

Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 28 - JUNE 2021



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A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Demand for land at Googong continues to be strong. Our team is gearing up to accelerate the construction of roads and services so these new Googonians can build their new homes as soon as possible. Construction of NH2 Stage 5 5B and NH1A Stage 4D were recently completed and construction has commenced in NH2 Stages 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

Detailed planning of the future neighbourhoods of Googong is well underway, with a development application to be lodged in August 2021. Landscape work is now complete on a new local park within Neighbourhood 2 Stage 5. The park includes a small shelter, circular path (great for learning how to ride), kick-about area, smart bins, and solar lights with a self-dimming function.



Work on the latest sporting field, sports field 3, has commenced and will likely open early in the new year. It is primarily an AFL field but has been designed to enable a cricket pitch to be retrofitted in future. The works also includes concrete terrace seating with an undercover portion, flood lights and all-accessible path connections.

The Googong Smart City deployment is now collecting data to provide insights to council

on how to best service Googonian needs through initiatives, such as improved public waste management. A Googong Smart City App has also been developed and is available on Google Play and the App Store. The app has been developed to provide information and services to residents. A BBQ booking service is in development and looking to launch in spring. Feel free to download the app and submit any suggestions you have – your feedback will help make it a great app!

You may have noticed the Googong entry statement (Terraformis) lit in different colours over the last few months. The operations team have developed a light show calendar to recognise certain events during the year. This light-hearted initiative is for your enjoyment when coming and going from the township.

Construction of Bunyip Park, including our new permanent sales office, is due to start in July. Bunyip Park will be the 'front door' to Googong's town centre, the planning for which is underway.



Googong was accredited as a 5 star Green Star Community by the Green Building Council of Australia in 2016. The township has recently been through a process of re-accreditation, and I am pleased to say our 5 star accreditation has been confirmed and extended until 2026. This demonstrates we are delivering on the many sustainability initiatives we promised as part of the original certification.

There are now about 1,900 homes occupied, with the population standing at around 6,000.

ANOTHER GONG FOR GOOGONG



Googong, in collaboration with QPRC, was a finalist for 3 out of 5 categories at the 2021 MAV Technology Awards for Excellence in April. **The township was highly commended in the category of 'Strategy and Planning Achievement of the Year'.** While it is nice to be recognised for pushing the boundaries in technology advancements, the aim of our ideas is to improve the Googonian lifestyle. We hope the current and future deployments at Googong do just that!!

VISTA

Prestige elevated lots

**Lots from
750m² to 975m²
now selling.**



ACTUAL VIEW

Take in stunning views of the Molonglo Ranges, from the comfort of your new home. Inspiring skies will invite you to explore your natural surrounds, in lots nestled on the edge of Nangi Pimble hilltop reserve and a stroll from Googong Common. These premium lots will form part of a thriving neighbourhood only minutes from the Googong Central town centre.

The Vista release is now selling, visit googong.net for further details or contact our sales team on 1300 446 646 or visit the Googong Sales Office, 12 Courtney Street Googong. Open 7 days, 10am–4pm (and til 5pm, Saturday to Wednesday).

Lots range from 750m² to 975m² (average 823m²).



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The Anglican School Googong



Student learning

Term Two has commenced with the same freshness as the cool air of Googong's winter months. Students are enjoying being back in classes and loving the new co-curricular activities, including 'Cooking Club' in our new Food Technology classroom. Co-curricular activities engage students in areas about which they are passionate and help students develop community and skills. Students cultivate our key learning powers of reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness, and reflectiveness.

Other students have been engaged in French knitting, with the results of their efforts coming together right before their eyes. Learning this new skill has helped students to develop confidence in their own abilities, engage their focus and creativity, improve fine motor dexterity, and promote patience in working through challenges.



We are superheroes!

In Chapel this term, students have been learning about the superpowers that our faith has given each of us: good relationships, teamwork, unique gifts, and the power of our speech. It has been a 'supercharged' series!

Sothorn Anglican Schools Sports Association (SASSA) Carnivals

Students across the Junior and Senior Schools have represented The Anglican School Googong (TASG) in soccer, netball, and cross country at recent carnivals. Being involved in team sports is a wonderful protective wellbeing factor. Well done students!

2022 enrolments

At TASG, value is placed on community, relationships, versatility, and student-centred learning. Our purposeful and contemporary school environment promotes an engaged and connected student experience. This facilitates active thinkers and delivers a school community of inspired contributors.

The School's innovative and dedicated teachers enhance student experience and prepare the students for learning and life beyond the school gate. The School's emphasis on inquiry learning and building learning power focuses students on developing the dispositions they need to be life-long learners.

Established in 2015, the School is a continually evolving learning community, thriving in this time of growth. TASG's first Year Eleven cohort will commence in 2022 and the School is currently enrolling for this intake year. We are excited by our future and invite you to join us today. For more information, please contact the School Office on 6154 9400.

Discover more – GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au

Register your interest – enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au

Organise a personal tour – 6154 9400

GOOGONG COMMUNITY GARDEN

Exciting news! The Googong Community Garden has a few plots available to lease from the 1st of July 2021.

This is a great opportunity if you have been looking to expand your garden, connect with likeminded community members, and learn about organic homegrown produce.

No need for experience, we welcome all gardeners (from novice to experts) and enjoy sharing knowledge.

For all enquiries, please contact the Googong Community Garden at googongcommunitygarden@gmail.com

We look forward to expanding our community and welcoming some new members. **Happy gardening!**



GOOGONG'S NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL



Member for Monaro John Barilaro recently announced that Hansen Yuncken has been awarded the early design contract for Googong's new primary school.

Mr Barilaro said the announcement marked a significant milestone in the delivery of the new school.

"It's exciting to think that in the very near future, students will be walking through the doors of this new primary school in Googong," Mr Barilaro said.

"By getting Hansen Yuncken involved in this early phase, this new school will be delivered with a quick turnaround.

"This is an exciting project for Googong – providing a much-needed new school, boasting world class facilities to serve some of our littlest learners for many years to come.

"I'm delighted to see the progress at Googong and I'm looking forward to sharing the designs of the new school with the community in the near future."

Education Minister Sarah Mitchell said delivery of the project has been fast-tracked as part of the NSW Government's COVID-19 Recovery Plan, providing a new primary school for the community of Googong but also supporting local jobs.

"We are working to provide a school that meets the needs of the students in the Googong area and is specifically designed for this community," Ms Mitchell said.

"I want every child in NSW, no matter where they live, to have access to excellent learning facilities and I'm deeply committed to investing in regional and rural schools.

"I'm proud that we are continuing our record investment in school infrastructure."

Googong's Public Primary School will open for Term 1, 2023.



Thai STREET FOOD NIGHT

— GOOGONG —

Our resident's Thai Street Food Night was held on Saturday 13 March with delicious food, great wine and plenty of dancing!

Be sure you have joined the residents' database, so you don't miss out on our special resident-only events.

Email community@gogong.net to update your details, and be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@gogong.net and community@gogong.net







INTRODUCING COLLEN

Collen Chikoore is an Assistant Development Manager in the Googong project team. Many of you would have contacted Collen by email or phone regarding your compliance bond returns, and you may see him out and about around the township ticking off on your front gardens as part of this process.

So if you see Collen cruising around in the GoogMobile or checking out our gorgeous Googong gardens, give him a toot or a wave!

GOOGONG POP-UP CRICKET BLAST

The inaugural 'Googong' Woolworths Cricket Blast Centre, run by the Queanbeyan District Junior Cricket Club, ran for 4 weeks during Term 1 at Rockley Oval.

This was a fabulous introduction to cricket for local kids aged between 4 and 10. It was ably delivered by the clubs' older junior players, in collaboration with Cricket NSW.

51 boys and girls participated, a phenomenal result! This highlights the appetite for cricket in the township.

Cricket Blast is the entry level program for the sport and is split into two groups. Junior Blast (5–8yo) is designed to develop cricket skills in fun game-based activities. Master Blast (8–10yo) is played in teams of 6–8 with a soft ball on smaller grounds, in preparation for Stage 1 Junior Cricket (with a hardball and protective equipment).



Queanbeyan Junior CC will be offering both programs for local Googong kids again next summer while also offering junior cricket for kids 10 and up. Stay tuned for further details as next season approaches.

GOOGONG FOR SALE

Market update: White Rhino Property



It's certainly a great time to sell in Googong. Some of your neighbours are reaching well above the million dollar mark for their properties.

Recently, we sold a luxurious 5 bedroom residence in Merlin Crescent for over \$1.38 million. It smashed the previous Googong sales record by \$55,000.

'This property was a pleasure to sell. It makes a bold architectural statement capturing panoramic views of the hills. It has amazing entertaining areas inside and out,' says Gavin van Zyl, owner and director of White Rhino Property.

Another residence in Connolly Street just sold for over \$1.22 million, and one in Bobby Street for over \$1.23 million. A home in Saphira Street sold for over \$1 million after only one week on the market. And, \$15,000 over the listed price.

'We're getting offers on some residences above the listed price before their first open home.'

As a Googong local, Gavin is passionate about our community. He has a strong history of sales in our suburb and receives great feedback from both buyers and vendors.

But, don't just take our word for it. Visit our website or Facebook page to read what our happy clients have to say. Contact Googong's Top Agent of the Year, and REB Top 100 agent, Gavin van Zyl on **0429 269 260** today.



Googong



WHITE RHINO



COVID VACCINATIONS – ASTRAZENECA

We are now running COVID vaccination clinics for Phase 2a — people 50 years of age and older.

The clinics are open Tuesday mornings from 8.45am – 12.15pm, and all-day on Fridays from 9.45am – 6.30pm.

Appointments are required, to help us minimise wastage of these multi-dose vaccines. Please call the surgery on 5104 9595 to book.

COVID vaccinations are bulk billed to Medicare.

INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

All flu vaccines (private and government funded) are in stock for all age groups. Flu vaccinations are bulk billed to Medicare.

If you do not qualify for the government funded vaccine, the cost of the vaccine is \$15.

PLEASE NOTE:

- There must be at least 14 days between your flu vaccination and your COVID vaccination.
- Your second COVID vaccination will be done 12 weeks following the original one.

Following administration of either vaccine, you will need to wait at the surgery for 15 minutes to ensure any adverse reactions are appropriately addressed.

Phone: 5104 9595

Email: reception@googongfp.com.au



GOOGONG SENIORS GROUP

We have some new and exciting things planned for 2021, including 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 keep up to date, please contact our Community Manager, Samantha Remmers, on **1300 446 646** or at community@googong.net. You can also find the Googong Seniors Group on Facebook.



BOM FUNK DANCE STUDIO

Bom Funk is excited to hold several classes closer to you all at the Googong Community Centre this year!

Dragonfly Dance® for 3–5 years.

Tuesdays 3.30–4pm: This class is a great introduction to dance movement, music, and rhythm with a blend of Jazz, Ballet & Hip-Hop styles to give young children a taste of all the fun elements of dance as well as imaginative play.

Googong Gems Cheer Teams:

Tuesdays 4–4.30pm: Mini Pom Pandas (5–7 years)

Tuesdays 4.30–5.15pm: Googong Gems (8–11 years)

Our Cheer teams are currently preparing for upcoming performances, including half time entertainment at a Canberra Raiders home game!

Zumba Adult Dance Fitness:

Fridays 7.30–8.30pm: Want to have fun while getting fit? Finish your week on a high and join us for Zumba! No experience needed. Discounted term fees, 5 class pass, or pay-as-you-go options available.

Bom Funk also has a huge range of dance classes and speciality programs held at our Jerrabomberra studio, only 10 minutes' drive from Googong!

We are still welcoming new members into our dance family so join us today or get in touch to arrange a free trial!

Ignite your passion for dance!

bomfunk.com.au | info@bomfunk.com.au | **0466 608 38**

Mother's Day

COCKTAIL PARTY

The cocktail party held on Saturday the 8th of May was a huge hit. Those in attendance were able to relax, unwind, and meet some likeminded women in Googong. Champagne and sweet delights, provided by the local ORA Catering company, were perfection and made the night extra special.

But don't just take our word for it, hear some thoughts from those who did attend.

"Thank you to the organisers, it was a great night. A special mention that the catering was excellent. Also, photographer was great. I nervously attended on my own and spent the evening getting to know my neighbours."

"The staff were absolutely amazing. Everyone was extremely nice, and the food was to die for! The night was lovely, and it was great to do stuff without the kids in tow. Thank you again so much!!"



JERRA/GOOGONG PRAM WALKING AND EXERCISE GROUP

Jerra/Googong Pram Walking and Exercise Group are a non-judgmental, happy group of mums. We meet twice a week for walking, gentle exercise, and coffee. Mental health and friendly support are our priorities. We welcome new members including grandparents and other carers.

The walking group currently meets:

Tuesdays 9.30am at **Jerrabomberra Community Centre**
(optional coffee afterwards at Suppetó Collective)

Thursdays 9.30am at **Beltana Park, Googong**
(optional coffee afterwards at Moker Bean)

Save the date



Meet your Community Manager

Saturday 12 June 2021

10.00am – 3.00pm

Samantha Remmers will be in the Googong Sales Office at 12 Courtney Street, Googong on Saturday 12th June from 10am to 3pm. This is a great opportunity to pick up your FREE welcome pack and gift if you haven't already done so. You can also pop in with any ideas, issues, or concerns you may have. Or just to say hi!



Defence Families Picnics

Saturday 14 August 2021

12.00pm

Bring your own picnic and enjoy meeting your fellow Defence residents. Enjoy live entertainment and yard games on the lawns in Beltana Park. Invitation to follow via email to our residents' database.



Kitefest

Sunday 5 September 2021 – Father's Day

11.00am – 2.00pm

A fun day out for the family, with spectacular kites and entertainment. This is a free public event at Rockley Oval.

Rural Fire Service Open Day

Saturday 9 October 2021

10.00am – 2.00pm

This is a free public event in Beltana Park.

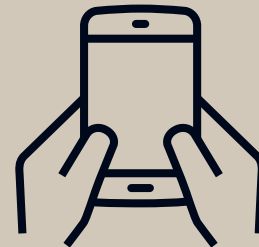


Googong Christmas Carols

Saturday 11 December 2021

6.00pm – 8.00pm

This is a free public event in Beltana Park.



Be sure you have joined the residents' database, so you don't miss out on our special resident-only events.

Email community@googong.net to update your details and be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net.

HAVE YOU MOVED TO GOOGONG?



**Hello
Googonians!**

We are very fortunate to have a Community Manager, Samantha, whose job is to help foster community connections for residents.

She can help to connect you and your family members to like-minded individuals, groups, clubs, and others within the community. Her role also includes running events and activities (some public and some residents-only), supporting local sporting clubs and associations, assisting local businesses to establish themselves in the community, and developing education programs to assist our stakeholders regionally. She also helps the community come together at this time of COVID-19 in virtual way, like our Live Streamed Googong Gigs and children's dance and music classes, as well as organising the Googong Driveway Photos, Giant Chair, family Christmas portraits and more.

To keep across what's happening in your township, residents should join and stay on our residents' database. So, if you think you may have unsubscribed, changed your email address, or are otherwise not on our residents' database, drop her an email with your details to community@googong.net and be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net



GOOGONG'S SALES OFFICE

Located at 12 Courtney Street,
Googong

Open 7 days

(except some public holidays)

**10am–5pm Saturday to
Wednesday and 10am–4pm
Thursday and Friday.**

1300 446 646

enquiries@googong.net



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