email Club Lime for more information at info@clublime.com.au

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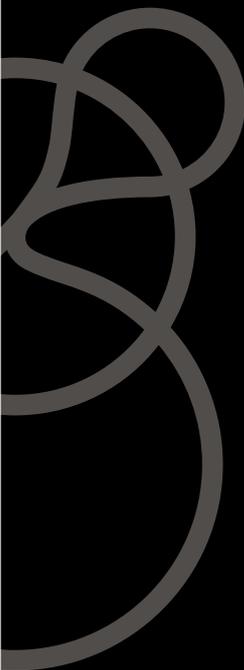


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GRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

We are sorry to advise that Kevin Butt, Googong Residents' Association President, will be moving interstate with his family for work, and he will consequently be retiring from this role. Therefore the GRA Annual General Meeting will now be re-scheduled to occur on Monday 3rd September 2018. The GRA Executive Committee will comprise of the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least three general members.

Nominations of candidates will be invited at the AGM prior to the commencement of each election, or can be made in writing with written support from two GRA members, and emailed through to GoogongRA@gmail.com. A nominees' attendance is not required at the AGM in order to be elected. All nominees must be members of the GRA to be eligible.

Further information on any of the positions, or requests for a membership form can be made by emailing GoogongRA@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Googong residents we would like to thank Kevin for his enormous commitment and support to the community of Googong these past 3 years, and wish him and his family well for this next phase in their lives.

 **GOOGONG**
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



GOOGONG'S BUDDING GARDENERS

The Community Garden had its first 'Little Buds' event on 22 June, welcoming little Googonians into the garden for a picnic lunch. The children were able to harvest and eat carrots from the children's plots and replant with some "surprise seeds".

Join the Googong Community Garden Facebook page for more information on events.

The Community Garden still has plots available.

Email googongcommunitygarden@gmail.com for an information pack.

UPCOMING events

RESIDENT *Function*

Friday, 14 September

7.00pm – 10.00pm

Googong Community Centre – McPhail Way

Our Googong Residents Function will be held again this year at Googong's new community centre. This year's cocktail event will include the groovin' sounds of **The Baker Boys Band** – so get your dancing shoes ready for a fun night out!



Tickets are limited and will go on sale in the coming weeks at a subsidised cost of just \$25pp, which includes music, cocktail food and drinks for the night (*please note this is an adult only event*).

You will be emailed the invitation to the event and to secure your tickets so make sure your details are up to date with our residents database, email community@googong.net or call **1300 446 646** if you would like to check or update your contact details.

UPCOMING events

FREE
EVENT



FLYING HIGH IN THE GOOGONG SKY

THIS
FATHER'S
DAY!

Sunday, 2 September 2018 (Father's Day)
11.00am – 2.00pm / Rockley Oval, Googong

What a special way to celebrate Father's Day! Bring your family and a picnic rug, enjoy DJ music and outdoor kite flying fun, with giant kites through to kites for the kids, and everything inbetween. **This is a FREE event.** There will be gourmet burgers, beer, and sausage sizzle available for purchase.

FREE
EVENT



RURAL FIRE SERVICE OPEN DAY

Saturday, 6 October 2018
11.00am – 2.00pm / Beltana Park, Googong

This is a chance for everyone to live their childhood fantasy – climb the big red fire trucks, have a go with the hoses, chat to some local heroes and try the firies' emergency gear on for size. There will be live music, a jumping castle and a sausage sizzle and everyone is invited to join in the free fun at Beltana Park, in Googong.

FREE
EVENT



BOOGONG, HALLOWEEN AT GOOGONG

Saturday, 27 October 2018
5.00pm – 9.00pm / Rockley Oval, Googong

Dress up in your ghoulish costume and come out to play at our free Halloween event. There will be displays, performers, live music, food vendors and so many great costumes to delight you and frighten you! It's an event not to be missed!



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