



GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

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Construction on the first Early Learning to year 12 school in the Queanbeyan region began on Wednesday 26th March with the turning of the sod for The Anglican School, Googong, which will open in 2015 for Kindergarten to Year 2 students.

The school will be led by Ian Hewitt as the foundation principal, who currently serves as the director of education at Canberra Grammar School. The school will eventually have capacity for 1100 students, but will start initially with kindergarten to Year 2, and an early learning centre and pre-school to also open in 2015.

It will extend to year 3 in 2016, then year 4, with years 5 and 7 classes to begin in 2018, years 6 and 8 in 2019, with the rest of the high school years to be rolled out a year at a time after that.

Further information about The Anglican School, including enrolments, can be found at <http://www.tasg.nsw.edu.au>

Reference for story:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/googong-school-construction-begins-20140327-35jrs.html>

NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

The National Broadband Network (NBN) has arrived at Googong.

The fibre network offers superfast internet, allowing Googong homes to do more online, with more devices – faster than ever. It's about being connected all the time, wherever you are in the home.

You can contact your preferred telephone or internet service provider to order services over the NBN. Your service provider will then arrange for the NBN to be installed inside your home.

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

The mobile phone coverage at Googong has taken a huge and very welcome boost in recent weeks, with Telstra joining Optus in delivering full coverage to the area.



Queanbeyan mayor, Tim Overall, newly appointed first principal, Ian Hewitt, board chair Graham Willard, Bishop Stuart Robinson, Member for Monaro John Barilaro and Ngunnawal elder Tyrone Bell during the sod-turning ceremony.
Photo: Graham Tidy

WATERS EDGE @ GOOGONG

WHO ARE WE?

Waters' Edge is a local Anglican community group who are seeking to connect and provide companionship and share Christ with the people of Googong. There are a number of new residents who are already part of this community, and all are welcome to join. As the township grows, develops and shapes its identity, this group is keen to be part of its story.

They host workers' BBQ's at Googong, as well as monthly catch-ups at the Yellow Belly Café, and community BBQs in Beltana Park. They are keen to welcome you to the new township of Googong, so feel free to join them at one of their next gatherings.

COFFEE AND A CHAT

Yellow Belly Café, 4pm Sunday; 22nd June; 20th July; 17th August; 14th September.

PARENTS, BUBS AND TOTS

Held on the last Friday of the month (Friday 27th June, 25th July) at Yellow Belly Café from 10.30am (turn up when you can). They will set a corner where you can safely watch your bubs and your tots can play, whilst you enjoy a cuppa.

WATERS EDGE WINTER WARMER

**Yellow Belly Café, 5pm-7pm
Sunday 22 June.**

Warm your soul and your tummies with beautiful food and light entertainment.

A family fun night to support our local community and the Cancer Support Group.

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Contact Rev. James on 6297 6241. Prices include the meal and activities on the night - Adults \$25.00, Children \$15.00 (under 14), Family of four Ticket \$70.00

Want to know more?

Visit watersedgegoogong.org

EARTH HOUR

Congratulations to Stephanie Dal Cortivo who was the proud winner of our Earth Hour Competition. Stephanie has won herself a Metal Detector. Great fun for finding treasures in and around Googong.



We had some fantastic entries. Here are the top 10 best environmental tips that came in:

1. Ask your local cafe/restaurant for leftovers to feed chooks.
2. Coffee grounds make terrific work food to feed establishing gardens.
3. Use cold water as a washing cycle to wash clothes.
4. Use the clothes line instead of the dryer.
5. Turn electrical devices off at the power point when not in use.
6. When visiting cafes/restaurants, tell staff what food you don't like do it isn't thrown away.
7. Replace paper napkins with cloth napkins.
8. Make your own cards/letters from once-used products or handmade paper.
9. If you only need something temporarily, ask if a friend or neighbor would loan it to you.
10. Donate old toys to charity instead of throwing them away.

FIRST GOOGONIAN BABY

Baby Georgia couldn't wait to become a Googonian, arriving the day after the first residents function on 20 February 2014. Proud parents, Andrew and Rosealie were very surprised with Georgia's arrival, being 3 weeks early. Big sister Lucy was thrilled to welcome here little sis.



WE ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

Q. When will the dog park open?

A. The dog park is scheduled to open in late August. Keep an eye and ear out in the next newsletter or via your email for a special events coming up.

Q. How can I get involved in helping with events and activities within the community?

A. We are always thrilled to hear your ideas and for you to lend a hand at our community events. Discuss your interest with our Community Development Facilitator, Samantha Remmers. Sam is at Club Googong from Tuesday – Friday and can be contacted on 6181 0392.

Q. Can we bring friends to the pool?

A. Yes, you can. For every member attending, you can bring one guest. So treat your friends for a swim in the Club Googong pool.

PAST EVENTS



RESIDENTS FUNCTION

What a fun day we had at Club Googong on April 5th despite the bad weather. Approx 110 of our residents joined together for a fun family day at Club Googong. Kids enjoying the Jumping Castle, Face painting and even some tennis while everyone else relaxed to the smooth sounds of the live band. There was great food and even better company. It was a fantastic way for many people to meet other Googonians living in their area and make some fantastic new friendships. Thank you to everyone for coming along on the day.



DIVE IN MOVIE

What better way to celebrate the start of the Easter holidays than with a Dive in Movie at Club Googong. Our attendees all had a great time splashing about in the pool while watching Hop, the adorable Easter movie. The Easter Bunny even dropped in for a visit with delicious chocolates for the kiddies. Keep an eye out for future pop-up movie events at Googong.



MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA/PAMPER PARTY

Our Mother's Day Event was held on Saturday, 21 April. The ladies were pampered head to toe, with Arbonne, Nutrimetics, Partylite and Canberra Makeup Academy students on hand to help. Entertainment and High Tea capped off the event, with a fantastic time had by all.



GOOGONG FAMILY FUN DAY

Googong Family Fun Day, with special guest Scott Cam, was held on Sunday 18 May. It was a great day out for families, with the added bonus of meeting Gold Logie winner and The Block host, Scott Cam.

Families enjoyed live music, a jumping castle, face painting and a sausage sizzle, but best of all families got to rub shoulders and take selfies with the very approachable, Scott Cam.

It was a fantastic day had by all and we welcome Scott as our honorary Googonian.

YMCA

MEMBERSHIP

Club Googong's pool and gym are free to residents and their guests until 2018.

To sign up for your free membership, all you have to do is bring your settlement letter and photo identification to the front desk at the club. Your settlement letter can be obtained from the friendly sale team, if you don't already have one issued to you.

POOL OPENING HOURS

YMCA has recently extended the pool and gym opening hours, which is fantastic news for our residents. Starting from 1 July the pool and gym trial opening hours will be from 6.30am - 6.30pm.

Please come in and see the YMCA staff for any further information about the club facilities.

SWIMMING LESSONS

YMCA are taking registrations for swimming lessons, which will commence at the beginning of school term three (21 July). Places are limited, so come in to Club Googong to fill out registration form or email admin.googong@ymca.org.au as soon as possible.

TENNIS COURTS

The tennis courts are now available for use at a hire rate of \$10 per hour.

To book a tennis court or for further information, please contact the staff at Club Googong YMCA on 0422 709 465.

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 Facilitator, 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 6181 0392. 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.

1000 people have already decided to become a Googonian, they will help shape the budding township of Googong into the kind of community you've always wanted to be a part of.

GOOGONG INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION ADVICE

As you would know, the township of Googong includes an Integrated Water Cycle (IWC) system that will deliver potable and recycled water and wastewater treatment services to meet the needs of the population as it grows, and will reduce potable drinking water consumption by about 60%.

There are two key components to this infrastructure: the Network (mains pipes, reservoirs, and pumping stations), and the Water Recycling Plant (WRP). The first part of the Network for Googong North is almost completed and is operational, and we wish to advise that we are about to begin work on the first stage of the WRP which is located on Googong Road.

Construction of the WRP building and facilities are planned to begin in June 2014 (weather permitting), and will take about 18 months to complete. Work hours will be between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday, and between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays. This work may cause some disturbance to the local community through increased traffic, vibration, noise or dust.

GTPL and its contractors will work with the local community to minimise the impact of construction wherever possible, and advance notice of any noisy or work outside of normal construction hours will be provided to local residents.

Further information about the IWC Project is available on our website www.googong.net.

If you have any concerns or queries about the IWC Project, please contact the project team on 1800 838 438 (24 hours) or via email on iwc@googong.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Jazz, Wine and Cheese

Saturday, 28 June from 6 – 8pm, Club Googong.

See the Googong Clubhouse transform into a Jazz Club. Enjoy smooth jazz while meeting your fellow Googonians at this fun free event.

Numbers are limited, to secure your place email community@googong.net

AUGUST

Flying High in the Googong Sky

Saturday, 16 August from 10am – 2pm, Beltana Park.

Bring the kids and your kites long for a fun day of kite flying at Beltana Park. Why not bring a picnic or cook up a BBQ too and enjoy the day.

Everyone welcome. Free kite crafts and live music.

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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googong.net/your-community/