

Googonian Gazette

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GOOGFEST
FREE LIVE MUSIC
FESTIVAL, 4 APRIL 2020

THE
ANGLICAN
SCHOOL
GOOGONG
OPEN DAYS





A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Hello again, Googong!

Googong's new main entry road, Wellsvale Drive, is nearing completion. Wellsvale Drive will connect to Gorman Drive and to a new signalised intersection at Old Cooma Rd. Subject to sign offs by QPRC and RMS, the entry should be open to the public by late March 2020.

Neighbourhood 2 Stages 3 and 4 are complete and going through the subdivision certificate and registration process. There are now around 1,560 homes occupied with a further 180 under construction.

An exciting new display village showcasing new innovations in home design is under construction in Courtney Street, and is due to open progressively from April 2020. At the same time, we will relocate our sales office from Club Googong to a temporary building within the new display village pending construction of permanent home within the town centre to open next year.

Construction within the Googong Common North sports and recreation precinct has commenced. 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.

Smart Cities deployment is well underway with pit and pipe infrastructure. Smart light poles have been installed along Wellsvale Drive. The Courtney Street smart pole continues to collect data and provide free local public Wi-Fi. Googong and its smart city partners are developing a website where Googonians can view data collected by

the system (such as weather and air quality) and assess the availability of smart services that will be deployed within the common (such as smart parking and BBQ availability). The smart system will also monitor bins and alert QPRC when they need to be emptied.

Googong and Molonglo Conservation Group are working collaboratively on the \$1m co-funded Pink-tailed Worm Lizard *Saving our Species* conservation initiatives. This includes establishing habitat for the species, and the installation of a perimeter conservation fence and walking trails which will be used by the Molonglo Conservation Group for guided educational tours. The final stage of the PTWL Conservation area will be established in March. The work involves the relocation of specific rock (favoured by the PTWL for hiding under) from areas slated for development, into the conservation area to encourage population growth for the species. Once the rocks have been relocated, the southern boundary fence will be established, and the conservation zone will be gifted to council.



Revegetation projects involving Molonglo Conservation Group and the Googong Landcare Group are under development. Year-long projects such as bird watch including bird box building are being developed. This summer has been the driest spell in the townships' short history. Together with QPRC, tree watering has taken priority over the last few months with more than 150,000 litres spread across the 10,000 + trees currently planted within the township.

People who travel south along Old Cooma Road will have seen a fence being installed around the Zone Substation. Screen planting around the fenceline will follow, with the blessing of Essential Energy. The screen planting will be intensively maintained for the foreseeable future to ensure longevity.

If you live around The Borough, you will have noticed a couple of dead remnant Eucalypts. Over the coming months, these trees will be pruned back and the remaining branches will be hollowed out to create bird nesting boxes to encourage native birds.

Many of you will know that earlier this year we made the decision to postpone our Googfest music festival from 2 February to 4 April 2020 due to the uncertainty around the smoke and fires regionally. We are excited to announce that Bachelor Girl will headline Googfest 2020, with support performances from Nathaniel, The Baker Boys Band and Aya Yves. This is a free all-ages event and everyone is welcome – so feel free to extend the invitation to your friends and family.

A FREE LIVE MUSIC EVENT OF
GOOGONIAN PROPORTIONS!

Googfest

2020

Free
Event



BATCHELOR GIRL

WITH NATHANIEL, BAKER BOYS BAND
AND AYA YVES.

5-9PM SATURDAY
4 APRIL

ROCKLEY OVAL, GOOGONG

GOOGONG.NET

A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC

**FREE
BUSES**

SEE GOOGONG.NET
FOR DETAILS



THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG



GEARING UP FOR SUCCESS IN 2020!

The staff at The Anglican School Googong shares their gratitude to those in our community who have helped fight the devastating fires across the country over the last few months. We are so grateful for the lives you have saved and the property you have protected and for giving your time and expertise so selflessly.

At the start of another school year, we have again seen significant growth in our school community. We are excited to welcome another 90 new students to the community and start the year with over 320 students across Kindergarten to Year Nine. With considerable waiting lists for 2021 already, we expect this level of growth to continue in 2021. The increase in student numbers has also necessitated growth in our staff cohort and we are excited about the depth and diversity our new staff will add to our already dynamic team.

Ensuring adequate infrastructure for our students and staff in a growing school community is a constant. Over December and January, six new modular classrooms were installed at the top of our site and have been aptly named 'Kosciuszko'. These rooms will cater for art and music lessons in addition to the general teaching spaces.



The learning vision in 2020 continues to be underpinned by encouraging our students to 'Dream, Discover and Grow' across all facets of the school life. Focus will remain on embedding Learning Power fundamentals, which develops resilience, reciprocity, resourcefulness and reflectiveness in our students. The effectiveness of the Learning Power principles was highlighted by our Senior School students at the Celebration of Learning Night in 2019. Students shared how the learning power dispositions had influenced and helped to transform their studies and personal lives, highlighting the overall effectiveness of a Growth Mindset.

Open days!

WITH GROWTH IN MIND, WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AN OPEN DAY IN 2020, WHERE YOU CAN COME AND EXPERIENCE THE SCHOOL FIRST HAND.

- Wednesday 19 February 9.30am
- Monday 2 March 6.30pm
- Tuesday 3 March 9.30am
- Thursday 26 March 6.30pm
- Thursday 21 May 6.30pm
- Friday 22 May 9.30am
- Wednesday 5 August 9.30am
- Tuesday 15 September 6.30pm
- Monday 9 November 6.30pm
- Tuesday 10 November 9.30am

For more information and/or to enrol, please visit our website:
www.googongschool.nsw.edu.au/enrolment

We are always on the lookout for exceptional teaching staff particularly those seeking casual employment. If this applies to you, please send your resume to Principal@tasg.nsw.edu.au. Any vacancies throughout the year will be posted on our website and our Facebook page.

We are looking forward to a fulfilling 2020 and wish the same for the Googong community.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Early bird discounts apply before
29 February




[WWW.MONAROPANTHERS.COM.AU/REGISTRATION/](http://www.monaropanthers.com.au/registration/)

Monaro Panthers

Registration is open for all new and returning players.

Monaro Panthers have teams for every age and every ability, from 5 year olds to 50 plus we have the team for you. Our club caters for players who want to play socially right through to the elite level in the Premier League. So why not register today!

<https://www.monaropanthers.com.au/registration>

Monaro Panthers grading for all players wish to play in the under 10s to 18 year age groups are being conducted from 10 February. To register your attendance, please complete the following form:

<https://forms.gle/uMyAtLMgd34vXdRu8>

Googong HOGS



The Googong Hogs are a community based club that encourages people from all walks of life to play footy or netball, regardless of skill level or experience. Pre season football training for the 2020 season has begun on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6.15pm at Rockley Oval, Feel free to come along!

For more information please head to our website at www.googonghogs.com.au or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GoogongHogs



1st Tinderry Scouts

1st Tinderry Scouts, is the local scout group for Googong, and it is growing, inclusive and very active!

Term 1 2020 program includes opportunities for service, carpentry, hiking, caring for the environment and navigation. We meet on Wednesday at 6.30 pm at Fernleigh Community Centre. We cater for Joeys (5 year olds who have started school) through to scouts 14 years,

boys and girls. We welcome adults who are interested in outdoors or have specialist skills to join us also. Adult training is available and encouraged.

If you would like to know more you can find us on facebook as 1st Tinderry Scouts or contact us through email on tinderryscouts@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/1st-Tinderry-Scouts-123703484988540>

I Care for water

I will turn
the tap off
when I brush
my teeth



Even little changes in our daily habits can make a big difference and help save our most precious resource.

Follow Icon Water for more practical water saving tips.



A joint program of



GOOGONG RETIREES AND SENIORS GROUP

We have some new and exciting things planned for 2020. Some of which included a walk and chat group, art classes, games clubs and book clubs. Not to mention regular social catch ups and events, including a wine and cheese night.

If you would like to be included in the group and would like to keep updated, please contact our Community Development Manager, Samantha Remmers, for further information. 1300 446 646 or community@googong.net



GOOGONG playgroup

The Googong Playgroup has started up again at the Googong Community Centre, corner McPhail Way & Gorman Drive, Googong. The group meets each Friday during school term. No bookings required.

Membership is free. For further information, please contact Googong's Community Development Manager at community@googong.net

Be sure to join our facebook group – Googong Playgroup.

Empire

Performing Arts

GOOGONG PREMIER DANCE SCHOOL

As the school term begins for the year it brings with it the return of dance classes for over 100 local students attending Empire Performing Arts (EPA), Googong's very own dance school. Running up the stairs of the community center with hair tied in buns, dance shoes on and an undeniable excitedness to get back into classes, dancing in Googong for many local students has become more than just a hobby.

In April 2018 the local dance school opened its doors offering a few classes for the community. The popularity quickly grew, and the first end of year show saw 38 students confidently take to the stage.

With the local dance community eager for more, EPA started to offer a huge range of styles including Tiny Tots, Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Acrobatics and Private lessons as well as some fitness classes just for the adults of the community. In 2019 the students all participated in another end of year show, this time with over 100 students and close to 500 guests supporting from the audience.

The growth of the school has been undeniable, but the most impressive achievement is that of all the students.

Many of whom have not taken dance classes before but have progressed quickly through levels achieving highly technical skills with the guidance and support of studio owner, Miss Katey. Having trained predominately in Ballet, Katey brings with her an in-depth knowledge of the Classical technique the dance school is built on. Along with her years as a dancer Katey consistently achieves higher level qualifications and training across a range of areas including Advanced Acrobatics and Flexibility, Russian Ballet Training, Spinal Mobility and Injury Management all of which offer amazing benefits to the local dancers.

2020 will see the schools 2nd year in business and 3rd Annual concert and with all the changes that come with growth one thing remains the same, the mission of the school; to ensure every student receives equal attention and effort, that classes are always fun and that students' progress through levels at the highest possible technical standard.

Empire Performing Arts is still taking enrolments for the first term of 2020 so if you have a budding performer at home be sure to check them out.

If you are interested in more information or would love to follow along with the school's journey head to:

www.epadance.com



Christmas Carols

AT GOOGONG!







Thanks, Firies!

Fighting fire with fireworks

Googong has said a big thank you to our local brigade for all of their efforts this summer, with a donation the brigade will use on a Thermal Imaging Camera to identify hot spots in fires.

The donation came from funds allocated for fireworks at the now-postponed Googfest. This money can now help our Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade add a significant piece of equipment to their firefighting efforts.

Recreation at Googong Foreshores

	Bike riding		No dogs
	Picnicking		No swimming
	Bushwalking		No petrol powered boats
	Fishing		No wading
	Kayaking, sail boating	Protect your drinking water.	

2020 Calendar

Defence Families Picnic

Saturday, 29 February
5pm–7pm, Beltana Park

Bring our own picnic, enjoy entertainment and games.



FREE

Googfest 2020

Saturday, 4 April
5pm–9pm, Rockley Oval

Free live music festival.



FREE

Mother's Day Event

Saturday, 9 May
6pm–8pm,
Googong Community Centre

A pamper party for the women of Googong.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL \$15 PP



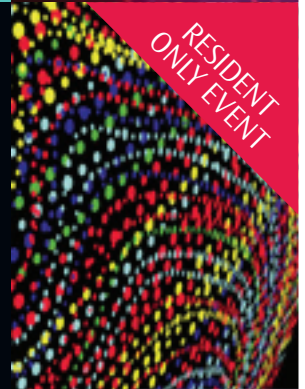
RESIDENT ONLY EVENT

GOOGALA

Saturday, 13 June
7pm–11pm, Beltana Park

Googala Cocktail Party.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL \$45 PP



RESIDENT ONLY EVENT

Defence Community Event

Saturday, 8 August
4pm–6pm,
Googong Community Centre

Introductions for defence families.



FREE

KiteFest

IT'S A SKY FULL OF FUN AT GOOGONG!

Sunday, 6 September
11am–2pm, Rockley Oval

A day outdoors, with kite flying for all ages on Father's Day.



FREE

Rural Fire Service Open Day

Saturday, 10 October
10am–2pm, Beltana Park

Meet our local heroes and climb the fire truck.



FREE

Pink-Tailed Worm Lizard Tour

October
10am–2pm, Aprasia Park

Meet the endangered pink-tailed worm lizard.



FREE

BOOGONG! SO FUN IT'S SCARY

Saturday, 24 October
5pm – 9pm, Rockley Oval

Halloween fun at Googong.



FREE

Christmas Carols

Saturday, 12 December
6pm–8pm, Beltana Park

An evening of community Christmas Carols.



FREE



The Cascades: Our local swimming hole

The Cascades is a stunning picnic spot just a short drive down Googong Road.

And because it's located below the Googong Dam, you're allowed to swim there. So pack your swimmers and towel along with a picnic and enjoy your local swimming hole this summer.

Please remember that swimming is prohibited in Googong Dam, which is a water catchment area.



AQUA TOTS



From 6 Weeks Of Age

www.aquatots.com.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 Development 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. It's also important to keep your contact details up-to-date with her so you can be advised of resident-only functions and events.



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