

Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 24 - MAY 2020



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A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Development at Googong is proceeding albeit at a slower pace as the impacts of COVID-19 are felt in the local economy.

Two new stages of subdivision, Neighbourhood 2 Stages 3 & 4, were completed in April with the roads now open to the public and 88 new lots ready to build on.

These stages included Googong's new main entry road, Wellsvale Drive, which opened to traffic on 20 April. Installation of a large new entry feature is scheduled for May.

Our sales team has relocated to a new (temporary) sales office on Courtney Street, in the heart of the new display village with new homes opening progressively as they are completed.



Nearmap aerial image 18/4/2020

Construction within the Googong Common North sports and recreation precinct is nearing completion and is due to open in the next few months. The first stage of development within this precinct will see the establishment of six outdoor netball courts, public toilet block, a temporary bike pump track, boardwalks across Montgomery Creek linking the sports precinct with the existing path system within the Common, BBQ facilities and off-street parking.

The carpark and netball courts has been surfaced with a product called Reconophalt, Australia's first asphalt product that contains high recycled content from materials such as soft plastics, glass, toner and reclaimed roads.

A kilometre of road (two lanes) paved with Reconophalt can contain 500,000 plastic bags and packaging equivalents, 165,000 glass bottle equivalents and toner from 12,000 used printer cartridges. The carpark and courts will serve as a trial for the product in the hope that it can be used more widely on the remaining roads at Googong.



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The Googong Township / Molonglo Conservation Group \$1m co-funded Pink-tailed Worm Lizard *Saving our Species* initiative continues with the installation of a perimeter fence to start soon. Other works include establishing and improving habitat for the species in specific areas, weed management, native grass improvement and creating an education sanctuary with the installation of walking trails which will be used by the Molonglo Conservation Group for guided tours.

There are now about 1,650 homes occupied with the population just tipping over the 5,000 mark. We really are becoming a township!



Have you moved into your home at Googong?

Hello Googonians!

We are very fortunate to have a Community Manager, Samantha, whose job is to help foster community connections for residents.

She can help to connect you and your family members to like-minded individuals, groups, clubs and others within the community. Her role also includes: running numerous events and activities (some public and some residents' only); supporting local sporting clubs and associations; assisting local businesses to establish themselves in the community; developing education programs

to assist our stakeholders regionally; and helping the community come together at this time of COVID-19 in virtual ways – like our **Live Streamed Googong Gigs** and children dance and music classes, and organising our recent **Googong Driveway Photos**.

Samantha needs residents to join/stay on our residents' database to keep abreast of what's happening. So, if you think you may have unsubscribed, changed your email address, or are otherwise not on our resident's database, drop her an email with your details to community@googong.net

Say, G'day!



Join the Googong Community Connection Project and stay connected to your fellow Googonians.

How it Works

Volunteers are connected with vulnerable members of our community through a combination of letter writing, phone calls and other physically distant means.

Sign Up or Volunteer

If you'd like someone to check-in with you from time to time, or you want to volunteer to join the project, call **1300 446 646** or email community@googong.net



THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

The Anglican School Googong has seen many positive changes in this recent season.

Here are some of the highlights:

Learning from the Governor-General

Sixteen of our Year Eight and Nine students had the privilege of engaging in a 'Google Meet' forum on leadership with Their Excellencies the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Mrs Hurley. The students were each able to ask Their Excellencies questions about leadership, decision making, work/life balance and about the situation that the world is currently encountering. It was a remarkable experience and the insight shared with our students was incredibly valuable.

Rosa Street Crossing

The new crossing installed at the Rosa Street entrance to the School features new blisters, ramps and poles for 'children crossing' flags. The project, funded by the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, will improve pedestrian safety for Googong residents, students accessing the bus stop on Gorman Drive and TASG students walking and riding to school.



Rich Remote Learning

The notion of versatility and the Learning Powered approach fostered at the School have been key dispositions our entire community has drawn on over the last few months of Remote Learning. Students have developed new skills and refined others as they have demonstrated interdependence, capitalising and meta-learning skills as they have mastered remote learning. Combined with fitness and wellbeing activities, our students have thrived in this season of change.

Enrolling for 2021

Whilst our Open Day events have been put on hold, we are still taking enrolments for 2021, with some spaces available in most year levels.

Visit our website googongschool.nsw.edu.au for more information or contact the School on **6154 9400** for a personalised tour.



GORMAN & CO

Great news! Gorman and Co. are open for business! For more information, visit www.gormanandco.com.au

Cannons IGA

Did you know that here at Cannons IGA Googong, we make many of our bakery products on-site every day?

From delicious cheese and bacon twists and flaky croissants, to family favourites such as white and wholemeal sliced bread and soft sandwich rolls, we take great pride in baking it all on-site.

In addition to our baked-in-store goods, we also stock local Dom's Woodfired Gourmet Bread and Three Mills Bakery.

Those who follow a dairy-free or gluten-free diet won't miss out, either. We stock tasty Venerdi sourdough breads and buns in black rice and polenta, hemp and rosemary, and sweet potato.

Whether you're after brioche rolls for breakfast, hot dog rolls for lunch, crusty bread to serve with dinner or a filling snack you can eat on the go, our bakery department has you covered.



GOOGONG LANDOWNERS

FIVE & FIVE

LAND OFFER

\$5k rebate and a 5% deposit for your next Googonian land purchase.*

If you already own your own slice of Googong, then here's a deal worth some serious consideration!

Right now, current Googong landowners will get a big \$5,000 rebate and a tiny 5% deposit on a new block of land at Googong.

Whether you're looking to upgrade to a bigger block, or you're considering investing in a second property, this is a deal you just can't go past.

For more information visit the Googong Sales and Information Centre or call 1300 446 646 - it's for a limited time only!



*Googonians who have purchased land from GTPL or a member of the Googong Builders Guild, Googong Partner Builders or Terrace Home Builders may apply for this offer. The 'Five & Five' offer applies to land purchased from GTPL. It does not apply to terrace purchases.



Googong **Driveway** Photos

A special thank you to the 100 households who joined our Googong Driveway Photos over the past month. We wanted to record the lives of some of our residents during this significant time of COVID-19 self-isolation, and hope that these images will be a reminder of a time in our lives where we were connected and focused as a community, like never before.

Thank you all for your fun and passion – we've loved watching it!







PRACTICE UPDATE

Extended hours

To facilitate more convenient access to health services, Dr Thanh is now available on Monday evenings until 7pm.

Psychology Services

Googong Family Practice is pleased to announce the commencement of psychology services from late May.

Gonzalo Santiago is a caring and experienced psychologist registered since 1999. He provides evidence-based psychological interventions to treat individuals (12 years of age and over) facing psychological distress. This is available both in English and Spanish.



Gonzalo can help with symptom reduction and treatment of a range of disorders including but not limited to, mood and other disorders such as depression, bipolar; anxiety, panic attacks, OCD, PTSD, adjustment and dissociative disorders.

Drawing on his experience and skills, Gonzalo uses a range of therapeutic models to help the patient achieve and maintain a healthy harmony between thought, emotion and behaviour. In addition, Gonzalo uses clinical hypnosis which taps into the subconscious to assist with achievement of desired outcomes.

Appointments can be made during business hours by calling 5104 9595 or online 24/7 at www.googongfp.com.au

Googong Discount Pharmacy is a new independent pharmacy set to open in Early June 2020. We are located opposite Cannons IGA Googong.

Googong Discount Pharmacy has a wide range of products for health and wellbeing at our everyday low prices from prescriptions to your baby needs. We will always have a pharmacist on-site to give service and advice.

Our planned opening hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 6.00pm

Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 10.00am – 3.00pm

Googong Pharmacy will be open through COVID-19 and encourage all customers to stay safe and maintain social distancing and hygiene standards.

GOOGONG DISCOUNT PHARMACY

2/189 Gorman Drive, Googong NSW 2620

PHONE: (02) 5104 4588



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GOOGONG'S TOP 3 HIGHEST SALES



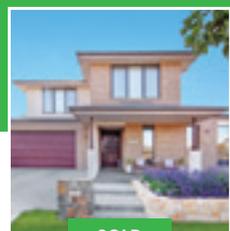
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\$1,075,000
71 APRASIA AVENUE



SOLD

\$1,125,000
73 APRASIA AVENUE



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\$1,135,000
8 BOROUGH RIDGE

**GET IN TOUCH TODAY TO ADD
YOUR PROPERTY TO OUR LIST**

NSW

02 6156 5607
5/189 Gorman Drive,
Googong, NSW 2620

ACT

02 6255 8836
19/2 Yallourn Street,
Fyshwick, ACT 2609



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COVID-19: IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS

| SYMPTOMS | COVID-19 | COLD | FLU |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Symptoms range from mild to severe | Gradual onset of symptoms | Abrupt onset of symptoms |
| Fever  | Common | Rare | Common |
| Cough  | Common | Common | Common |
| Sore Throat  | Sometimes | Common | Common |
| Shortness of Breath  | Sometimes | No | No |
| Fatigue  | Sometimes | Sometimes | Common |
| Aches & Pains  | Sometimes | No | Common |
| Headaches  | Sometimes | Common | Common |
| Runny or Stuffy Nose  | Sometimes | Common | Sometimes |
| Diarrhea  | Rare | No | Sometimes, especially for children |
| Sneezing  | No | Common | No |

Adapted from material produced by WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



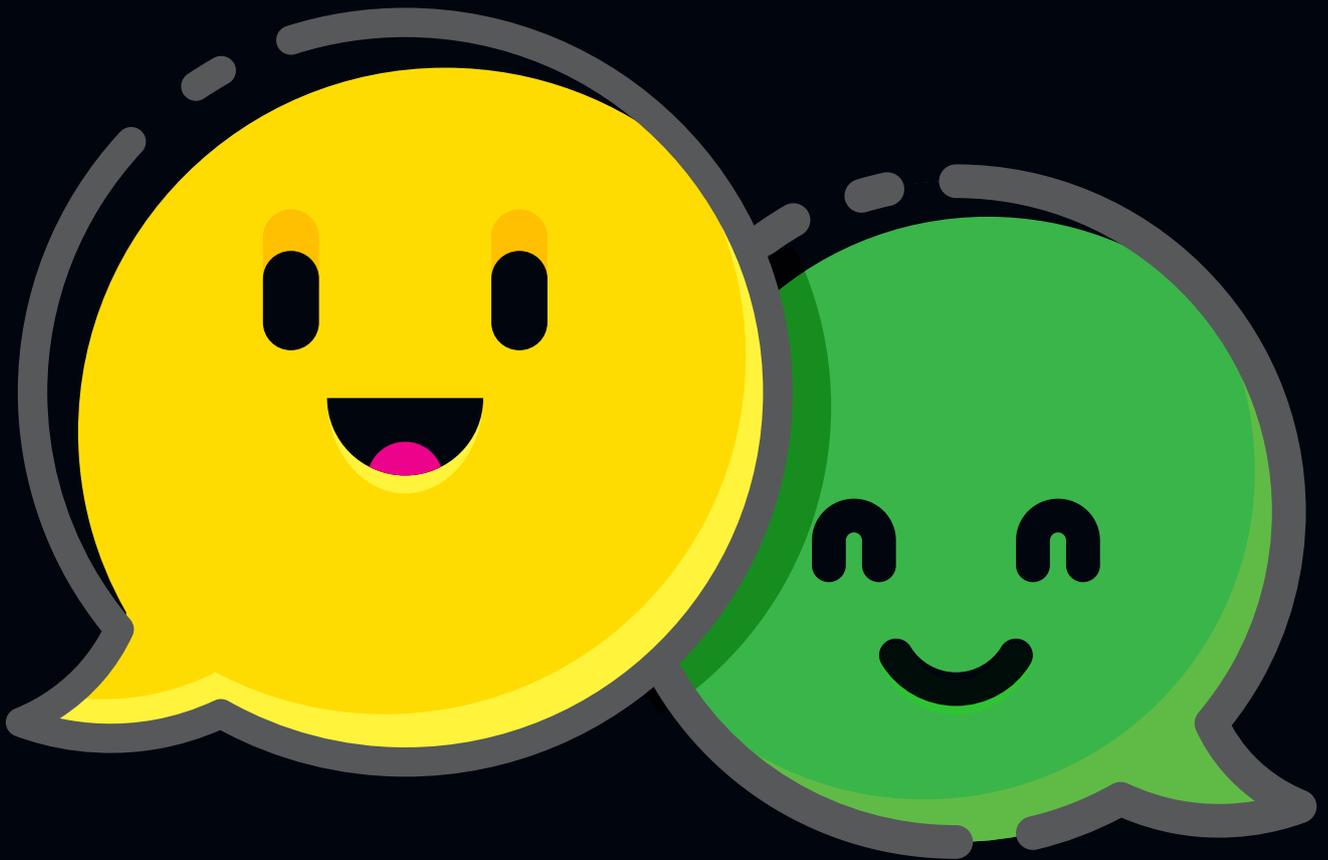
TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



Australian Government

Our \$1K giveaway.



Get a mate to go Googonian and you'll get a \$1,000 referral bonus.*

You've made Googong your home, so now it's time to roll out the welcome mat for friends and family. We are giving \$1,000 to Googong residents who refer someone they know to buy in our thriving township, before 31 December 2020.

Simply complete the referral form at googong.net and pass it on to your referred friend or family member to hand in at the Googong Sales Office. We're at 12 Courtney Street and open 10am-5pm, Saturday to Wednesday.

For more details, contact our sales team on 1300 446 646 or enquiries@googong.net

*Terms and conditions apply see googong.net/news-and-events for details.



A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN
PEET AND MIRVAC

visit googong.net



WINNER MASTERPLANNED COMMUNITY - UDIA NSW 2019 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

A MESSAGE FROM ICON WATER

While the COVID-19 pandemic has meant many of us have spent a lot more time at home, and are now looking for every opportunity to get some time out in nature, it's a good time to remind residents of the Googong Township, of the special role that Googong Dam and its foreshores play.

Googong Dam's main function is to supply water for the urban areas of the ACT and Queanbeyan – it is the single largest reservoir in the ACT and region's water supply system, holding 119.4 gigalitres (GL, or 119,400 million litres).

Keeping this precious source of drinking water safe means there are some things we can and can't do in and around the dam so you can still enjoy the area while protecting drinking water quality for the community (see table below). Googong is a unique and precious resource for all, so we need to look after it and protect our drinking water.

After all the wet weeks we've had over this last month, you might expect that the Googong dam is a lot fuller. We've been very fortunate to receive some rain throughout April and early May, and with the supplementation of the Murrumbidgee to Googong Pipeline, we've seen Googong dam levels increase

I Care for water

I will only put the dishwasher on when it's full
Caitlin, Belconnen

A joint program of

ACT Government QPRC icon WATER

from 41% to 45.5%. Overall the four dams that supply the ACT and Queanbeyan region are now at 51%. The winter predictions from BOM forecast more rain this winter compared to previous years. If we continue to work together as a community to care for water, and we do see this rainfall over winter, we can expect to see some significant changes in our water storage levels.

You can find out more about dam levels at iconwater.com.au/damlevels

Recreation at Googong Foreshores

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| | 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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Googong's new Sales Office.

Located at 12 Courtney Street Googong.

Open 10am – 5pm Saturday to Wednesday (except some public holidays)

Phone: 1300 446 646 Email: enquiries@googong.net



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GOOGONG GIGS

Tune in to our Live Streamed Googong Gigs, 6-7pm every Friday night on our Googong Township Facebook Page. We have great performers lined up each week. Enjoy live music from the comfort of your own home in this #stayathome gig format.



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