

GOOGONIAN GAZETTE



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The biggest Googfest yet!

Yes, it was huge, with a crowd of 12,000 music fans rocking out to Sneaky Sound System and other great local performers at Rockley Oval. What an amazing day!



Googfest





A MESSAGE FROM MALCOLM

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Good news, Googong! I'm happy to say the construction of our town is continuing at a rapid pace indeed.

For starters, registration of subdivision Stage NH1B Stage 4 (60 lots) is imminent. This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 1,398 and works are underway on a further 214 lots in Neighbourhood 1B Stages 6, 7 and 8. There are around 630 homes now occupied and a further 350 under construction.

Here's another bit of good news. With subdivision construction nearing completion on the first stage of Montgomery Rise, you can really start to appreciate the high-quality landscape finishes throughout the precinct, including the sculptural embellishments and handrails on the bridge, extensive street tree planting, turfed verges, completed driveway crossovers and stone letterboxes. Construction has also commenced on the park within Montgomery Rise which we are hoping to

call 'Munnagai Woggabaliri' – a Ngunawal phrase meaning 'come play'. This will be the second place at Googong to celebrate the culture and use of the land by its traditional custodians.

The summer renovation of Duncan Fields went well, allowing cricket to continue to be played at the fields. Following the completion of the cricket season, Duncan Fields will be prepared for winter and the coming football season. The Monaro Panthers club will be back in 2017 – they're hoping to play some of their premier league games at the fields.

The opening of 'Yerradhang Nguru' is on track for April 2017. The opening of this play environment signifies the opening of the first stage of the Googong Common. Current construction within the Common means that by June 2017, Yerradhang Nguru will be linked to Montgomery Rise via the first 3kms of the path and trail system planned for the Common.

Construction of the township's first shopping centre in Googong North is going well and is on track for the opening of the first shops in late 2017.

Meanwhile, the Structure Plan for Googong Central was approved by Council in December 2016 and detailed planning is well advanced with Development Approval anticipated in late 2017.

With sales at Googong remaining strong and keen interest already in the upcoming releases of The Borough and The Fields, there's no doubt people are keen to become Googonian!

Googfest was once again a resounding success, so I would like to acknowledge our appreciation of the huge efforts of our amazing Community Development Manager, Samantha Remmers, in pulling off an incredible event that was enjoyed by around 12,000 people. Great work, Sam!

GOOGONG POOL

As many of you will already know, the Club Googong swimming pool plant room flooded over the Christmas break following a malfunction in the pool hydraulics. Unfortunately, the pool pumps and electrics were damaged beyond repair and will need to be replaced.

We've been working with a number of parties over the past month to resolve the clean-up, assessment, insurance and repair works for the pool. Our insurance company recently concluded their inspections and repair work has commenced.

We have been advised that this is a minimum six-week process which unfortunately means that we're looking at a late March/early April re-opening date.

YMCA are extending reciprocal rights to Googong members for free admission to other YMCA managed pools in the ACT (for the period Googong is closed and only for swimming). If you're Googonian, simply present your Googong member card at Civic Olympic Pool, Gungahlin Aquatic Centre or Lakeside Tuggeranong and you'll be admitted free for recreational swimming. The Club Googong gym is still open.

We apologise sincerely to all Googonians for the inconvenience.



The Anglican School Googong update:

A GROWING SCHOOL AND A GROWING COMMUNITY

As we enter our third year of welcoming students and their families to our school it is amazing to reflect on the growth of the school and the township of Googong.

At the beginning of 2015 when we welcomed our first students through the doors, Googong had just 120 residents. Today, the town has around 2,500 residents, and we welcome over 150 Early Learning to Year 4 students to the school each day.

Of course, it takes more than just students to build a school – we need a community to support the education of these students. There are just over 25 staff who work both full-time and part-time at the school, and for the first time a local Googonian is amongst our teaching staff.

Sally Gervink is the first teacher who lives locally and she's watched the new town grow since she and her husband Ben built in the area three years ago. Her new job at The Anglican School Googong is just around the corner from home and it will be her first permanent post since her baby daughter Sophie arrived nine months ago.

'It's wonderful to be working in my own community so I'm really excited and very nervous,' she laughed. 'My husband and I both grew up in the Jerra-Queanbeyan area and we love Googong because it has such a great community spirit.



'I couldn't wait to join the school. I really like their teaching style – it's not just about teaching, but very much focused on the whole child.'

Principal Ian Hewitt said this year sees the first group of year four students in the School. Next year, the school will extend to Year 7 and enrolments are expected to grow by more than 100 students a year.

'Googong was very new when the school was built, so we have a really strong relationship with the community,' he said. 'Now the town is getting bigger, the school is growing fast too.'

'We're delighted to welcome Sally. It's great to be able to fill the team with people who know and appreciate the area.'

We look forward to seeing Stage 2 of the school's building program commence soon, with tenders soon being called for a December 2017 completion date. Stage 2 will see the addition of learning spaces for Year 7 along with an administration area for staff.

Remember to get your Enrolment Applications in as early as possible as a number of classes are now beginning to fill up. This includes all classes in future years.

OPEN DAY

WHY NOT DROP ALONG TO THE SCHOOL'S NEXT OPEN DAY ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY FROM 9.30-11.00AM? WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Googong Verges: a quick refresher

Googong Township Pty Ltd establish the front verges to all homes in Googong – in agreement with Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) who own them – before you move into your home.

Once you finish construction of your home and secure certificate of occupancy, it's your responsibility to maintain the verge in front of your home. If you'd like to change the verge from its original design, you'll need to request permission from QPRC. Failure to do so may mean that QPRC will request that you return the verge to its original design at your own expense; or if you change the plantings before you move in they may not grant you certificate of occupancy until it is returned to its original design.



Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols were held in Beltana Park on 17/12/2016 with classic Christmas songs brought to life by the big brass sound of the John Agnew Band and the Sisters and Brothers Community Choir.

The Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Service were on hand to help entertain the kids with their trucks, and there was even a special appearance from Santa. It was a lovely evening as residents enjoyed mingling with neighbours and enjoying the simple delights of beautifully performed carols during the festive season.

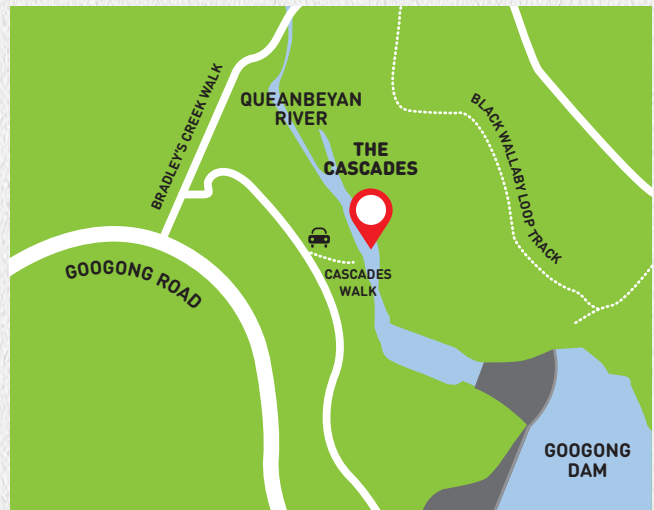




Take a dip at The Cascades

While swimming is not allowed in Googong Dam, there is a wonderful place you can swim that's just a stone's throw from the Dam itself.

It's called The Cascades, and it's on the Queanbeyan River below the Googong Dam wall. We've included a map so you can head out and try this beautiful swimming spot for yourself.



Recreation at Googong Foreshores

	Bike riding		No dogs
	Picnicking		No swimming
	Bushwalking		No petrol powered boats
	Fishing		No wading
	Kayaking, sail boating	Protect your drinking water.	





MONARO PANTHERS

The Googong Monaro Panthers Football Club have a terrific program for 3-5 year olds at Googong starting soon. Build the skills your child needs for a lifetime of sport. It's a great way to develop strong physical, intellectual and emotional skills.

Visit www.monaropanthers.com.au for more information.



QUEANBEYAN WHITES

Queanbeyan Whites Junior Rugby are taking registrations for the winter season, including Googong teams for Under 7's to Under 9's. There is also a girls ten-a-side rugby for Under 13's, Under 15's and Under 17's.

Details on registration and 'Come And Try Day's' are available at www.whitesjuniorrugby.org.au



CALLING ALL GOOGONIAN MOVIE STARS

We're excited to announce we'll soon be filming the new Googong television campaign in and around town – and the good news is, you can be part of the action!

We're looking for Googonians to be background extras in the ads. You won't be paid, although you will get a tasty BBQ for your efforts. The shoots will be happening around 27 February. So, if you're interested, contact googong@wildbear.tv and we'll confirm times and locations with you closer to the date. Go on, your career as a Hollywood heavyweight starts here!



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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 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.



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