



GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOOGONG PROJECT DIRECTOR MALCOLM LESLIE

Development at Googong has been proceeding apace over the past few months.

Subdivision Stages 3A (60 lots) and 3B1 (105 lots) were completed and registered in November 14 and February 15 respectively.

Subdivision Stage 4A (56 lots) work has been completed and registration is pending Council approval.

This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 558 and works are underway on a further 495 lots in Stages 3B2, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A and 6D.

A subdivision DA for a further 610 lots in Googong North and Montgomery Rise is pending approval and designs are underway to enable the first sales release in this area in May with subdivision construction commencing around July.

Work is proceeding well on the first Stage of the townships Water Recycling Plant. The Contractor, John Holland, has all but completed the detailed design and has completed some of the critical structures of the plant. It is anticipated the plant will be treating wastewater from occupied homes by September.

Beltana Park has bounced back well from the popular Googfest activities. Despite a relatively dry month the grass, trees and gardens of the park are doing well thanks to the irrigation system and the continued maintenance.

The repairs and establishment of the lower section of Beltana Park around Beltana Pond are almost complete. As

part of our commitment to protecting the wider environment we continue to use Beltana Pond as a sediment control basin during the construction of homes in the pond catchment area. This means during heavy and constant storm events the pond periodically floods.

Rockley Oval is now open to the public and has welcomed the first users of the oval playing surface over the last month. This has included an informal but well organised cricket match of local residents as a "curtain raiser" to Googfest and the registration day for Queanbeyan Tigers Junior AFL club where stars from the GWS Giants came to support the Tigers. Winter will see Rockley Oval used as the home of the Harman Hogs and Queanbeyan Tigers Juniors AFL clubs.

For residents and visitors the next major park and play ground on John Caragh Drive is almost complete. John Caragh Park provides a different play experience

for residents and visitors as the park has retained significant vegetation and its main feature is the extensive path system for walking, running, bikes and scooters. Added to this are BBQ facilities and a striking birds nest swing on top of the hill. We hope to have this park open by the end of April.

Preliminary plans for the Googong North Village Centre have been prepared and will hopefully be locked in within the next few months following further negotiations with key commercial operators and discussions with Council.

Designs for an upgrade to the intersection of Googong Road with Old Cooma Road have been prepared and approved by Council. Work is anticipated to commence shortly. There have been reports of a number of near misses at the intersection and residents are encouraged to take extra care when using the intersection especially since the speed limit on Old Cooma Road is currently 100km/hr.



CHILD CARE SERVICES

GOOGONG EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Located at The Anglican School Googong, is a beautiful space for young learners – The Googong Early Learning Centre.

The centre opened its doors to children and families on Tuesday, 27 January 2015 and it has been wonderful to see the children and teachers settle in to their new learning environment.

For further information please visit <http://www.googongschool.nsw.edu.au/our-school/early-learning-centre/> or contact Centre Director, Rose Young Rose.Young@anglicare.com.au

FAMILY DAY CARE

Googong's first family day care will be open for business from April 2015.

Currently taking children aged 0-5 years for up to five days per week.

Care is provided by an experienced diploma trained educator who is excited to take what she has learnt over the years in a long day care environment to provide high quality care in her home.

Spaces are limited; please contact skye_cabrera@hotmail.com for further information.



PLEASE SLOW DOWN AROUND BUILDING SITES

There is considerable on-street parking around some of the home building sites during construction, which can also obstruct line-of-sight. Builders are accessing these vehicles frequently during the day and there has been concern about

the speed of passing traffic along Beltana Avenue (in particular) over recent weeks. While the speed on Beltana Avenue is officially 50km/hour, it would be appreciated if you could slow to 40km to protect the safety of these workers and the community.

ROB PAXEVANOUS OF FISHING AUSTRALIA - FILMING AT GOOGONG DAM

Fishing at Googong Dam is spectacular and Rob Paxevanous knows all about that. Rob and his crew started filming at Googong Dam late last year. We will be launching his video at Googong in the coming months and will keep you posted on progress – watch this space!



CAT CONTAINMENT

Due to the tendency of domestic cats to roam, cats are far safer kept indoors, especially given the dangers to cats which roam within and outside of the township.

Neighbouring farms will bait and trap foxes and cats, and we urge you to consider the wildlife and endangered species of this area. For more information visit: <http://googong.net/environment/pets-feral-animals-and-weeds.php>

Please consider this when letting your furry friends venture outside.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are inviting and encouraging Googong residents to consider participation in the Neighbourhood Watch Program. 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 and commodities against crime.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact your Community Facilitator, Sam Remmers for further information. Sam can be contact via email community@googong.net or by calling **6181 0392**



PAST EVENTS

GOOGFEST

SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2015

What an amazing turn out of our inaugural Googfest event. With over 4000 people in attendance and perfect weather, we could not have hoped for a better way showcase what Googong has to offer.

The performances on the night were great, with many new fans of our local talent the Big Boss Groove and Lavers. A super performance from Mary Ann van Der Horst and a show stopper from X Factor winner Dami Im.

Everyone was catered for with the delicious food on offer and with some sold out food stalls; it was obviously a big hit!

With the generosity of our local community, our local Rural Fire Brigade (Jerrabomberra Creek) managed to raise over \$1400 from the event. These much needed funds will go towards equipment for the crew and on-going training.

We are already planning an ever bigger and better event for 2016....stay tuned!



YMCA – POOL AND GYM

POOL AND GYM OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday 6:30am – 6:30pm
Saturday/Sunday 9:00am – 5:00pm



SWIMMING LESSONS

The next term of swimming lessons will commence in April 2015. Please express your interest to Bree at the YMCA - admin.googong@ymca.org.au



TENNIS ACADEMY

TopFun Tennis Academy will now be taking lessons at our Beltana Park courts. Cardio Tennis will also take place on Saturday mornings from 8:00am – 9:00am.

For further information or to make a booking, please contact david@topfuntennis.com.au



THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

Another major milestone was achieved on 28 January this year with The Anglican School Googong commencing with its first students. For the 60 students who walked into their new school to begin their educational journey as they become tomorrow's global citizens this was a very exciting day. The celebrations to mark this milestone commenced with a family picnic on the Tuesday evening before school started. This provided the new school community the opportunity to come

together for the first time at the school.

On Tuesday 28 January the school community then gathered to be greeted by their teachers and Bishop Trevor Edwards. Bishop Trevor formally inducted Ian Hewitt as the Founding Principal and blessed the staff of the school as they embark on this educational journey with the students.

If you would like to find out more about The Anglican School Googong, please visit their website at: GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au



HAVE YOU MOVED INTO YOUR HOME AT GOOGONG?

If you have 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 Club Googong at the YMCA desk from Tuesday – Friday.

GOOGONG PLAYGROUP

The Anglican School Googong has kindly agreed to us using some of their wonderful space to hold a regular weekly playgroup.

This will give the babies and toddlers a fun, safe place to interact with other Googong free-range kids! Not only that, it will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other Mum's and Dad's within the township. The group will meet on Thursday mornings at 10am.

Please contact your Community Manager for further information – Samantha.remmers@googong.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Dive in Movie

Saturday, 28 March 2015 @ 6.00pm

Easter fun! A family favourite dive-in-movie at Club Googong Swimming pool. There will also be a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Stay tuned for further info!

MAY

Mother Day Pamper Party

Sunday, 10 May 2015

To coincide with Mother's Day, we are hosting a free, relaxing pamper party for the Women of Googong. With delicious desserts, giveaways and most of all, guest hosts to assist with pampering.

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 Development Facilitator or email community@googong.net

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Find all you need to make your move to Googong simple and easy, by visiting googong.net/your-community/

