



BOOGONIAN GAZETTE



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A MESSAGE FROM GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

I'm pleased to report that spring is well and truly here – it's wonderful to see Googong's landscape burst back to life before our eyes. Better still, with the warmer weather comes excellent progress in the construction of the township.

Registration of subdivision NH1B Stage 3 (75 lots) is imminent. This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 1,262 and works are underway on a further 289 lots in Neighbourhood 1B Stages 4, 5, 6 and 7. There are around 460 homes now occupied and a further 250 under construction. This includes the Terraces by Googong, which are really starting to take shape around the Village Centre. Construction of the township's first permanent water supply reservoirs is underway and due for completion around mid-2017.

At Rockley Oval, the AFL season has finished and the oval will now be prepared for the cricket season. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) will be undertaking a renovation of the playing surface and also installing the new turf cricket square. This work should occur over September and October.

At Duncan Fields the football season has finished and the fields will be undergoing their seasonal renovation. This work will occur over September and October and include the installation of a new artificial cricket wicket by QPRC.

Aprasia Park is open for play now that the grass has fully established. Construction of the 'Gumnut' playground is well underway with the first play elements, now installed. Opening of this play environment is planned for April 2017 to allow the extensive plantings to be established. Street tree planting across NH1B stages 3 and 7 and the adjacent open space corridor will commence in September with the construction of the road and pedestrian bridge elements into Montgomery Rise due for completion in November for a planned opening in December 2016.

Work is underway on the township's first shopping centre in Googong North, with the first shops opening in late 2017.

Future planning is in full swing with the structure plan for Googong Central progressing well through the Council approval process together with two subdivision DAs for around 200 lots.

As usual, sales have been steady over winter – but we're preparing for a busy spring with our new sales releases in Greenside and The Fields.

Keep an eye out for our next update.

Googong School Archaeologists and Conservationists

At The Anglican School Googong, the Year 1 class recently spent a day on an archaeological dig in an area just south of the school near Montgomery Creek.

There the children joined archaeologists who are undertaking a study of some local sites to uncover the earlier history of the Googong area.

The children were very excited to become 'archaeologists for a day'. They used maths, science and art skills to dig pits with the archaeologists, uncovering information about who may have been here from what they left behind. From just this small patch of land we could tell you a whole story from the things they found. There were old saucepan handles, nails, iron and stones from a fireplace and even some old slate pencils in one of the pits.

After discovering these artefacts, the team of tiny archaeologists were left wondering – could there have been a small school with children their own age? What games would these kids have played? And what did they learn in class?

In other school news, students and some parents – with the support of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council – were able to add to the variety of native species in our town by planting 65 trees and shrubs for National Tree Day. Thank you to everyone involved – you all did a great job planting what will become part of a wonderful new habitat for our native birds and animals.

The start of the 2018 school year just over a year from now will see The Anglican School Googong's first Year 7 students walk in the school gate. If you'd like more information, visit: GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au/SeniorSchool



GOOGONG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – LATEST NEWS!

There are lots of exciting things happening within the community, particularly from those groups formed as part of the Googong Residents Association (GRA).

The Neighbourhood Watch group continues to provide updates to the residents to ensure the safety and security of our community and homes. The Googong Dog Group – “The Dogonian’s” – had a big win with the plans for the new dog park making it through the QPRC approvals and re-zoning process. Meanwhile, the Community Garden is gaining momentum, with deposits now being taken to ensure construction can commence as soon as possible.

The next GRA meeting will be held at Club Googong on Monday, 31 October at 7pm. All are welcome and we look forward to more residents within the community becoming involved.

Please feel free to contact me regarding information about the GRA, its committee and management. Have your say about what’s important to you and your family and help our community to develop and flourish. Be sure to join the Googong Residents Association Facebook page.

GRA President,
Warwick Abrams
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GUITAR LESSONS



Guitar lessons are now available in Googong, provided by Jerrabomberra Music Tuition. All ages welcome, all styles taught. Lessons run once a week for half an hour, one-on-one, and the cost is \$33 per lesson.

Other instruments are available on request, and instrument hire is also available from \$35 per term for guitars. For more information please call **Jerrabomberra Music Tuition** on **02 6299 9154**.

A GREAT NIGHT OF COCKTAILS

A great time was had by all, and we look forward to putting on more events like this one. Although maybe for next time we should start thinking up special cocktails just for our town. Anyone fancy a Pan Googonian Gargleblaster?



FLYING HIGH flies high once again!



Last month, the skies over our town played host to *Flying High in the Googong Sky*, our annual kite festival. A wonderful mix of kites soared overhead, though unfortunately the larger kites remained on the ground due to insufficient winds. Even so, it was a fantastic day – thanks to all who came along and flew their kites high!

THE GREAT GOOGONIAN SURVEY. THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Recently many of you will have taken part in a ‘Survey Monkey’ online questionnaire in which you were asked questions about Googong – everything from shops and services, to landscape design and maintenance. We thought we’d share some of the steps we’ll be taking now that we have the results back!

YOU WANT A LARGER DOG PARK.

The open space to the north of Duncan Field is to become a dog park, with fences, drinking water and bins. Maintenance in the Rockely Oval precinct has been stepped up, including cutting of long grass, additional weeding, collection of litter and restocking of doggy bags.

YOU WANT MORE PLAYGROUNDS.

There was concern that there are not enough playgrounds at Googong. Rest assured, we have more playgrounds planned for the town as it grows. In the time since the survey, new playgrounds have opened at Duncan Fields, Lovegrove Park, Aprasia Park and, soon, adjacent to Connolly Vale.

YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR VERGE.

We’ve started education programs for residents about verge maintenance – which included our verge maintenance competition.

YMCA CLUB GOOGONG POOL

SPRING HOURS FOR CLUB GOOGONG
POOL AND GYM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY – THURSDAY

GYM: 6.00am – 7.00pm | POOL: 6:30am – 7.00pm

FRIDAY

GYM: 6.00am – 5.00pm | POOL: 6:30am – 7.00pm

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

GYM: 8:30am – 5.00pm | POOL: 9.00am – 5.00pm

YOU WANT TIDIER INTERSECTIONS.

Additional mowing, weed control and trimming plant heights near intersections.

YOU WANT MORE LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS.

To date, Rockely Oval is home to Queanbeyan Junior Cricket, The Googong Hogs and Tigers Junior AFL clubs. More recently, the Googong Monaro Panthers soccer club has set up at Duncan Fields. We're also in discussions to see rugby union, rugby league and Little Athletics locate to Googong over time, as more ovals and opportunities arise.

YOU WANT CHEAPER MENU OPTIONS FROM THE YELLOW BELLY CAFÉ.

We have shared your feedback with the Café's owner.

YOU WANT MORE SHOPPING OPTIONS.

We've begun construction of the Googong North Village Centre, with 1000 square metre supermarket, medical centre and allied health services, retail shops, a café and bar, childcare and community centre. It should be open late next year!

YOU WANT MORE SCHOOLS.

We have gifted land to NSW Government for the construction of a public primary school and a public secondary school at Googong, though the timing and funding of this construction is at their discretion and will be linked to population growth in Googong and the region. The Anglican School Googong continues to grow, and will take its first Year 7 enrolments in 2018.

YOU WANT MORE BUS SERVICES.

We're working with Qcity Transit to identify additional school bus services and weekday services in the region.



SO FUN IT'S SCARY!

Bewaaare! Those who miss out on Boogong – Googong's frighteningly fun Halloween event – are destined to regret their choice... FOR ALL ETERNITY!

Not surprising, really, when you consider all the great things happening.

- In Beltana Park, there'll be a DJ and disco for the kids from 5.00pm followed by live music from 8.30pm
- **GIANT SPIDER WEB**
- The Witch's Den
- **FIREWORKS AT 9PM**
- Roaming street performers and entertainers
- **DELICIOUS FOOD STALLS**
- A horrifying blood pond*

So dress up as your favourite Halloween creature, pack a picnic, enjoy the live music and let your little monsters out to play in our specially spookified Beltana Park. It'll be so fun... it's scary!

(*May not be real blood.)



Stay up-to-date with the latest Googong news,
[facebook.com/googongtownship](https://www.facebook.com/googongtownship)

GOOGONG GARDEN AND VERGE COMPETITION

Back in April, our expert judging panel reviewed all streets in Googong to find the top three front garden and verges within the township.

The Gardens were judged on the combination of neat and tidy verge and garden, the design approach taken within the front garden and how the whole package in general presented to the street. Congratulations to the winners!

1ST PLACE: 7 BELTANA AVENUE

Beautiful, well-established front hedge, with care and attention paid to the verge gardens and associated grass. A good example of what can be achieved with a relatively simple garden design and an overall maintenance approach to the garden and verge.

2ND PLACE: 18 DAISY LOOP

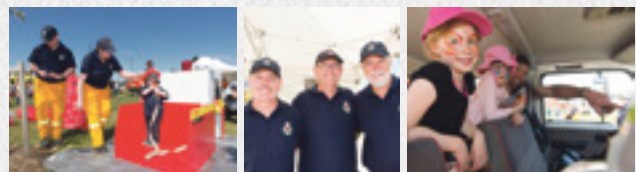
A small garden with a simple and elegant design that has been well executed and is carefully maintained. The mix of Good Morning Green Thumbs!

3RD PLACE: 7 MCTAVISH STREET

This garden and front verge stand out because of the attention to detail and level of maintenance that has been poured into the garden and verge. Despite being a young garden, it still has the structure in place to be a beautiful mature garden in the future.



RURAL FIRE SERVICE OPEN DAY



When the fireys came to town recently, even the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the kids who came out to not only get up close and personal with their shiny firetruck, but also to give a helping hand with the fire hose and emergency radios. Thanks to the NSW RFS team for taking the time to visit Googong.

NEW CHILD CARE FACILITY

Our Place Educational Centre is set to open at Googong North Village Centre in late 2017. This facility will provide long day care options for children from birth to 5 years of age.

For further information about the Centre and its facilities, please email info@ourplacejerra.com.au or phone 0430 465 437



WHAT HAS TWO WHEELS AND LOOKS LIKE A BLURRY STREAK?

Googong recently hosted a time trials event for Cycling Australia's National Road Series. The day was definitely action packed, with one of the riders clocked doing 94km per hour downhill! Special thanks to everyone who lent a hand on the day. If you'd like a closer look, we've got a great video of the day's action on the Googong township Facebook page.



community garden

Good Morning Green Thumbs!

The Googong Community Garden is on track to be a very exciting project for the residents of Googong. Lisa McLaughlin has kindly agreed to take on the role as the Resident Manager of the Garden, and she is already doing a fantastic job. Lisa will keep those interested updated on progress of the garden, from the initial planning phase – right through to the construction and management.

The Googong Resident's Association is currently taking a \$30 deposit from interested parties in order to secure a space in the garden. This \$30 deposit will come off your annual fees for the year, once it has been determined. The deposit can only be paid in cash at this point in time. You can pay your deposit by visiting the sales office from Tuesday – Friday.

Be sure to also request to join the facebook page below:
www.facebook.com/groups/GoogongCommunityGarden

If you would like further information on the garden, please contact **Samantha Remmers** – community@googong.net or contact **Lisa** through the **Gardens Facebook page**.

GOOGONG PLAYGROUP

Our Googong Playgroup meets weekly on Fridays at 10am at The Anglican School Googong (during school terms). Parents and children are more than welcome to attend, with no RSVP necessary. Come along for a relaxing time with your child/children and have the opportunity to meet other parents. Please bring along a morning tea snack for your child.



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— UPCOMING EVENTS —

BOOGONG!

AN EVENING OF HALLOWEEN FUN AT GOOGONG.

SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER
5PM – 9PM | FREE



Googong Christmas Carols in the Park

SAVE THE DATE!
6-8PM SATURDAY, 17 DECEMBER

Googfest 2017

An evening of free live music at Rockley Oval.

SAVE THE DATE!
5-9PM SATURDAY, 4 FEBRUARY



HAVE YOU MOVED INTO YOUR HOME AT GOOGONG?

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 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.

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 Executive or email community@googong.net

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