

GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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YOUR COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

The Googonian life is a happy life. A life where your family grows, your neighbours are neighbourly and your children are practically free-range. It's a life like the one you enjoyed growing up, but with all the bells and whistles that go with modern living.

You are already a part of a new and growing community at Googong, and we want to work with you to make it to be the best it can be. To this end we have appointed a Community Development Facilitator to help build the spirit of community in Googong and ensure that all new residents are welcomed and kept informed about what's happening in your local community.

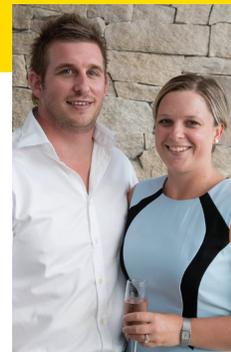
Hayley will help you develop strong relationships with your neighbours by facilitating special events throughout the year. She will also keep you informed on regular events and activities to assist new residents to connect with the wider community as well as producing community newsletters to keep you informed.

Please feel free to contact her on **0408 988 402** or email via **hayley.burton@googong.net**

If you have any questions about the Community Development Program, or come and see her at Club Googong at the front office desk Monday to Thursday.

WELCOME TO GOOGONG

Welcome to your very first Googonian Residents Newsletter. Firstly this means a big congratulations to you on your purchase. We look forward to having you as a part of this wonderful community that we are building. The Googonian Residents Newsletter (Googletter) will come out several times a year with information for residents on the town, the people and of course the events and community programs that are on offer to you.



A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR GOOGONG'S FOUNDING RESIDENTS

Wednesday 19th February

Not even a torrential downpour on a wet and stormy Wednesday night could stop over 150 of Googong's first purchasers from Celebrating at Club Googong with fantastic entertainment, food and of course new friends. The event, held at Club Googong, was a celebration of the involvement of Googong's most

important people, it's residents. And what a night it was. We hope that all those who attended had as much fun as we did in celebrating this new chapter in your lives as you become the towns first Googonians. Were you spotted by the photographer?

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More photos from the night



THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulbourn

The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulbourn is about to start to build an early learning to year 12 school within the first neighbourhood here at Googong. The school will be co-educational and open entry, and will welcome students from all Googong's catchment areas, including Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra and Canberra.



Bishop Stuart Robinson, Anglican Bishop for Canberra and Goulbourn, announced the appointment of Mr Ian Hewitt as Founding Principal of the new Anglican school.

"I am pleased to set Ian Hewitt on his challenging path", Bishop Robinson noted.

"The Anglican School Googong will grow from a bare paddock to welcome our first students in January 2015. The Diocese is excited by the prospect of opening the first school in the new Googong township."

Acting school board chair, Mr Graham Willard, added : "Mr Hewitt is very well-suited for the task of building a Kindergarten to Year-12 school community over the coming years. He comes to the role after senior appointments at Canberra Grammar School, Marist College Canberra and Trinity Christian School. The Board received significant interest in the position. We are looking forward to Ian starting with us in June this year," he added. Ian has worked at a strategic level in education both locally and nationally in the areas of information technology and curriculum development from Kindergarten to Year 12. He has a passion for developing community within the Christian school context and is keen to establish the School as a vital part of the new township of Googong.

The Anglican School Googong (TASG) will be opening for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 in 2015, and Year 7 in 2018. A pre-school will also open on the site in 2015.

TASG is taking enrolments now for all class levels. Details can be found on the school website at www.tasg.nsw.edu.au.



CLUB GOOGONG

If you have settled on your lot, all members of your Googong household are entitled to free membership to Club Googong's pool, kids splash deck & gym.

Terms and conditions apply & memberships are free until 31st December 2018.

To collect your membership cards, you need to bring a copy of your settlement letter stating your name and lot number together with a Photo ID of the person noted in the letter, to our friendly YMCA staff inside Club Googong. The YMCA desk is manned from **7am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 9am-5pm weekends**. Please note that only residents of your Googong household will be given membership.

If you have any questions please call Brett from the YMCA on **0457 731 960** or email admin.googong@ymca.org.au. Alternatively you can ask our staff at the YMCA desk when you arrive to collect your memberships. <http://googong.net/your-community/club-googong.php>



EARTH HOUR

Saturday 29th March 2014

This year Earth Hour is at **8:30PM** on the **29 March 2014** and runs for an hour. Earth Hour is the single, largest, symbolic mass participation event in the world. Earth Hour now inspires a global community of millions of people in 7,001 cities and towns across 152 countries and territories to switch lights off for an hour as a massive show of concern for the environment. To register for Earth Hour, head to: <http://earthhour.org.au/> or <http://www.earthhour.org/page/about>



EARTH HOUR PACKS

Googonians, come in and visit your Community Development Facilitator in Club Googong during business hours **Thursday 20th March to Thursday 27th of March** or one of the friendly staff at the Club Googong front desk outside office hours on those days with your Club Membership card in order to pick up your Free Earth Hour Pack containing beautiful beeswax candles and a list of fun ideas of things you can do during the hour. (One pack per household). Limited number available so get in quick. While stocks last.

**FIND US ON
FACEBOOK**

Googong Township



COMPETITION TIME WIN!

You could win your very own **METAL DETECTOR**.

Simply tell your best environmental saving idea/tip or trick. Your name then goes in the draw to win. Winner chosen at random. Entries close **March 28th** and the winner will be notified by phone.

So get thinking and get those ideas in to us.

Drop your entries into **Club Googong** or email: community@googong.net

Don't forget to add your **name** and **contact number**. Winner will be notified on **Monday 31st March at 12pm**.

The 10 best tips and tricks will be published in our next community newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOP INTO A FREE EASTER DIVE IN MOVIE AT CLUB GOOGONG POOL

[Googong Purchasers only]

**SATURDAY 12TH APRIL
6PM FOR 6.15PM START**

Welcome from the Easter Bunny!

RSVP by 7th April to
community@googong.net

MOVIE 'HOP' rated G

AVAILABILITY Due to safety reasons, only the first 200 people to RSVP will be able to attend.

*Note: Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult over 16 years. Children under 6 must be kept at arms reach of responsible parent or adult guardian. Children between 6 and 13 must be supervised at all times. Children under 13 must not be left unaccompanied in the pool.

Pool noodles will be available for hire by the YMCA on the night if you don't have your own. Limited Number available.



EARTH HOUR
March 29th

MOVIE MEAL DEAL

Yellow Belly Cafe are offering a special pre movie meal deal for just **\$7.50**.

Meal includes Hot Dog, chips and 375ml can of drink. Available **between** 5pm-6pm.

Pre orders required, contact Yellow Belly Cafe to order before 7th April by email admin@yellowbellycafe.com or in person to make your order.

Yellow Belly Cafe will stay open until late with regular menus also available. Note: NO food or drink will be allowed in the pool area.

MOTHERS DAY LADIES HIGH TEA AND PAMPER PARTY

Googonian Purchasers only.

May 10th

Keep an eye on your email for more information on this event.

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

Held at Club Googong.

June TBA

Delicious wines & cheeses to taste with special guests and giveaways.

Find all you need to make your move to Googong simple and easy, visiting
googong.net/your-community/