

# Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 15 - OCTOBER 2018



## When the HEROES came to town.

**Googonians turned out to welcome some real-life superheroes to town recently as part of the annual NSW Rural Fire Service Community Open Day.**

An impressive sight rolling into town in their big red rigs, fireies from the local Jerrabomberra Creek brigade were welcomed by a good number of Googonians who were keen to meet the men and women who help to keep Googong safe from bushfires over the hot months of summer.

Residents also got a chance to get up close and personal with the fireies' tools of the trade. There was ladder climbing, trying out the high-pressure hose, trying on the emergency clothing and equipment and broadcasting our handles on the brigade's emergency radio systems.

A special thanks to the guys and girls from the Jerrabomberra Creek station – here's to a safe summer for everyone!

*For more photos from the day, head to page 9.*





## A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Development at Googong within Neighbourhood 2 Stages 1 and 2 is progressing well. These stages, located at the corner of Old Cooma Road and Googong Road, are a highly visible sign of continued progress at Googong.

In addition to this within the next six months work will commence on Neighbourhood Stage 3 to establish the main, signalised entry off Old Cooma Road, the initial stage of Wellsvale Drive and a further 78 residential lots. There are around 1,265 homes now occupied and a further 260 under construction.

Whilst Council approved the works to upgrade the intersection of Old Cooma Road and Googong Road in June, these works are still subject to final RMS approval which

is taking longer than expected. We are now planning to commence works in November. The work is still expected to take about six months. Please drive carefully and with patience whilst the construction works are underway. Similarly, we understand Council are still on track to commence work on the upgrade of Old Cooma Road between Googong and Edwin Land Parkway by the end of this year. Again, this will be a great improvement to access to Googong but will involve some inevitable delays during construction.

The upgrade to the water recycling plant which doubled its capacity is still in the final stages of commissioning. Once commissioning is complete it is anticipated that QPRC will begin to use recycled water in the non-potable water reticulation network. Residents will be given notice of this occurring.

Spring has seen Googong achieve a planting milestone with the 10,000th tree planted at Googong. This tree milestone marks the planting of a combination of native and exotic trees in streetscapes parks and extensive revegetation and rehabilitation of natural landscapes like the Montgomery Creek Corridor, Yerardhang Nguru and those landscapes where Googong interfaces with the surrounding environment.

Our landscape team is getting ready for a big year ahead with work planned to commence on the streetscapes within the first two stages of Googong Central and on the first major sporting precinct within Googong Common in November.

Our landscape team are also committed to involving the local community in helping establish and maintain the landscapes at Googong and the surrounding region. As part of this commitment we have some exciting and informative days planned including a tour of the Pink-Tailed Worm Lizard Conservation Area with Capital Ecology, and a series of planting days through our partnership with Molonglo Catchment Group.



## WANT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE IN GOOGONG? LET US KNOW!

**We would love to see junior rugby league take off in the township for the 2019 season – so we're seeking expressions of interest from parents who are keen to:**

- become involved in managing or coaching, or
- enrol their children (boys and girls aged from 5 years to Under 13 years).

**Please email [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) with the nature of your interest, and/or the age and number of children who you might like to enrol, by 2 November 2018.**

We'll use this information to guide our negotiations with an existing club – or even consider setting up a club of our own.

For further information, please contact **Mark Vergano**, General Manager, Canberra Region and Community Rugby League, email [mvergano@raiders.com.au](mailto:mvergano@raiders.com.au) or phone **0414 677 080**.



 **FREE  
EVENT**

# BOOGONG!

A CREEPY CARNIVAL



**ROLL UP TO OUR SERIOUSLY SCARY,  
CIRCUS-THEMED HALLOWEEN EVENT!**

Dress up your family in your most ghoulish garb, let your little monsters off the chain and enjoy a frightfully fun evening of entertainment, food and people watching at Boogong! This year's event is at Rockley Oval, and will feature a stage with live entertainment. To get there, follow the signs from Googong Road!

**✳ Stage Performers ✳ FOOD VENDORS ✳ Fireworks**

**5-9PM SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER**

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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN  
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GOOGONG TOURISM COMMISSION  
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# NEWS FROM THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG WITH PRINCIPAL MERRYLN CLARKSMITH



**Our senior school continues to take shape and carve out its identity not just at the school, but also in Googong itself, as our students' learning takes them out of the classroom and into the local community.**

This semester, we've been using a Project-Based Learning approach. This means the curriculum outcomes for English, Music, Maths, History, Technology, Art and Indonesian have been mapped together, and the students are assessed as they undertake a single central project.

**This semester, that central project comes out of a program developed by Foundation for Young Australians – an organisation that helps to foster and support innovation amongst the next generation of young Australians.**

The '\$20 Boss' initiative is an immersive entrepreneurship program for secondary school students in which all students are provided \$20 of start-up capital to create, launch and operate their venture over the course of a school term.



It's been wonderful to see the students wrestle with design ideas, prototypes, marketing challenges, competition, profit margins, communication and consumer interest as they not only create and produce their initiative, but also aim to make a profit. They also learn about the language of marketing and persuasion, creating a jingle to promote their product and the packaging and design process, financial planning, projections, applying percentages and more.

**Happily, we've already been able to share some of this learning and our products with the Googong community at our marketplace outside Club Googong over the last few weeks of term three. Here students were able to put their product to the consumer test, compare projections with actual sales and see first-hand the impact of their marketing strategies.**

The students will then be able to take the feedback from the Googong community and further develop their ideas and enhance their marketing before they put themselves into the real marketplace at the Queanbeyan Markets on Sunday 21st October.

> [GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au](http://GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au)  
> [Facebook.com/GoogongSchool](https://Facebook.com/GoogongSchool)





# Safe recreation at Googong Dam and Foreshores

**As the warmer weather makes recreation around water more attractive, it's a good time to remind residents of Googong, Queanbeyan and the ACT of the special role that Googong Dam and its foreshores play.**

Googong Dam's main function is to supply water for the urban areas of the ACT and Queanbeyan – it is the single largest reservoir in the Capital Region water supply system, holding 119.4 gegalitres (GL, or 119,400 million litres).

Keeping this precious source of drinking water safe means there are some things we can't do in and around the dam. Icon Water and the ACT Parks and Conservation Service have recently installed new signs at the dam to set out the ways you can still enjoy the area while protecting drinking water quality for the community.

- Picnicking, canoeing, bushwalking, fishing, and mountain bike riding on formed roads are all great activities that the community can enjoy and don't contaminate our drinking water.
- Human and animal contact with the Googong Reservoir is NOT permitted. Dogs are NOT allowed in the Dam or foreshore area.

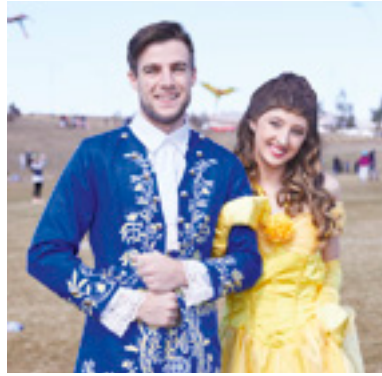
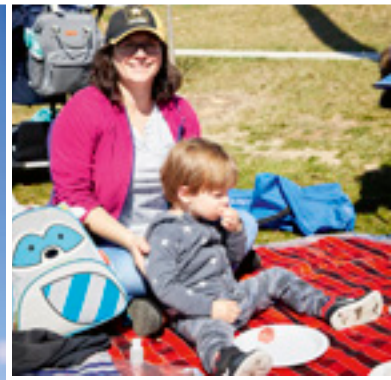
- Petrol powered boats are NOT permitted on the Dam, in order to protect the reservoir from the risk of contamination from petrol and oil spills. Only human and electric powered boats, such as kayaks and sailboats, are permitted.
- Vessels which have a high potential of a person falling into the water, such as stand-up paddle boards, surfboards, water skiing and windsurfers are NOT permitted.
- Swimming is NOT permitted in the Dam. Alternative spots for swimming recreation are downstream of the Dam wall, including the downstream picnic area, Queanbeyan River and the Queanbeyan and Googong swimming pools.
- For safety reasons, Googong Dam and foreshores will be closed to the all members of the public on days of a Total Fire Ban.

Googong is a unique and precious resource for all of us, so we need to look after it and protect our drinking water.

**To showcase the role that Googong Dam plays, Icon Water is giving the community a rare opportunity to attend a free tour of Googong Dam Water Treatment Plant on Saturday 20 October. Time and booking details are on the Icon Water website.**

For more information on recreation at Googong Dam, visit [iconwater.com.au/Community-and-Education](https://www.iconwater.com.au/Community-and-Education) or contact [talktous@iconwater.com.au](mailto:talktous@iconwater.com.au) ring **02 6248 3111**.



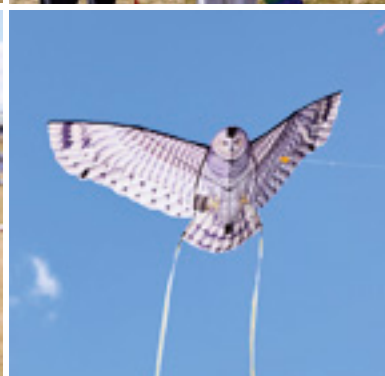


# Flying High

IN THE GOOGONG SKY







If one of your fellow Googonians told you to 'go fly a kite', hopefully you weren't offended – it's more than likely they were just recommending you attend the town's kite festival, Flying High in the Googong Sky! And hopefully you took their advice and were one of the hundreds of people who attended this year's event on Sunday 2 September at Rockley Oval.

**It was a brilliant day for families – and a wonderful Father's Day for all those dads in the crowd – with a sky full of kites and plenty of tasty food and great music on hand.**



# CLUB LIME GOOGONG FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIPS

Club Lime is opening very soon at the Googong North Village Centre, and we're excited to share their special offer on Foundation Memberships!

\$13 per week and no access pass fee (usually \$59) if you join with a friend within 59 hours of each other, or score a discounted access pass fee of \$29 using the code "nosecondperson" (save \$30).

**This Foundation Membership offer is only available for the first 100 members so don't delay.**

Email Club Lime for more information at [info@clublime.com.au](mailto:info@clublime.com.au)

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*Hello  
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SNEAK PEAK FOR  
GOOGONIANS!**

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FOUNDATION  
MEMBERSHIPS  
**ONLY 100 AVAILABLE!**

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## OUR PLACE EARLY LEARNING – EDUCATORS WANTED



Our Place Early Learning Googong is growing every day, so we're looking for enthusiastic educators to join our team.

Our approach to education is built upon respectful caregiving practices and play-based learning.

If you have – or are studying towards – a Certificate 3 or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care, or a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, and you're looking to work in a beautiful centre close to home, we'd love to speak with you!

Please email [googong@ourplace.education](mailto:googong@ourplace.education) for more information!





# Googong's Rural Fire Service Community Open Day





# GOOGONG LANDCARE'S BUSY BEES



**Saturday 29 September saw a very successful working bee by a combined team of residents and members of Googong Landcare.**

The hard work by these volunteers took place in the Googong Conservation Area – an important habitat for Googong's most endangered resident: the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard.

By removing returning weeds such as Blackberry, Thistle, Barley Grass and Briar Rose, this band of big-hearted helpers have paved the way for the reestablishment of native grasses.

**Volunteers also enjoyed the beautiful local environment of the foreshores, Montgomery Creek and Yerradhang Nguru, Gumnut Park – and at the end of all that, the team enjoyed a BBQ lunch together after an admirable day's work.**

If you'd like to make a difference in the local environment and connect with other like-minded Googonians, get in touch with the team at [googonglandcare@gmail.com](mailto:googonglandcare@gmail.com) and put your name down as a volunteer for future working bees!

## Just moved in?

If you've recently made the move into your new home at Googong, don't forget to let our Community Manager, Samantha, know so that she can give you your welcome pack and gift.

You can contact her via email to [community@googong.net](mailto: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**.







# Go visit the home where the **Pink-tailed Worm-lizards** roam...

## **GUIDED TOUR OF YERRADHANG NGURU, GUMNUT PARK AND PINK-TAILED WORM-LIZARD CONSERVATION AREA SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 10AM-12NOON**

Join Ecologist Rob Speirs and Googong Landcare on a guided tour of this spectacular 54 ha conservation area at Googong and maybe even meet a Pink-tailed Worm-lizard!

Learn about other species and communities which call the area home including Wedge-tailed Eagles, the threatened Rosenberg's Monitor, and other Googonian wildlife including Scarlet Robins, Hooded Robins, Diamond Firetails, Brown Treecreepers, Hoary Sunrays and more.

The Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (also known as Pink-tailed Legless-lizard or *Aprasia parapulchella*) is a vulnerable species, but fortunately a large population occurs in the eastern part of Googong. They grow up to 25cm in length and look like a combination of a small snake and a worm.

As the site is very steep in parts, so let us know if you have any issues with mobility. We recommend sturdy shoes, a hat, long sleeves and a water bottle.

To register, see 'Events' on the Googong Township Facebook page or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/guided-tour-of-pink-tailed-worm-lizard-conservation-area-tickets-49836570524>



## **Share your favourite Googong photos!**

We are now on **Instagram**, so be sure to follow us **@googong\_township** and share your favourite photos of Googong using **#googong**, **#GoogongTownship** and **#GoGoogonian**.



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FREE

# UPCOMING events



## GUIDED TOUR OF THE PINK-TAILED WORM LIZARD CONSERVATION AREA

**Sunday, 21 October 2018**

With Ecologist Rob Speirs and Googong Landcare.  
A free event – but registrations are required.

See Events on the Googong Township Facebook page  
for more information and how to register.



## THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

### Open Day

**Tuesday, 23 October 2018**

**9.30am–11am, 136 Gorman Drive, Googong**

Meet some of our staff and take a tour of the Senior School, Junior School and Early Learning Centre. The morning will conclude with morning tea and the opportunity to ask questions.

Please RSVP by phone on **6154 9400** or you can email  
[enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au)



## HALLOWEEN AT GOOGONG

**Saturday, 27 October 2018**

**5– 9pm, Rockley Oval, Googong**

Dress up in your ghoulish costume and come out to play at our free Halloween event. There will be displays, performers, live music, food vendors and so many great costumes to delight you and frighten you! It's an event not to be missed!

## Defence Families BBQ

Coming in November 2018  
(date to be confirmed)

12pm–2pm, Beltana Park BBQs,  
Googong

Make sure your details are up-to-date. Defence families from Googong and the region are very welcome to attend. There will be live music and games. For more information contact **Samantha** at [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net)

## Christmas Carols

**Saturday, 15 December 2018**

**6–8pm, Beltana Park, Googong**

Enjoy Christmas carol singing with the Canberra City Band in beautiful Beltana Park. Bring a picnic or purchase a snag from the sausage sizzle.

This is a non-denominational evening of carols. Song books are provided.



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