

Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 29 - OCTOBER 2021

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UPGRADE**

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A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Demand for land at Googong continues to be strong. The construction of roads and services is in full swing with nine separate stages of subdivision underway. Construction of NH2 Stage 9A is nearing completion with the other stages to follow over the next 6 months.

Construction of Bunyip Park in Googong Central is well underway with most of the underground infrastructure installed. Over the coming months, retaining walls, lake side decks, toilet pod, shelters and a performance stage over the lake will start to take shape. You will also see our new permanent sales office spring up in this area.

Detailed planning of the future neighbourhoods of Googong is well underway, with a development application to be lodged in September 2021. Whilst QPRC will formally seek comment on the application from the community, we also took the opportunity to present the submission to residents online in September in a joint initiative with the Googong Residents' Association.

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.

Work will commence on a skatepark in October, and we look forward to opening it early in the new year. The skatepark will have a great mix of beginner and advanced options to excite Googonians, especially the teenage variety. The skatepark even includes a full-sized basketball court, shelter, public Wi-Fi and an outdoor DJ booth!

Sports field 4 will commence construction in November with an opening date to align with sports field 3. Sports field 4 is a double rugby league and union field. It will include an informal 5-a-side mini soccer pitch and 4-pitch cricket net facility.

An artist has been commissioned to upgrade the existing Montgomery Creek boardwalk with a viewing deck, which will be encompassed by sculptural reeds. It will be a great spot for Googonians to rest and take in the view through the marshy creek line.

There are now about 1,950 Googonian homes occupied, with our population standing at around 6,000.



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY MANAGER

Googong continues to be such a special place to live, with a strong focus on community inclusion and community care.

Now more than ever, as we are facing a once-in-a-generation crisis with COVID-19, it's so important that we continue to support each other as a community and nurture our social connections.

The challenges we're all facing mean that we are experiencing some things for the first time and might be feeling overwhelmed and vulnerable. However, the compassion and kindness we have for each other remains strong, and I have heard heart-warming stories about Googonians reaching out to their neighbours and assisting vulnerable members in our community.

This difficult time is impacting our personal and professional lives, and those that we love. Please take care, try to stay positive and reach out to those around you. Don't underestimate the positive impact of checking up on someone, waving to a neighbour as you pass, and getting out and about to enjoy this beautiful spring weather.

When the time is right and it is safe to do so, we will resume our event activities and re-connect in person as a community. Until then, stay safe and well.

Samantha

Samantha Remmers
Community Manager



If you, or someone you know, needs help or just someone to talk to:

- Lifeline on **13 11 14**
- Kids Helpline on **1800 551 800**
- MensLine Australia on **1300 789 978**
- Women's Crisis Line on **1800 811 811**
- QLife on **1800 184 527**
- Suicide Call Back Service on **1300 659 467**
- Beyond Blue on **1300 224 636**
- Headspace on **1800 650 890**



Say, G'day!

Join the Googong Community Connection Project and stay connected to your fellow Googonians.

If you'd like someone to check-in with you from time to time, or you want to volunteer to join the project, call **1300 446 646** or email community@googong.net



THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG



New principal for The Anglican School Googong as they plan rapid expansion.



Colin May is a highly regarded educator and experienced principal of more than four decades. His career has spanned primary, secondary, and outdoor education at a number of schools including St Andrew's Cathedral School and Trinity Grammar School.

Colin became the first male principal at Arden Anglican School in Beecroft and over a period of 17 years led the development of the school from a single primary school at Beecroft to a school with campuses in Epping and at Cambridge Business Park.

Colin was principal at Al Sadiq College from 2011 to 2014 and at the Italian Bilingual School in 2015, then assisted with enrichment programmes at the Kesser Torah College in 2016, which saw him honoured by the Teachers Guild of NSW with the award of an Honourary Fellowship (HFTGN). He was most recently the principal of the Sapphire Coast Anglican College from 2017 to 2018.

Throughout his career, Colin has prioritised the welfare of students and encourages each child to fulfil their potential by fully immersing

themselves in the rich life offered by schools and their communities. We are pleased to announce Colin has been appointed as principal at The Anglican School Googong (TASG) from July 2021.

In 2021, TASG has 430 students K-10 and will have its first Year Twelve students graduate in 2023. A wide subject selection has been established in the senior years, to be delivered in brand new facilities at the school.

Additional classes in the Junior School for 2022 will allow more students to attend this exciting school next year, at a variety of year levels. Class sizes are small, allowing more individualised attention and creating a wonderful learning environment with inquiry learning at its heart.

An Early Learning Centre will also be integrated with TASG in 2022. Applications can be made at www.tasg.nsw.edu.au

The Anglican School Googong

**Limited Places Available for 2022
in Junior School.**

New Early Learning Centre.

Progressing to Year 11 - Apply Now.

Ph: 02 6154 9400 | www.googongschool.nsw.edu.au

GOOGONG RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Googong Residents' Association represents its members in matters that impact Googong residents.

The Googong Residents' Association Executive is a committee of volunteer residents that advocate member interests to various entities such as Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, government bodies, the towns developers, and community and corporate organisations.

The association aims to create a sense of unity and inspire community spirit, as well as develop, encourage, and foster community engagement among residents, sporting clubs, facilities, and other social interests.

If you'd like to become a member of the Googong Residents Association please email googongra@gmail.com | <https://www.facebook.com/GoogongRA>

JERRABOMBERRA CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Follow us on Facebook at
@JerraCreek for updates and
news from your local brigade.

Spring is upon us and the warmer days will be here soon.

Although the forecasted fire potential for this season is expected to be below average due to recent wet winter, there is still risk of fire.



Now is the time to prepare your property for the season ahead.

The NSW Rural Fire Service Website has lots of information to assist you and your family in preparing your home and we encourage you to take some time and explore our fact sheets. Visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

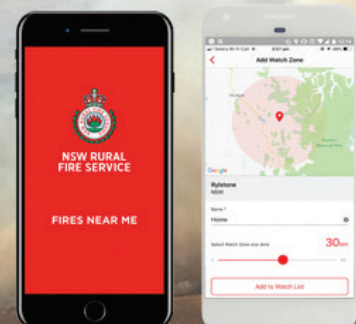
We also encourage residents to download the Fires Near Me NSW App on their phones. This is a great tool to keep up to date on fires in your area, or in areas you might travel through in NSW. Got your phone handy? It will only take 2 minutes.



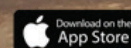
Fires Near Me NSW

Update your app to get the latest features,
including Watch Zones

Now available on iOS and Android
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/apps



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



COVID VACCINATIONS – PFIZER AND ASTRAZENECA

We are now conducting COVID vaccination clinics for both Pfizer and Astra Zeneca vaccines. To ensure minimum wastage of these multi-dose vaccine vials, we need to make specific appointment times. As such appointments must be made by phone. Please call the surgery on **5104 9595** for a time. COVID vaccinations are bulk billed to Medicare.

To check which vaccine you qualify for, please refer to <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility-checker>

NEW GP DR RACHEL DASH

Googong Family Practice welcomes Dr Rachel Dash to our GP team. Rachel will be consulting on Wednesday's and will increase days as patient demand increases.

Rachel completed her medical degree at ANU and has worked in Canberra and Queanbeyan over the last 7 years. As a nearby resident, Rachel looks forward to caring for the local and surrounding communities.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Googong Family Practice complies with all COVID regulations. Please ensure that:

- If you (or anyone in your household) have any COVID related symptoms such as cough, cold, runny nose or fever, do not come into the clinic. Please obtain a COVID test and isolate until a negative result is received
- When attending the clinic, please check in with the NSW Service app QR code located at our entry

For further information on COVID please refer to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

P: 5104 9595

E: reception@googongfp.com.au



A NOTE FROM Cannons IGA Googong

Thank you to our wonderful community for your continued support as we navigate these trying times.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to the many new customers we have shopping with us — we hope you're enjoying your experience at Cannons Googong.

Please continue to check-in or sign in to Cannons Googong every time you visit the store. Remember to wear a fitted face mask as you enter and while you shop.

In exciting news, we're in the process of developing an online shopping function, which we hope to have up and going shortly! We know many locals would prefer to get their groceries delivered at the moment, so we're excited to launch this new service to our community. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know requires a local grocery delivery, please get in touch by sending an email to our team at online@cannons.net.au.

We will respond as soon as possible to organise a delivery for you.

From the whole Cannons Googong team,
thank you.

Stay safe and take care.



CANNONS
MARKET PLACE + CAFÉ
GOOGONG VILLAGE

GOOGONG COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Googong Community Garden is seeking quotations from local businesses for a project to upgrade our orchard area.

This is a small landscaping project (less than \$10k)

and the successful tenderer will have the opportunity to advertise at the garden. If you are interested, please email googongcommunitygarden@gmail.com for consideration.

For all enquiries on how to become involved in the Garden, please contact the Googong Community Garden at googongcommunitygarden@gmail.com. We look forward to expanding our green-thumb community.

Happy gardening!

New Parent-Baby Group

FREE Parent-Child Mother Goose baby group in Googong

Are you a first-time parent or carer with a baby born in 2021?

We are gathering expressions of interest from people who might like to join this fun, gentle, welcoming, group to connect with your baby and meet other people within Googong.

Come and enjoy sharing the fun of songs, stories and rhymes delivered in the Parent-Child Mother Goose group style.

Led by an experienced Parent-Child Mother Goose facilitator and hosted by Googong Township Pty Ltd, the group will run for an hour on Friday mornings, beginning in October (COVID willing) and will be FREE to attend for Googong residents.

This COVID-Safe event is a great way to connect and bring a spark of joy into your day.

Please email community@googong.net to register your interest.



Googong Dental would like to thank the community for the support we have received since our opening in December. We look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

For all your dental needs, please contact us on :

Phone: (02) 6210 9812

Email: reception@googongdental.com.au

Website: www.googongdental.com.au

Save the date



Googong's New Neighbourhoods

Wednesday 29 September 2021

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Join the virtual presentation by Malcom Leslie, Project Director of Googong, to discover what is planned for Googong's next neighbourhoods. To receive an invitation to this event, be sure you're on the resident's database, or email community@googong.net



Googong Christmas Carols

Saturday 11 December 2021

6.00pm – 8.00pm



Rural Fire Service Open Day

Saturday 9 October 2021

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our annual Rural Fire Service Open Day due to the unfolding COVID-19 situation across NSW.

Picture perfect

Local photographer, **Wade Cramer**, captures Beltana Pond in the blue hour just before sunrise on a calm frosty June morning.

See more of his work at wadecramerphotography.com.

Hello new Googonians!



We are very fortunate to have a **Community Manager, Samantha**, whose job is to 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, developing education programs to assist our stakeholders regionally, and helping the community come together at this time of COVID-19 in virtual ways – like our live-streamed Googong Gigs, children's dance and music classes and organising the Googong Driveway Photos.

To keep you informed of what's happening, Samantha needs residents to join and stay on our residents' database. If you've unsubscribed and changed your mind, changed your email address, or are otherwise not on our residents' database, drop Samantha an email with your details to community@googong.net. Be sure to Whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net.



GOOGONG SALES OFFICE

Located at 12 Courtney Street, Googong.

Staff are available 7 days (except some public holidays) by phone and email during lock-down, or in person at the sales office when lock-down ends.

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

1300 446 646
enquiries@googong.net



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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC