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A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Development at Googong had initially slowed due to the impacts of COVID-19 but is now regaining momentum on the back of record sales volumes over the past few months.

In response to these record sales we have recently commenced three new stages of subdivision, Neighbourhood 2 Stages 5A and 5B and NH1B Stage 9.

Installation of Googong's main entry feature and associated landscaping was completed in June. A small plaque has been

installed to the rear of one of the arches and describes the inspiration behind the design.

Construction within the Googong Common North sports and recreation precinct is all but complete and expected to open in September. The first stage includes six outdoor netball courts, public toilet block, a temporary bike pump track, boardwalks across Montgomery Creek and BBQ facilities.

You should see a big saving in your next rates bill from QPRC. Council has recently been through a "rates harmonisation" process and as a result of that the ad valorem rate at Googong has dropped by about 33%. This will result in an annual saving in rates of around \$380 on a typical lot in Googong.

With an average rainfall of 77mm per month, this year continues to be the wettest start of any year we have experienced at Googong since commencing construction. Compared to last year's monthly average of 34mm, I'm sure you will be all excited to show off how green your lawns can be this year – hopefully the Prime Minister will keep off 😊

Basins to the eastern margin of the township have been largely completed and now operate as bio-retention basins – filtering nutrients and other elements captured from the township before flowing into the Queanbeyan River.

There are now about 1,740 homes occupied with the population just tipping over the 5,500 mark.

RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP



Cats are very efficient and prolific hunters. Research has shown that domestic cats can have individual preferences for different types of prey and that they will continue to hunt preferred prey even when their numbers are low. In some locations (such as the Googong Foreshores reserve), this behaviour can have significant implications for the conservation of endangered and threatened species, such as small birds and lizards.

The RSPCA encourages the containment of cats not only to reduce hunting but also to help protect your cat from disease and injury. Cat owners in rural areas (like Googong) should also be aware that roaming pets are at risk from Rangers and local farmers, who will bait and even shoot cats that stray onto farmland or into nature reserves.

The only effective way to completely prevent your cat from roaming and/or hunting prey is to keep them safely contained at home or within your property. Most cats adapt relatively easily to being confined indoors, especially if this occurs from when they are a kitten.

Lots to love.

Two unique residential lots with acres of space
and only three minutes from the shops.



This is a rare opportunity to purchase one of only two colossal lots in Googong that offer you the convenience and services of modern suburban living, with an outlook and scale beyond your imagination.

At 15,970m² and 17,290m² (1.597ha and 1.729ha), these lots are fit for big dreams, with space for a large home that could include a tennis court, pool, multi-car garage, personal gym, theatre room and more.

Your generously proportioned home and expansive entertaining areas will enjoy breathtaking views across a bushland conservation area that will never, ever, be built out. And with The Anglican School Googong, a public primary school (to open 2023) and Googong North Village Centre 1km down the road, you've got

the shops, the school run, and dinner at your local, all within arm's reach.

Lots 902 and 903 will be sold by Expression of Interest, closing 5pm, 1 September 2020.

Visit googong.net for further information or contact our sales team on 1300 446 646, at enquiries@googong.net or by visiting our Sales Office at 12 Courtney Street Googong (open 10am–5pm Saturday to Wednesday).

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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC

THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

A Community Learning Together

The Anglican School Googong ended Term Two on a high note with all students enjoying being back to school-based learning after several weeks of remote learning. We all learnt so much as we adapted to new modes of teaching and learning but were very grateful to be back together again at school in the second half of the term.

The Hub Development

The School has been alive with machinery, trucks and cranes, as the builders prepare for the foundation slab to be laid next week for our Science and Technology Hub. The building works are moving along at a great pace and we are excited by the progress. The Hub will house the majority of our Senior School classes in



2021, comprising eight classrooms, three science laboratories and four technology facilities, together with collaborative learning spaces and a café. The Hub is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, ready for the 2021 school year.

One act of generosity – a gift to many

We were so excited to receive delivery of a new piano for our students last month. The piano is a much-appreciated addition to our rapidly expanding music program. The purchase of the piano was supported by a very generous donation from one of our music students, Arianne, who donated all of her busking takings.



Enrolling for 2021

We are currently taking enrolments for 2021, with limited spaces available in most year levels. Visit our website GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au for more information or contact the School on (02) 6154 9400 for a personalised tour.

Come and see what our dynamic learning approach is all about. Contact the office on (02) 6154 9400 to register your attendance for an open day or to organise a personal tour.

Upcoming Open Days

Tuesday 15th September at 6:30pm

Monday 9th November at 6:30pm

Tuesday 10th November at 9:30am

GOOGONG FAMILY PRACTICE

Googong Family Practice welcomes Matrix Physio and National Hearing Service to the clinic.

Matrix Physio (www.matrixphysio.com.au) are now consulting at the practice on Tuesday and Thursday each week. For appointments, please call their Queanbeyan rooms on **6299 5303**.

National Hearing Care (www.nhc.com.au) will be here on the first Monday of each month commencing on 3 August. They provide free hearing screening for all persons aged 27 and older. For appointments please call the clinic on **5104 9595**. Please note, these appointments cannot be booked online.

Vaccines – We now have all flu (Government and private) and childhood vaccines available. Please book online or call 5104 9595.

We now have our own Googong Family Practice App which you can download it from:

• **Apple:** <https://apps.apple.com/app/id1517760966>

• **Android:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=base.com.healthsite.googongfamilypractice>

Appointments can be made during business hours by calling 5104 9595 or googongfp.com.au



Googong
Family Practice



Event Cancellations

After careful consideration we have made the decision to cancel most of our community and public events for the remainder of 2020 due to concerns and uncertainties surrounding COVID-19.

This has included GooGala (our residents cocktail party), Kitefest, the RFS Open Day and our much-loved Halloween event, Boogong. We are still hoping to be able to host our Christmas Carols on 12/12/20 pending COVID-19 restrictions, so pop this date in your diaries and let's keep our fingers crossed!

Our events are loved by so many people within Googong and the region, and we have always been excited to showcase the town and provide these special opportunities for residents to connect with one-another. And while it has been a heart-wrenching decision



to cancel the programme, it has also been motivated by prioritising the health and wellbeing of our residents. We look forward to a time when we can bring this programme back and want to assure residents that we remain committed to providing the community with fantastic entertainment and events in the months ahead.

In the meantime, we are planning some COVID friendly on-line events and activities; and our Community Connection project is available for residents who may need extra assistance or who might be feeling isolated at this time.

To ensure you are kept in the loop, confirm you are on our community database and stay connected via social media.

To confirm your details or sign up to our residents' database, email community@googong.net; and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Googong township.



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GOOGONG FORESHORES – ACT PARKS AND CONSERVATION UPDATE

Googong Foreshores staff have been undertaking planning for the upcoming seasons while implementing crucial land management activities including seasonal control of feral animals and invasive weed species as well as protecting the environment to keep the water healthy through erosion control, upgrading fences, gates and recreation facilities and conserving heritage places.

We ask that Googong residents also do their part in the conservation of the Googong Foreshores catchment by ensuring that they abide by any signs and directions from ACT Parks and Conservation Service Rangers, who are on site everyday including: visiting during open hours only, leaving your dog or pets at home when you visit, staying out of the dam water and only swimming/paddling in the downstream river areas, sticking to walking tracks provided and taking your rubbish home with you. Canoeing, kayaking, and electric-powered boats are welcome, and fishing is permitted.

At this time of year, a quiet walk along any one of the Foreshores tracks should allow you to spot a number of different bird species and if you are lucky you may even see a vulnerable Diamond Firetail flitting about the native understorey in search of insects or the resident Wedge Tailed Eagles catching thermals high in the sky or circling prey for food. There is an abundance of wildlife to sight including Eastern Grey Kangaroos with joeys poking out of pouches, wombats searching for food and digging ground as well as the elusive Echidnas waddling about in a train in search of love.

The Googong Foreshores Ranger Team look forward to seeing you enjoying the foreshores responsibly!

GOOGONG'S NEW ENTRY SCULPTURE

Googong Central continues to take shape with the installation of a sculpture standing close to 7 metres tall at the township's new main entry. This is the beginning of what will become Googong's main retail, wellbeing and community hub.

The sculpture is a nod to Googong's local ecology and geology, celebrating the foundations of its natural environment and signifies an important step in the development of the township.

Rusted steel blades mirror the shape of surface rock strikes, prevalent in the Googong landscape, and provide a backdrop for handcrafted precast lettering. Large arches dominate the structure and acknowledge the presence of the Molonglo Ranges, while at the same time revealing the microscopic patination of the endangered Golden Sun Moth wings.



The sculpture is named 'Terraformis' (from the Latin word 'Terra' meaning earth/land/territory, and 'Formis' meaning form/shape), and was designed by AECOM in a collaboration with Googong Township and Fleetwood.



Great food, live sport and **community connections.**

Gorman & Co has been excited to open in Googong. We are a locally owned business, and have been proud to hire locals and build on our support for this growing community.

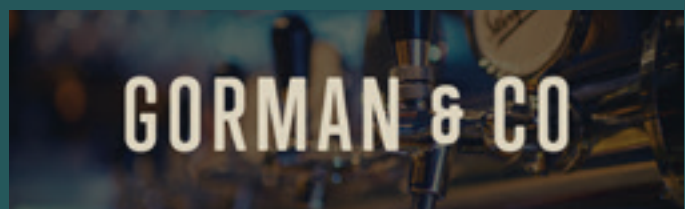
Despite the challenges we have faced with restricted numbers and service options, we have been excited by our early success and your positive feedback on our food and service – your support has been amazing. We are trying our best to provide an offering that the community wants and have some exciting additions coming on such as Happy Hours, Bingo, Sunday Music Sessions, Trivia, Schnitty Nights and Breakfast, all starting soon.

If you haven't already tried our famous (and Instagrammable) desserts, including our Sizzling Brownie and Dessert Pizzas, be sure to order one on your next visit!



We are looking forward to a brighter few months ahead, with new menus currently under development and, hopefully, being able to get up to full capacity in time for spring and summer.

We are truly blessed from the support we've enjoyed from the local community and look forward to continuing to provide you with great service, great food, and a friendly place to meet.



Cannons IGA

Short on time? Need to organise dinner in a flash? Here at Cannons IGA Googong, we have loads of ready-made meals to make dinner easy.

Those mindful of nutrition will love the range of My Muscle Chef meals, which are created with health a priority. Their meals are fresh and convenient and contain high amounts of protein. Check out some of the following flavours in store: Chipotle Chicken, Cajun Chicken, Coconut Turmeric Chicken, Smokey BBQ Brisket, Beef Stroganoff and Vegan Roasted Vegetable Lasagne.

Winbourne Foods pride themselves on restaurant quality meals made to enjoy in your own home. Next time you drop past Cannons IGA Googong, pick up one of their Braised Lamb Shank with Baby Vegetables, Coq Au Vin Chicken in Red Wine Sauce or Italian Style Meatball Pasta to try.

Youfoodz aim to make happy and healthy meals, and their Roast Lamb & 3 Veg, Mohit's Butter Chicken, Creamy Chicken Carbonara and YF Pad Thai, always hit the spot.

Sometimes, simple is best. Don't forget about our ready-to-go hot chickens and range of salads from our deli.

DINNER MADE EASY!



AQUATOTS

Is your child Summer swim-season ready?

Aquatots specialises in teaching babies aged six weeks to squad level swimmers and is a family owned and operated swim school that has been providing high quality programs for the ACT region for over 18 years.

Aquatots has always strived to help teach Australians a skill that may one day save their life. Our instructors are fully qualified, highly trained and are committed to achieving our mission of reducing the drowning statistics in our country.

Award Winning Babies Program

Age: 6 weeks – 3 years

Babies are born with the ability to swim and you will be surprised by what your baby can achieve in the water at such an early age.

We are strong advocates of children learning to swim before they start school and this begins with our award-winning babies program. Our classes provide developmentally appropriate activities which will not only enhance your child's learn-to-swim journey, but also works on their physical, social and emotional development. They also create the perfect environment for an amazing bonding experience between you and your baby.

To gain entry and more information on our programs please visit our website to book our online information session www.aquatots.com.au

Be quick as spaces are filling up fast!





Googong Gigs has moved to a new monthly format, Live Streaming performances on our Facebook page from 6pm-7pm on the first Friday of the month. The enormously talented Lucy Sugerman kicked off the new program, which started on Friday 7 August.

Googong Gigs is designed to support and showcase great local musicians by broadcasting live, interactive performances from their home to yours, in our #stayathome gig format. Tune in while you cook dinner, or sit back with a wine, Bluetooth it through your music systems and ease yourself into the weekend.

WHERE: Googong_township Facebook page
WHEN: 6-7pm on the first Friday of the month.

EMPIRE PERFORMING ARTS



Enrol Now for Term 3 Classes at Empire Performing Arts!

Face-to-face classes are back, and you could use your Active or Creative Kids voucher to pay! Classes are for children aged 2 – 18 years and offer fun engaging lessons with a strong focus on technique.

RAD Ballet – Acrobatics – Jazz – Tiny Tots – Lyrical – Tap – Pointe – Hip Hop – and Private Lessons

Email: epa.dance@outlook.com
 Website: www.epadance.com





BOOK IN YOUR FREE TRIAL NOW!

Say, G'day!

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

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



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