



GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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GOOGONG SUSTAINABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

Queanbeyan City Council's Googong Sustainable Housing project was launched by Queanbeyan Mayor, Cr Tim Overall on Friday. This project provides a range of resources to assist people who are building at Googong to improve the sustainability of their new home, increasing their comfort, health, environmental quality, and reducing household running costs.

Free one-hour consultations with an architect and energy efficiency expert as well as workshops and online resources are now available through the Googong Sustainable Housing project website.

Free One-on-One Consultations

One hour one-on-one consultations with an architect and energy efficiency expert are available free of charge in either CIC Australia's office in Canberra City on Wednesday and Friday afternoons or in the sales office in Club Googong on Sundays. These consultations are available through to November 2014. Places are strictly limited and bookings are essential.

Free Community Workshops

All workshops are held at the RB Smith Community Centre, 262 Crawford St Queanbeyan. No bookings are required.

WORKSHOP: What is sustainable housing? What is passive design?

Date: 11am Sunday 2 November, 2014

Sustainable Housing and passive design - How to improve comfort, energy efficiency and the environmental impact of your home in Googong.

WORKSHOP: Home energy and water efficiency

Date: 1pm Sunday 2 November, 2014

Save energy, water and money - Changes you can make when designing and building your new Googong home.

Free Online Resources

A range of resources such as factsheets, checklists and case studies to assist home builders at Googong is also available online.

More information about the online resources, workshops or to book your free one-on-one advisory session, visit QCC's website here, or call 6285 6246 (business hours).



THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

“A new way to learn and play for children in Googong”.

The Anglican School Googong will offer an educational environment unlike any other in the Capital Region. Not only will students enjoy the latest in learning technologies and a great view, but they will also get their own tepee cubby house and puzzle pieces as chairs.

The School Building, due for completion in December, has been designed to create spaces which give students greater choices in learning and their interaction with others.

With all the lifestyle benefits of being a country school, combined with all the features of a modern city school, The Anglican School Googong gives your children the best of both worlds while preparing them for their place as tomorrow's global citizens.

To find out more information, including how to enrol please visit us at www.tasg.nsw.edu.au

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM GOOGONG

Do you have the need for public transport from Googong, perhaps to your workplace or to take the kids to and from school? If you have a requirement and would like to see services start sooner rather than later, please register your interest with your community facilitator, Sam Remmers. Sam can be contacted on 6181 0392 or via email community@googong.net.au

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are inviting and encouraging Googong residents to consider participation in the Neighbourhood Watch Program. The Program facilitates and supports safer communities through negotiation and exchange of information. It achieves this by promoting crime prevention, quality of life and social inclusion. Neighbourhood Watch is about removing or reducing the opportunity to commit crime, reducing victimisation and strengthening communities and commodities against crime.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact your Community Facilitator, Sam Remmers for further information. Sam can be contacted via email community@googong.net or by calling 6181 0392.

FROM YOUR LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE

With the bush fire danger period about to commence on 1 October 2014, it's a good time to prepare or review your bush fire survival plan for your household and prepare your home for the upcoming bush fire season. You should also be aware that during the bush fire period from 1 October 2014 through to 31 March 2015 a Fire Permit is required for burning activities. Fire Permits help ensure fire is used safely and minimise the danger to you, your property and the community. If you are planning to conduct any burning activities such as rubbish or pile burns, please contact the Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade on 0428 771 662 or Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre on (02) 6128 0600 at least a week before you plan to conduct your burning activity. Note that penalties may apply if you light a fire without a permit during the bush fire danger period.

In the past few weeks there have been several house fires in and around the Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade area. These fires serve as a timely reminder of the danger and destruction house fires can cause to life and property and the need to have effective smoke alarms for your home. A good rule of thumb is to check the operation and replace batteries of smoke alarms with the start and end of daylight savings. At the same time make sure everyone in your household is aware of what to do, how to exit your home safely and where to meet up outside of the home in the event of a house fire.

For more information on the bush fire danger period, home fire safety, preparing bush fire survival plans and Fire Permits please visit the NSW Rural Fire Service web site www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



CHILD CARE SERVICES

Googong is a growing Township and community and we are doing our best to ensure that services and facilities match the requirements of our residents. There have been a number of residents making enquiries as to the need and interest of family day care options located at Googong. Would you be interested in child care options for your child? If so, please contact your community facilitator, Sam Remmers on 6181 0392 or via email community@googong.net.au



YELLOW BELLY CAFE NEWS

Yellow Belly café has an exciting new menu coming for spring, so expect to see some healthy salads and yummy treats.

John and Frank would appreciate any feedback you have, or thoughts on what you would like to see in the café and general store. So, pop in to say Hi and have a chat.

PAST EVENTS

Flying High in the Googong Sky Saturday, 30 August

We could not have asked for a better day for our kite flying event on Saturday, 30 August. It was fantastic to see so many members of our community out and about with their families enjoying the beautiful weather and kites. It was also a great opportunity to christen Rockley Oval with an amazing event!



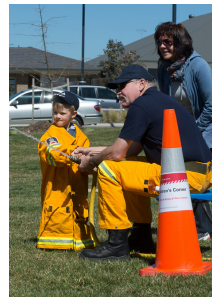
Parents and Bubs Session Thursday, 4 September

Our first parents and bubs session was held on Thursday, 4 September. It was a lovely group, enjoying coffee and cake whilst being given some priceless advice on what every parent should know about childcare. Cate Scolnik, a parenting coach from www.changemylane.com, gave parents some useful tools to assist in making the best childcare decision and choice for the child and family. For further information about this event and future Parents and Bubs sessions, please contact your community facilitator.

Rural Fire Service Open Day Sunday, 14 September

Our local NSW RFS brigade, the Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade, held their open day at Googong on Sunday, 14 September 2014.

It was a fantastic day out for families, who were able to meet the volunteers, join in on the fun activities and gather valuable information needed to keep your home and surrounding area safe.



Sustainable House Day Sunday, 7 September

Sustainable House Day was held in Googong on Sunday, 7 September 2014, the twelve HIA GreenSmart accredited homes in Googong's Display Village played host to experts in architecture, technology, design and even gardening.



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 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 Club Googong at the YMCA desk from Tuesday – Friday.

YMCA – POOL AND GYM

Club Googong Swim School

Club Googong Swim School Term 4 will commence on Monday, 13 October 2014. Come in and take part in a free assessment for your child. The pool is the perfect temperature and the YMCA's swim instructors are great with kids!



Personal Training

Have a one-on-one workout with YMCA's personal trainer who will provide support and guidance for you to achieve your individual goals faster whilst keeping you motivated to do so. YMCA offer different personal training packages to suit your needs.

For any information about the above YMCA services, please contact admin.googong@ymca.org.au Feel free to give them a call to discuss on 6181 0391.



PAST EVENTS

Family Fun Day – with Tara Dennis Sunday, 19 October 2014

A family fun day will be created with Tara Dennis. Tara is one of television's most recognised faces and has been presenting decorating, style and craft segments continuously for over fifteen years.

Tara will put on styling workshops, which will assist in helping you design, upgrade and improve your home.

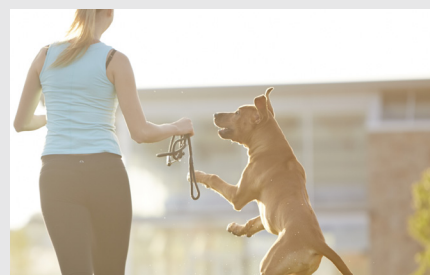
There will be many other activities in the park, such as music, reptile encounters, family friendly events and activities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dog Park Opening 23rd November 2014 Time: 10am - 12pm

Bring your pooch along for a great afternoon in the newly opened Dog Park. The park will be officially opened by the RSCPA. There will be a free dog wash, doggie treats and games.



Get Active in the Park! Saturday, 30 November 2014 Time: 1pm - 3pm

Promoting active and healthy lifestyles at Googong.

Zumba, Yoga, boxfit in the park and heaps of fun games for the kids (and kids at heart).



Tongs n Songs – Christmas Celebrations Sunday, 14 December 2014

A Christmas Event for the whole family! It will be a wonderful afternoon to enjoy the spirit of Christmas as a Googong community. Bring a chair, bring your tongs, hear the story and sing some songs! Watch this space.

Googfest Sunday, 8 February 2015

Googong's Festival will be the event of the year! Be sure to put this date in your calendar to ensure you don't miss out on this HUGE event!

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/