

Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 18 - JULY 2019



FUN, FOOD, WINE
& DANCING
AT **Googala!**

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for all the pics.





A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Hello again, Googong!

A lot has happened since our last update, so let's take a look at how our town has grown. I'm pleased to say, there's plenty of great news to share with you all.

- **Neighbourhood 2 Stages 1 and 2 have now been completed.** It's another big milestone for the township!
- **Googong now has 1,290 occupied homes** with a further 200 under construction.
- **Building work on Googong's next display village is about to begin.** Located in Neighbourhood 2: Stage 2, the new village comprises 19 homes from 15 builders – so once again, Googong will be home to the largest display village in the region. It's scheduled to open March 2020.
- **Neighbourhood 2: Stage 3 is under construction.** This stage includes:
 - the second (and main) entry to Googong from Old Cooma Road
 - the upgrade of the intersection of Old Cooma Road and Googong Road, and
 - the upgrade of Old Cooma Road between the two intersections.

This is an exciting step in Googong's development will see significant tree planting and a rather striking upgrade to the town entry that will really impress. In addition to this, you'll see a series of landscape features (including a major pedestrian bridge) built along Wellsvale Drive, providing a welcoming entry to the town for Googonians and visitors alike.

- **Structure Planning of Neighbourhoods 3, 4 and 5 (Googong West, South and East) is nearing completion** with submission to QPRC anticipated in late June. QPRC's approval process will include public notification and consideration of comments from the community.
- **The process of finding a new owner for Club Googong continues.** We expect to be announcing a new owner/operator within the next couple of months.
- **Construction of the Googong Common North sports and recreation precinct is planned for September 2019.** Expect to see established in the first stage of development:
 - six outdoor netball courts
 - a temporary bike pump track
 - boardwalks across Montgomery Creek linking the sports precinct with the existing path system within the Common,
 - BBQ and amenity facilities, and
 - an off-street parking area.



- **The first stage of the Smart Cities Initiative at Googong has commenced.**
 - The **smart lighting** is being installed along Old Cooma Road will reduce electricity consumption in the street lighting by up to 50%.
 - A **smart pole** will be trialled within the Courtney Street park. It will run the irrigation system via solar and wind power; establish the first of a network of environmental sensors at Googong; and also have the potential to offer public Wi-Fi in this area.
 - As works along Wellsvale Drive and Googong Common progress additional smart technologies will be installed to improve community connection and Council's management of assets.
- **Environmental work has slowed down** with the onset of Winter. However, Googong Landcare are continuing with their stewardship of the environment, focussing on the revegetation planting on Nangi Pimble. Together with Molonglo Conservation Group, we're developing a programme of environmentally focused works for later in the year.

GOOGONG LANDOWNERS

FIVE & FIVE LAND OFFER

\$5k rebate and a 5% deposit for your next Googonian land purchase.*

If you already own your own slice of Googong, then here's a deal worth some serious consideration!

Right now, current Googong landowners will get a big \$5,000 rebate and a tiny 5% deposit on a new block of land at Googong.

Whether you're looking to upgrade to a bigger block, or you're considering investing in a second property, this is a deal you just can't go past.

For more information visit the Googong Sales and Information Centre or call 1300 446 646 – it's for a limited time only!



*Googonians who have purchased land from GTPL or a member of the Googong Builders Guild, Googong Partner Builders or Terrace Home Builders may apply for this offer. The 'Five & Five' offer applies to land purchased from GTPL. It does not apply to terrace purchases.

Kite Fest

IT'S A SKY FULL OF FUN AT GOOGONG!



SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
(FATHER'S DAY)

11AM TO 2PM,
ROCKLEY OVAL, GOOGONG

Googong's utterly uplifting kite festival is back with a host of new flying friends including a giant whale shark, dragons, bunny rabbits, a stingray, astronauts and a flying pig!

Treat Dad to a Father's Day Capital Woodfired Pizza or Boss Burger and a beer or you can bring along a picnic or enjoy a sausage sizzle while our DJ provides the inflight entertainment.

So bring your kite – and your Dad – to Rockley Oval, Rockley Parade, Googong NSW.



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Googala!

A delightful evening was had by all when Googong residents partied the night away at Googala on Saturday, 15th June. Food, wine and dancing was in abundance and lots of new friendships were made.

To ensure you don't miss out on the next special residents-only event, put your name down on our resident database by contacting Samantha at community@googong.net. You can choose to receive only resident information, or resident information plus sales information emails.





THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG



The Anglican School Googong provides a quality, engaging, relevant education within the township. Our fresh approach and innovative teachers, through an inquiry-based style, emphasise the development of 21st Century skills. Critical thinking, collaboration and creativity are at the forefront of our student learning experiences.

We accept students from Early Learning through to Year 8, and to Year 9 students in 2020. However, we also have places currently available to join our Year 8 cohort in the second semester of this year.

The 2020 Year 9 students begin their elective pathways. With the option of undertaking up to six elective choices over Years 9 and 10, our students will benefit from a broad range of opportunities through which they can hone their interests. Students have a choice of seventeen elective subjects, alongside the mandatory curriculum.

The elective suite includes a brand new iSTEM subject, along with Technology, Child Studies, Commerce, Photographic and Digital Media, Visual Design and many more. Apply now, to ensure your subject preferences are included in the subject line determination!

With brand new facilities offering modern learning experiences and a versatile environment, our Year 9 students are integral in helping to grow the school's culture, developing their leadership, forging community connection, pioneering new opportunities and helping to lay the foundations for the school's exciting future.

For more information or to enrol your child, please contact the School Office on 02 6154 9400 or enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au or visit www.GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au

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In 2019 the school is in its fifth year of operation with over 250 students in Kindergarten to Year 8. By 2023, the school will be ELC - Year 12.

Grounds and Maintenance Position - part time

Applications are sought for a Grounds and Maintenance person.

For further details and position description please visit: www.GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au

For additional enquiries relating to this positions, please contact the school on (02) 6154 9400.

Applications including a covering letter addressing your experience relevant to the position description, a CV and three confidential referees should be forwarded by 30th June 2019 to principal@tasg.nsw.edu.au

The School can only employ persons who hold a NSWCC clearance from the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian



Teach Swimming AT THE YMCA



We're looking for instructors to join our swim school team!

Due to the expansion of our swim school, Club Googong needs new instructors to join our team. We're looking for enthusiastic and energetic people who enjoy working with children of different age groups and skill levels. Your aim as an instructor is to help children develop their skills in fun, creative and innovative ways while promoting swim safety. Instructors will teach lessons on a weekly basis with a schedule following the school terms. **To express your interest or find out more information, please contact Admin.googong@ymca.org.au or call 02 61810391**

Do you have an Active Kids Voucher?

The Active Kids Voucher is a NSW Government initiative designed to get kids moving and it can be used on a range of services. As of term 3 (starting 22 July), you can use your Active Kids Voucher for our swim school program – it will reduce the cost of a term of lessons by \$100!

To apply for this brilliant voucher – or for more information – visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>



Googong Playgroup's vision is to connect children, families and communities within a creative, supportive and welcoming environment. We aim to help build support networks and friendships for families within our growing town, and to help new members find other services within their local communities. Googong Playgroup is an inclusive environment and welcomes all parents, carers and grandparents within Googong and the region.

We meet weekly during school term, on a Friday morning from 10.30am – 11.30am at the Googong Community Centre, corner McPhail Way and Gorman Drive Googong.

Membership is free. For further information, please contact Googong's Community Development Manager at community@googong.net

Let's get down to business, Googong.

If you own a business in Googong, the Googong Business Expo is the perfect opportunity to promote your business to your fellow Googonians. The Expo will take place in the next month or two, and will see local businesses showcased in a pop-up marketplace in the Googong Community Centre.

We're a tight-knit community here in Googong and we love to support local where we can. The community will be invited to see what fabulous services are offered right here in their hometown. It's a brilliant opportunity – but places are limited, so don't wait to register your interest! Contact our Community Manager for further information at community@googong.net

VILLAGE CENTRE NEWS

Cannons IGA Googong

Cannons IGA Googong endeavours to support our local farmers and producers as much as possible and are thrilled to announce a new partnership with a local grazer for beef, lamb and goat.

The cattle, lamb and goats graze on local pasture, their feed supplemented with hay, not grain. The meat in store will be selected for its quality, as opposed to quantity, so you can expect a fine selection including beef scotch fillet and T-bone steak, lamb shanks, chops and cutlets, as well as goat stewing pieces and shoulder – perfect for winter cooking!

FIKA CAFÉ

FIKA Café is now open Thursday to Saturday for dinner from 5.00pm – 8.00pm for both eat in and take away.

LIQUOR & CO.

Among Liquor & Co.'s curated range of wines and spirits, they proudly stock over 15 craft beer brands in store. Much loved local favourites including Capital Brewing Co. and Bentspoke Brewing Co. are always at hand, plus hard-to-find newcomers and boutique brews such as Golden Bone Brewery, Balter Brewing Company, Old Wives Ales, Bodriggy Brewing Company and Running with Thieves. Whether you're after an IPA, XPA, pale ale, ale or lager, Liquor & Co. have a brew in store for you.

Brush and Blush at Googong

A salon for the whole family.

Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday & Friday 9.00am – 8.00pm
Saturday 8.00am – 2.00pm
Sunday & Monday Closed

Googong Speech Pathology

Googong Speech Pathology provides private speech therapy services to children aged 0-12 years old.

They assess and treat difficulties in the following communication areas: Understanding language; Talking; Speech sounds; Stuttering; and Literacy skills.

They pride themselves on delivering professional, family-focussed, evidence-based sessions within a warm and friendly therapy space.

Contact them today to discuss your concerns.

MOBILE: 0468 419 094

EMAIL: reception@googongspeechpathology.com.au

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**SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER (FATHER'S DAY)
11.00AM – 2.00PM, ROCKLEY OVAL, GOOGONG | FREE**

What a special way to celebrate Father's Day! Bring your family and a picnic rug, enjoy DJ music and outdoor kite flying fun, with giant kites and kids kites of all sizes. **This is a FREE event.** There will be gourmet burgers and pizza and beer available for purchase.



Rural Fire Service **Open Day**

**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019
11.00AM – 2.00PM
BELTANA PARK, GOOGONG | FREE**

Ready to live out your childhood fantasy of being a firefighter? When the Rural Fire Service comes to visit, you can climb the big red fire trucks, man the hoses, chat to some local heroes and try the fireies' emergency gear on for size.

There will be live music, a jumping castle and a sausage sizzle and everyone is invited to join in the free fun at Beltana Park, in Googong.

EMPIRE PERFORMING ARTS WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



ENROL NOW FOR THREE FULL DAYS OF DANCE FUN!

Children will learn dance routines in Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop and Acrobatics and have fun making their own props to use on stage. On the final day EPA will put on a show for family and friends.

For ages 6+. Half days can be arranged for children under six.

Your child will be in safe hands with EPA's highly qualified and knowledgeable teachers. Make amazing friends and learn loads of new skills!

**Dates: 15, 16 and 17 July
Time: 8.30AM – 3.30PM
Cost: \$250 for the program or \$100 per day
Where: Googong Community Centre**

To enrol contact us on:
Mobile: 0434 847 783 / Email: epa.dance@outlook.com
Web: www.epadance.com



Just moved in?

If you have 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. Also join our residents database to keep abreast of community news and events.

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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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC