# The growing face of Googong

The new township of Googong is starting to develop with major infrastructure planning nearing completion and road works — including the extension of Edwin Land Parkway — already under construction.

Since rezoning approval by the NSW government in December 2009, planning and preparations haven't stopped for what will be this region's most exciting new development in decades.

## **Taking care of our region**

CIC Australia, the company behind Googong, is planning a high quality residential community at Googong with superior urban design. The township will be young and vibrant and in an area that has strong history. Its amenity and location are likely to attract people of all ages and stages of life who want to enjoy the lifestyle a place like Googong can offer, while still having access to quality facilities including schools, local shopping centres, sporting and recreation facilities as well as a state-of-the-art lifestyle centre.

The site is located about 20 minutes from Canberra city and five minutes from Queanbeyan on the Old Cooma Road, and is adjacent to the Googong Dam. Upgrades to the Edwin Land Parkway are already well underway, and CIC Australia is funding 64 per cent of the cost of upgrades to Ellerton Drive, as well as 86 per cent of the cost of re-aligning Old Cooma Road, the first stage of which removes the bends near the quarry. This will enable faster and safer travel to Googong, and make access to the area easy from Canberra, Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra.

#### Taking care of our kids

Another of the latest planning milestones is the announcement of Googong's first primary school, which will be built by the Anglican Church and be ready in time for the 2015 school year. The new accessible, co-educational, low fee and open entry primary school is likely to cater for around 400 students, and as well as Googong children, will welcome students from all of Googong's catchment areas, including Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and Canberra.

CIC Australia is also finalising discussions with the NSW Department of Education and Communities around the provision of two public school sites within the Googong township, and a private secondary school is also being considered.

### **Taking care of our environment**

Sustainability — a CIC Australia hallmark — will be fundamental to Googong, while Australian innovation will be at its foundation. Because Googong is completely new and totally self-contained, the very best in design and sustainability will be showcased across the township's social, cultural, environmental and economic areas.

Googong's \$85 million Integrated Water Cycle (IWC) system has been developed in close consultation with Queanbeyan City Council and is currently with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure for final approval.

This innovation, which was recently awarded a \$5.1 million grant from the Australian Government in recognition of its environmental and sustainability features, will deliver water services



to Googong by recycling wastewater and supplying homes right throughout the township with both potable and non-potable water. When completed, the IWC will reduce potable water consumption by about 60 per cent and recycle well over half the township's wastewater. That means that when Googong reaches its total population of about 16,000 residents, the township will use the same amount of water as about 6500 people in a traditional development.

#### **Taking care of its customers**

In designing and building Googong, CIC Australia is making a commitment to generations of families, and understands its obligation to make this township the very best it can be.

Almost a decade has already gone into planning Googong and civil works are set to start on its very first neighbourhood next year. Those who

have registered at www.googong.net will be contacted by the end of this year to have first choice of Googong's early blocks – ranging from 350sqm to 700sqm – during an exclusive pre sales period.

A builder's guild is also being finalised to ensure Googong's vision is understood and reflected in the way the housing will be designed and developed. Builders who are members of the guild have been assessed through a competitive process for their financial viability and professional standards.

To keep up-to-date with the latest developments at Googong, visit www.googong.net and register your interest, to ensure you have access to the latest information as it becomes available.



There's one sure way to keep up-to-date with what's going on at Googong and to make sure you're among the first to get the chance to buy there. The first blocks to go on sale will be offered exclusively to people on our contact list. To be among them, visit our website and register your details.

We'll be sure to keep in touch. We expect to get the sales process started later this year, so register now for pre-release sales opportunities.

