

# Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 20 - SEPTEMBER 2019

**Father's Day  
Celebrations  
at Kitefest**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**AQUATOTS**  
COMMENCING SOON

**Rural Fire Service  
OPEN DAY  
12 OCTOBER**



**PLUS  
MORE!**



# A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

## Neighbourhood 2 Stages 3 and 4 are under construction and due for completion in January and March 2020 respectively.

NH2 Stage 3 includes the second (and main) entry to Googong from Old Cooma Rd which is well advanced and has been used as a useful detour around the construction works at the intersection of Old Cooma Rd and Googong Road. Upon completion of Stage 3, Wellsvale Drive will be extended to connect to Gorman Drive, providing residents with more options for access in and out of Googong.

The upgrade to the intersection Cooma Road and Googong Road is due to be completed in November 2019.

It is anticipated that DA approval of NH 1A Stage 4D and NH1B Stage 9 will be granted in September 2019. Following suggestions by the community as part of our consultation process, this will include an additional road connection onto Googong Road from Graziers Rd. Construction of these stages is scheduled to commence in the second half of 2020.

The next builders display village will be located on Courtney Street in Googong Central and comprises 19 homes from 15 builders. Construction has and is scheduled to be open in March 2020.

As advised in the last Googonian Newsletter, a permanent owner has been found for Club Googong. Canberra-based swim school operators, Aquatots, will take over the club from 1 October 2019. Aquatots has a very successful track record and offers a wide range of activities – from award-winning programs for babies from six weeks of age, to squad level swimmers, as well as general swimming and water education programs. They are also planning to open a new café in the centre. Please contact Aquatots direct for all enquiries on 6162 0507, email [enquiries@aquatots.com.au](mailto:enquiries@aquatots.com.au) or visit [www.aquatots.com.au](http://www.aquatots.com.au)

Construction within the Googong Common North sports & recreation precinct is due to commence in September 2019. The first stage of development within this precinct will see the establishment of 6 outdoor netball courts, public toilet block, a temporary bike pump track, boardwalks across Montgomery Creek linking the sports precinct with the existing path system within the Common, BBQ facilities and off-street parking.

The first stage of the Smart Cities Initiative at Googong has commenced with smart lighting being installed along Old Cooma Road and Wellsvale Drive. In addition, Googong is trialling a smart pole within the Courtney Street park that will run the irrigation system via solar and wind power, establish the first of a network of environmental sensors at Googong and public WiFi.

Environmental work will be ramping up again as the weather improves. We recently launched our \$1m six-year partnership with the Molonglo Conservation Group to undertake additional conservation work for the Pink-tailed Worm Lizard. The 50:50 (Googong : NSW Government) co-funded partnership will see further mapping of the species and conservation practices within the south eastern corner of Googong as well as the greater catchment area from Burra to Wickerslack Lane. Googong Landcare are continuing with their stewardship of the environment with maintenance works focused on the revegetation planting on Nangi Pimble.

Googong's population continues to grow steadily with over 1,400 homes currently occupied, and a further 200 under construction.



**Googong North recently took top honours for excellence in Masterplanned Communities in the Urban Development Institute of Australia for NSW/ACT. The category of masterplanned communities is one of the most competitive and prestigious categories and it is humbling to be recognised for our achievements. It is also affirmation that people who've chosen to become Googonians have made a smart choice.**

# Googong's Rural Fire Service Open Day.



**10am to 2pm Saturday 12 October 2019.**

The Rural Fire Services' Open Day is a fascinating adventure for the young and the young-at-heart, and our local crew from the Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade will be on hand at Googong on Saturday 12 October with lots of free family fun.

Climb the big red fire trucks or have a go with the hoses under the watchful eye of our local brigade. Try the firies' emergency gear on for size and share some of the amazing stories from our local heroes.

Everyone is invited to join in the free fun at Beltana Park, Beltana Avenue Googong, from 10am to 2pm, with live music, food vendors plus a sausage sizzle.



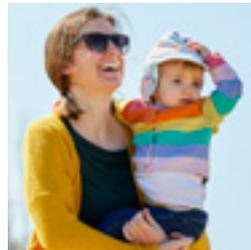


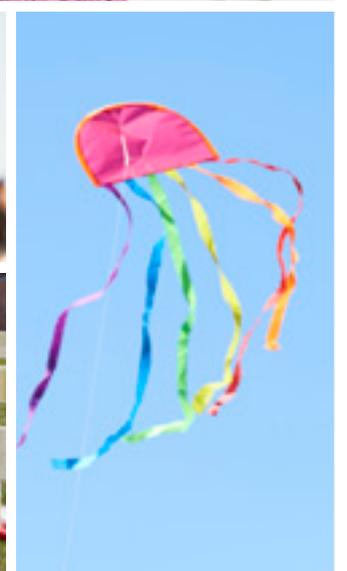
# KiteFest

IT'S A SKY FULL OF FUN AT GOOGONG!

Father's Day at Googong was a gorgeous day of kites and colour at KiteFest on Rockley Oval. Be sure to join us again for Father's Day next year – everyone is welcome, and the event is free!

Photography by Lightbulb Studio.





# THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

## Book Week – More than just fun!



Many schools around the nation recently celebrated **Book Week**. This is an annual event that always fosters fun and festivity.

One common element of school Book Weeks is the dress up days, where students are encouraged to dress as a character from a book they have enjoyed. This is always a big talking point of the week – but there is far more to Book Week than just dressing up.

Book Week is the brain child of the Children's Book Council of Australia, who's mission is to bring children and books together and celebrate Australian children's literature.



Through stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words, which helps them build their own vocabulary, broadening their experience and understanding of the world, and develops their imagination.

At The Anglican School Googong, we celebrated Book Week through a range of activities. Our Senior School students launched the week with their 'Cook-a-Book' contest, where they were challenged to make and decorate a cake which depicted a book, while students in each of the Junior School classes engaged with the books which were listed on the 'Book of the Year' short list. On our dress up day on Friday, students moved into cross-age groups and engaged in over ten different activities, each in response to a different book, which was read to the group by the teacher leading that activity. Moving around the groups, it was so affirming to see the intrigue, concentration and delight on the children's faces as they each engaged in the different stories and immersed themselves in the world of the book. Senior School students' also visit the Junior School on Friday afternoon and to read some of their favourite stories to the younger students, again fostering a sense of connection with, and love of, literature.



Our passionate teaching and support staff are always keen to be involved in fun. This year the staff chose to celebrate this year's National Simultaneous Storytime book title 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove, all dressing as the characters in the book.

**For more information or to enrol your child, please contact the School Office on 02 6154 9400 or [enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au) or visit [www.GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au](http://www.GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au)**

**#GoogongSchool**



## GOOGONG *playgroup*

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](mailto:community@googong.net)

# Let's get down to business, Googong.

If you own a local business in Googong, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! We are passionate about being a sustainable community, and we love to support local where we can. We are looking to host a Googong Business Expo in the coming months, to help showcase local businesses in a pop-up marketplace in the Googong Community Centre.

There are limited places available at the expo. To register your interest, please contact our Community Manager, Samantha for further information at [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net)



## GOOGONG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Googong Residents Association will be hosting their Annual General Meeting at 6pm on Thursday, 19 September in Club Googong. **For more information please email the GRA directly [googongra@gmail.com](mailto:googongra@gmail.com)**



Opening Term 4 2019 at  
**Googong**

Programs for babies from 6 weeks to squad level swimming

[www.aquatots.com.au](http://www.aquatots.com.au)



# GOOGONG ROTARY

Almost three years ago a friend and I pondered, "How can we support the development of our new Googong community?" We noticed how much Rotary contributed to the community, so we decided to join Jerra Rotary to get a first-hand understanding of their work, structure and the level of community support.

To our surprise, we found a Primary School staffroom buzzing with well informed, active and enthusiastic folk.

**One of the initiatives that Rotary was supporting was particularly inspiring:**

**Rotary International was hosting a ten-year-old boy, Noah, from Fiji who needed prolonged medical treatment in Canberra. Noah came with his grandmother, and they lived with a local family while Noah underwent treatment over several weeks.**

Grandma expressed an interest in sewing, so the Jerra Rotary Club bought her a sewing machine from 'sausage sizzle' money and we

taught her to sew. She went back to her remote Fijian village with a fully healed grandson and the means to earn money. We were proud to have contributed so much in just a few weeks since joining Rotary.

**Convinced that our local Googong community is where we want to offer support and, hoping we can offer support**

**internationally in the fullness of time, we spoke with the leadership group at Jerra Rotary and Samantha Remmers, our Googong community manager. The 'wheel' began to turn.**

So, on **Wednesday, 2 October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** Jerra Rotary, together with Samantha Remmers, will host a gathering for people interested in Rotary. The meeting will take place at the Googong Community Centre, corner McPhail Way and Gorman Drive Googong. Together we can identify projects that will support our growing environment and community.

**Please call Eleanor on 0417 259 026 for details.**



# UPCOMING *Events*



## THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2019  
6:30PM – 8:30PM  
136 GORMAN DRIVE GOOGONG NSW

## Rural Fire Service **Open Day**

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019  
10.00AM – 2.00PM  
BELTANA PARK, GOOGONG | FREE

This is a chance for everyone to live their childhood fantasy - climb the big red fire trucks, have a go with 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.

## Royal Hotel Queanbeyan extends **Googong shuttle bus trial!**

If you book dinner at the Royal Hotel Queanbeyan bistro for any Friday or Saturday night during September, they'll pick you up with a **FREE Googong shuttle bus!** Just tell them when you make your bistro booking how many people need pick-up at Googong's Beltana Park, Beltana Road bus stop. **Pick up is 6.30pm; return shuttles depart from the Royal at 9pm and 11.30pm. Phone the bistro direct on 6297 1444.**



SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2020\*  
5.00PM – 9.00PM

\*Event hosting may be subject to the progress of Old Cooma Road roadworks and its impact on Emergency Vehicle access to the region. We will keep you advised. **SAVE THE DATE.**

## GOOGONG CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK

Sunday, 15 December  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

**NEW DATE!**



## 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.

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.** It's also important to keep your contact details up-to-date with her so you can be advised of resident-only functions and events.



googongtownship



googong\_township



googong\_township

[googong.net](http://googong.net)

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](mailto:community@googong.net)

Disclaimer: While care has been taken to ensure that information contained in this newsletter is true and correct at the time of publication, changes in circumstances after the time of publication may impact on the accuracy of this information.



GOOGONG

A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC