

GOOGONIAN GAZETTE



Several Googong Foundation residents gathered at Nangi Pimble hilltop reserve to commemorate our 10th anniversary year (see article on pages 6-9).

Googong
Public High School
Announced

KITEFEST
IS ON THIS
FATHERS' DAY

Cascades:
Googong's favourite
hidden spot

10TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE



A MESSAGE FROM MALCOLM

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

The first four stages of Googong West are now complete. A signalised intersection will connect the fourth Stage to Old Cooma Road and will be constructed in late 2024.

In a major milestone for Googong the site for the public high school has been transferred to the Department of Education and they have commenced their design and public consultation processes. They have also confirmed they are on program to open the school in term 1 2027.

Golden Way, Rucos Street and part of Glenrock Drive, within the Town Centre, have recently been completed and will be open to the public in August 2024. The completion of these streets creates the lot for the Stevens Group development of a fuel station, fast food outlets and childcare centre. We understand Council is close to finalising their assessment of the Steven's Group development application.



The project team is actively working on options for delivery of the first stage of the main retail centre in the Town Centre. The program has been delayed as rising interest rates and build costs have affected the feasibility. It is hoped a more definitive program will be able to be announced in the next newsletter.

Construction work of the first stage of Common South is now complete with the 7-hole putting golf course and heritage discovery trail open for public use. The Pump Jump Track, 7-piece gym station, 8 hole frisbee golf and 2.5m wide concrete footpath along Montgomery Creek will be open on the 10th August with a launch event focused on the Pump Jump Track. The track has been carefully designed and constructed by professional bike riders and includes a beginner and intermediate track. Eventually, this area will be infilled with 2 more sports fields, amenities block, an 8-court tennis court facility, carparking and playground.

There are now about 2,700 homes occupied, with the population standing at around 7,800.

Kitefest



11AM–2PM, SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER (FATHER'S DAY)

Googong's utterly uplifting kite festival is back with a host of flying friends including a giant whale shark, dragons, bunny rabbits, a stingray, astronauts and a flying pig! Treat your father to lunch from our food vendors or bring along a picnic. Relax and enjoy the kite spectacle while our DJ provides the inflight entertainment.

So bring your kite – and your Dad – to Rockley Oval, Googong NSW. It's free!

The Googong Public High School is proposed to open for students in Term 1, 2027. It will provide a pathway for students from the existing Public Primary School, and an alternative to the existing EL-Year 12 Anglican School Googong.

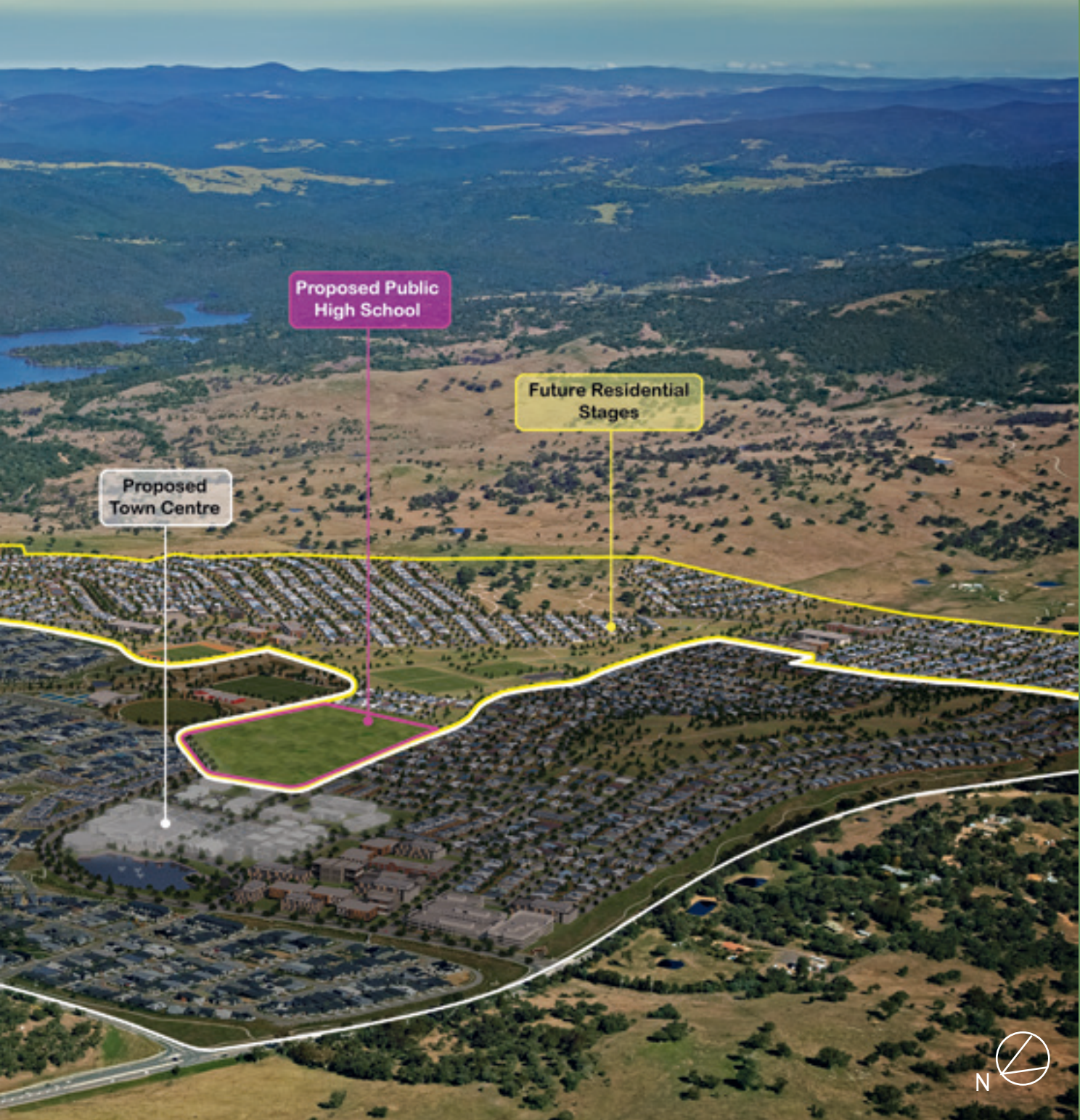


GOOGONG GETS A+ IN FUNDING FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

In a major win for families, the NSW Government has announced that Googong is set to receive a brand-new high school in time for Term 1, 2027. The Googong Public High School will cater to those between Year 7 and Year 12, supporting the township's youngest and brightest minds.

The Department of Education has advised that masterplan options are currently being developed for the 9-hectare site which was officially transferred to the department in May 2024.

"The NSW Government's announcement is a huge milestone for the community, especially for those who'll have high school age children in the near future. It represents a major step forward in



realising the vision for the community as the town continues to grow towards its projected 18,000-strong population. It will also complement the existing public and private schools within the township, meaning that Googonian families will have greater access to exceptional learning options right on their doorstep,” said Googong Project Director Malcolm Leslie.

“Government funding was also announced for early planning work to expand the capacity of the Googong Public Primary School.”

The proposed Googong Public High School will be located adjacent to the future town centre, and less than a 5-minute drive from the existing Googong Public Primary School. The NSW Government’s announcement also indicated that the new high school is being designed with modern classrooms and a spacious multi-purpose hall for sports and performance, as well as

specialist classrooms for science, wood and metal workshops, performing arts and hospitality.

Once complete, it will be the third school in Googong, joining The Anglican School Googong, a co-educational, open-entry, early learning to year 12 school that was established in 2015, and the Googong Public Primary School which opened in 2023.

The proposed new high school is the next step in the educational vision the developers and NSW Government shared for the township, which was prepared in response to well considered demographic analyses in the early stages of planning.

The Googong Community are encouraged to get involved in the planning and design of the high school at schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



This year Googong is celebrating 10 years since our first Googonians moved in.

As a project team we are enormously excited by what has been delivered in the township to date, and what is yet to come. With another ten years of construction before the township reaches its projected population of 18,000, we are also at an important halfway point for the project.

Reflecting on this time, we have invited some foundation residents who have been a part of this ten-year journey and asked them to share some of their favourite places and activities in the township. I've included a footnote at the end to explain some of the Googonian terms referred to.

I have also lived here since 2014 and am a passionate 10th Anniversary Googonian too. I love the comments on the next two pages and hope you enjoy learning a thing or two about this beautiful town.

Sincerely
Samantha Remmers
GOOGONG COMMUNITY MANAGER
community@googong.net

What's your favourite thing about living in Googong?

"The sense of community that has been engendered from day one."

"Community, and watching the township grow and develop."

"I love being close to nature and the beautiful surrounds, the view of the Molonglo Ranges (occasionally with a light dusting of snow), the circling eagles above, the roos and wombats. We love walking the trails in the national park and taking a dip at The Cascades."

"Community."

"All the great parks and events."

"It feels a little like a rural lifestyle with the convenience of being close to a city."

"Family and community orientated, close to all we need in Queanbeyan and a short drive to Canberra."

"It has a happy welcoming atmosphere; the community are supportive of each other and always willing to lend a hand or share advice."

What's a hidden gem in the neighbourhood that not everyone knows about?

"Googong Retros."

"Googong Lookout [Nangi Pimble Hilltop lookout], and The Cascades."

"Swimming at The Cascades."

"Serenity and nature on your doorstep."

"The lookout [Nangi Pimble Hilltop lookout]. It's a great walk and you get a view of the whole town."

"The Foreshores and Cascades."

"Our little walking tracks around Googong close to the township."

What's your favourite memory from your time at Googong so far?

"The very first Googfest, and how we all pitched in to make it a great event."

"The first Googfest, helping backstage and meeting the performers. Plus the neighbourhood get-togethers (McGowan Crescent)."

"It's hard to pick just one. I've loved the community events, catching up with neighbours at the Mother's Day events, dressing the kids up for Boogong, sharing picnics at Christmas Carols and Googfest."

"Boogong"

"First Christmas Carols with our new-born daughter."

"Googfest and the outdoor movie nights."

"Getting to know everyone around Googong and helping to make it better by being a part of the Googong Residents' Association."

"Love Googfest and other community gatherings; and having the pool that we could all use."

How do you envision the Googong community in five years?

"The addition of the aquatic centre will be great as well as the retirement village and the new town centre."

"New shopping centre with cafes, emergency services, more walking / bike tracks, and a petrol station."

"I hope to see more/continued engagement in local Aboriginal custodians. I hope we have our own fire station [EDITOR: yes, that's coming]. It would be awesome to have a sailing, fishing, kayak recreational club/facility to hire or take people out on the dam. We also hope to see more facilities for teenagers and adults (e.g. public swimming pool). I hope to see community events continue and ones for different groups (young families, teens, adults, retirees etc)." [EDITOR: see article on page 13 for infrastructure updates including the pool, and additional information on teenage facilities].

"Hopefully it'll be just as awesome!"

"I think as the town continues to grow more and more people will move here for and be part of this amazing place to live."

"It's getting bigger which I knew, but I hope it keeps the community feel. I'm looking forward to the new town centre."

"In five years, I see our community as a flourishing and tightly knit neighbourhood, characterised by its newness and rapid growth. As a resident here, I envision a vibrant atmosphere filled with excitement and potential. We're actively shaping our surroundings, fostering a sense of belonging through shared experiences and collective initiatives. With each passing year, our community becomes more diverse and interconnected, enriched by the contributions of passionate individuals. Together, we're building not just homes, but a thriving community where innovation, collaboration, and a spirit of camaraderie define our collective journey towards a brighter future."

"I hope everyone is still community minded and friendly; a smile and a hello go a long way. Will be great to have new shops, library, community centre, a club and I'm so looking forward to having a pool I can access."

What's your favourite local park or outdoor space in Googong, and why?

"Rockley Oval: close to home, lovely to walk around and great for our grandson to kick a football."

"So many favs. I have sentimental attachment to Beltana Park as it's the closest to home and I've watched my kids grow up from walks in the pram, learning to ride bikes and now they are old enough to walk the dog with me around the pond, over the bridges and along the paths. We love to hear the frogs. In the early days we used to regularly see kangaroos and wombats nibbling grass."

"Googong Lookout [Nangi Pimble Hilltop lookout] for the view and peacefulness."

"Nangi Pimble - the view!"

"The skatepark, basketball courts and soccer goals. My children always have a great time down there."

"Down at The [Googong] Foreshores."

"Bunyip Park and Anzac Memorial - It is a fun activity area for the kids that overlooks the pond. The Anzac Memorial looks fantastic and is a beautiful tribute to our service men and women."

"I like Beltana Park which has something for everyone. I enjoy watching the younger ones pushing themselves to master the yellow climbing frame like the older kids, or simply kicking a ball around and having a picnic. It's an easy walk along the pond to the bird watching house at the other end of the park, with bridges to cross and plenty to enjoy."

Reflecting on 10 years of living here, what still makes Googong unique for you?

"The camaraderie that is evident throughout the estate."

"The country feel, close to Queanbeyan and Canberra city. People still say hello and are friendly."

"I love the community feel. I love our neighbours we have 'driveway drinks' and catch ups. I love that our kids grew up here playing with other kids, always someone for them to play with and ride bikes with and a shared 'village' to help each other."

"Location and community."

"It's not too far away from anything, but just far away enough at the same time."

"The lifestyle of being surrounded by the beautiful hills and nature."

"The continued growth of our community and passionate individuals who support each other both online and in person. We actively assist those in need, fostering a magnificent sense of family and camaraderie. Our schools, both current and those on the horizon, are pivotal in bringing families together, nurturing a cohesive environment where children thrive alongside their peers."

"Community and some great parks and the wonderful community events."

Do you have any further comments you would like to share with us?

"Sam Remmers [Googong Community Manager] and Sharon Feist [Googong Sales Representative] were the first people we encountered and have remained good friends to this day."

"The walking tracks are great."

"Thank you to Sammy for all the incredible events over the years. I hope there is a continued focus on building community and belonging, education and awareness of environmental and ecological issues in the area as well as connection and engagement with local Aboriginal custodians, Ngambi and Ngunnawal."

"It's been amazing to see the township grow, and I really look forward to the next 10 years to see what's next."

"I love it here and the community that was developed right from the start particularly the work Sammy has done."

"Just an amazing place to be in my eyes for my young family and I love to help make Googong great."

"Thank you for making this a great community with lots of ovals and parks, looking forward to library, community centre and new shops."

Notes:

- Googfest is Googong's free live music festival. It is an annual event in February and our first event, in 2015, headlined with Dami Imm and was held in Beltana Park to around 5,000 people.
- Boogong was Googong's spooktacular Halloween event. Sadly, this event is no longer held.
- The Cascades is a beautiful swim spot below the Googong Dam wall. It is accessible via Googong Road.
- The Googong Retros is a seniors' group. Contact Samantha at community@googong.net if you would like to join.
- Googong Foreshores or the Foreshores is the area around Googong Dam, just a few minutes' drive from Googong. It is a popular spot for fishing, kayaking, walking and mountain biking. We have a brochure with maps of these tracks that can be picked up from our Sales Centre at 5 Glenrock Drive Googong.

OUR COMMUNITY MANAGER



The role of our community manager is to facilitate meaningful interaction between a community and its members to instill a sense of belongingness. Simply put, they help build, grow, and manage the townships community.

We are very fortunate to have a Community Manager, Samantha, whose job is to help foster community connections for residents. She can help to connect you and your family members to like-minded individuals, groups, clubs, and others within the community. Her role also includes running events and activities (some public and some residents-only), supporting local sporting clubs and associations, assisting local businesses to establish themselves in the community, developing education programs to assist our stakeholders regionally, and helping the community come together.

Our Community Manager, Samantha, will be in the Googong Sales Office on Saturday 17th August from 10am – 12pm. This will be a great opportunity to pick up your FREE welcome pack and gift if you haven't already done so. Or to pop in and address any ideas, issues, or concerns you may have.

Feel free just to pop in and say hi!



GOOGONG



CANBERRA

SEE HOW GOOGONG
STACK\$ UP.

The amount of money you can save by buying just across the border in Googong is significant. And because your budget stretches that much further, suddenly that dream home you thought was out of reach could actually become a reality.

Take a look at how a notional 500m² block at Googong stacks up against projects in the ACT and region.





RURAL FIRE SERVICE OPEN DAY

10am–2pm, Saturday 19 October at Bunyip Park, Wellsdale Drive, Googong

Googong's Rural Fire Service Open Day is a fascinating adventure for the young and the young-at-heart. Our local crew from the Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade will be on hand at Googong 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 firies. Try the emergency gear on for size and share some of the amazing stories from our local heroes. If you've always dreamed of being a firefighter don't miss your chance to have a go.

Everyone is invited to this great day out with live music, food vendors, and truckloads of free family fun at Googong. See googong.net for details.

A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC

 **GOOGONG**

10 YEARS OF BELONGING



Scott Leggo

Back in 2012, Scott Leggo approached us to commission a series of landscape images of Googong before the township commenced.

To commemorate our 10th anniversary, a number of images from this commission have been released for purchase by the public as small framed acrylics through to larger framed pieces, making them a special gift or stunning new piece for your Googong home.

Visit the Scott Leggo gallery at 33 Jardine Street Kingston ACT, or scottleggo.com.au

ABOUT SCOTT

Scott is recognised as one of Australia's leading landscape photographers. He is the recipient of over 100 international and Australian awards including Landscape Photographer of the Year and Professional Photographer of the Year.

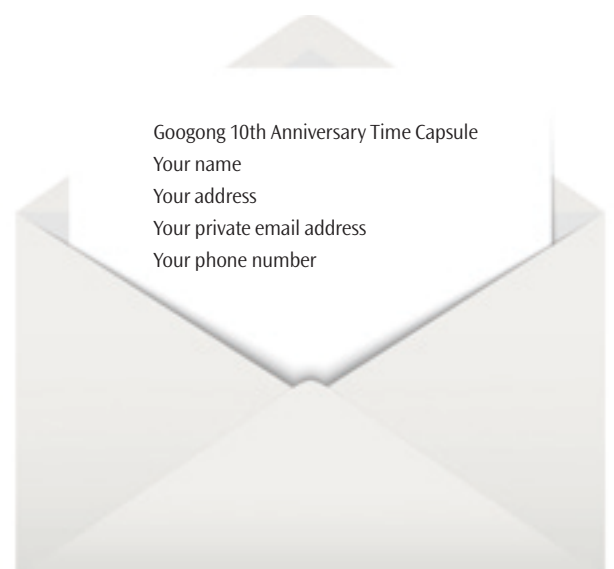
Scott's pre-eminent photographic skills have been recognised by his peers, including being awarded the title of Master of Photography by the Australian Institute of Professional Photography. His artworks are sought after by individuals, businesses and collectors alike, with clients including Australia's leading companies and Government departments.

Scott's photographic prints are the face of Australia in numerous overseas locations, and feature in many hotels, medical practices, company boardrooms and offices. His works grace the walls of homes across Australia and abroad, showcasing the beauty of Australia to an ever-growing audience.

GOOGONG 10TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE

To commemorate our tenth anniversary, we plan to bury a Googong 10th Anniversary Time Capsule at the top of Nangi Pimble lookout in November, with the expectation that it would be opened again in February 2034 on our 20th anniversary. Nangi Pimble looks across the township and takes in the beautiful vista towards the Molonglo Ranges, that is so uniquely Googonian. We are working with the Googong Public School and Googong Anglican School to collect some material to include, and we welcome all Googonians to contribute their ideas too by emailing them to community@googong.net

We also encourage Googonians to consider writing a confidential letter to themselves that we would return to you when the time capsule is opened again in another ten years. If you would like to take part in this interesting exercise, please place your letter in a sealed DL envelope marked as indicated and drop it into our **Googong Sales Centre 5 Glenrock Drive Googong**. We're open 10am-5pm Saturday to Wednesday, and 10am-4pm Thursday and Friday.



GOOGONG RESIDENTS SURVEY

Many of you would be aware that we email residents with an annual survey (via Survey Monkey) asking questions about their household make-up, places of work, community issues or concerns, and more. We use this data to assist lobbying council and NSW Government for services (such as buses), and infrastructure (like schools) that might otherwise be outside of our control. We also use the information provided to deliver additional facilities and opportunities for you as best we can. Thank you to those of you who helped us out by completing the survey. Keep an eye out for the next one!



Some interesting information that came from the recent survey (n. 300 respondents) includes:

- 45% of adults are aged 31-40 years, and 34% are aged 41-50 years (78% of adults are aged 31-50 years).
- 24% of households with children have 1 child, 27% have two children, and 8% have three or more children.
- 41% of Googonian households, earn \$200,000 or more, while 20% of household earn between \$160,000 - \$200,000 (61% of Googonian households earn \$160,000+ pa).
- 24% intend/do send their children to childcare
- 38% intend/do send their children to public primary school
- 18% intend/do send their children to a private primary
- 27% intend/do send their children to a public secondary school
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- 69% of Googonians are pet owners
- 55% of Googonians are dog owners
- 20% of Googonians are cat owners
- 8% of Googonians have other pets
- 2% of households have no car, 19% have one car, 61% have two cars, and 20% own three or more cars.
- 12% of respondents own an electric vehicle (up from 4% in 2023).
- 20% of respondents indicated they will buy and electric vehicle in the next 2-5 years

- 59% of respondents intend/hope to purchase an electric vehicle within the next 2-5 years
- 82% of Googonians drive in and out of Googong (down from 91% in 2023)
- 9% of Googonians use public transport regularly
- 9% of Googonians use public transport occasionally
- 54% work in Central Canberra; 7% Belconnen; 16% Woden/ Weston Creek; 12% Tuggeranong; 4% Gungahlin; 13% Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra; 16% Fyshwick; 15% Airport Precinct; and 5% work in Googong.
- A quarter of Googonians work from home
- 20% of respondents moved to Googong from North Canberra; 31% from South Canberra; 34% from the Queanbeyan/ Jerrabomberra/Googong region; 18% came from elsewhere.
- 57% of Googonians indicated feeling connected or very connected to their community
- 96% of respondents are likely or very likely to refer a friend
- 71% of respondents built with the Googong Builders Guild; 25% with other builders; and 5% were owner/builders
- 67% of respondents follow Googong on Facebook, Instagram and/or YouTube



You also gave us additional feedback with recurring themes, so we have put some responses together as follows which we hope will address these for you.

INFRASTRUCTURE KEY DATES

Several of you wanted clarity on the timelines of key infrastructure. We have had a page on our website dedicated to this information, at googong.net/purchaser-info/key-dates which can be a handy reference. Additionally, we can advise that:

Googong Town Centre

- The Stevens Group site will include a 7/11 petrol station, childcare, McDonalds and KFC fast food, and is proposed to open late 2025/early 2026.
- The Googong Hotel function and entertainment facility is proposed to open late 2025/early 2026.
- Coles and main retail shopping centre is proposed to open late 2026.
- The Community Centre and Library is proposed to open 2027.
- Second major supermarket and additional retail.

Putt Putt Golf opened June 2024.

Frisbee Golf opened early August 2024.

Pump Jump Track opened early August 2024.

Googong Tennis Centre and additional sports fields are proposed to open 2026/2027.

Googong Indoor Sports and Aquatics Centre is proposed to open 2027.

Googong Sports and Recreation Club.

Googong Athletics Track is proposed to open 2030.

AUSTRALIA POST

Australia Post have recently opened parcel lockers at the Googong North Village Centre.

AGED CARE

An aged care facility is proposed in Googong Central, adjacent to the town centre.

SCHOOLS

The NSW Government recently announced that the Googong Public High School will open for Term 1, 2027. The Googong Public Primary School opened in 2023, and The Anglican School Googong takes students from EL-Year 12.

BYE BYE BOOGONG

We know that many of you are still hoping that we will bring back our Googong Halloween event, Boogong, but sadly this event will not be returning. We addressed this in emails and newsletter communications back in August 2023, which you can view at googong.net/purchaser-info/community-newsletter (August 2023 issue page 11).

CARAVAN PARKING

On behalf of all Googonians we would ask that caravan owners be considerate of where they park and how it may impact pedestrian and traffic visibility, especially near intersections.

Pay attention to any parking-related signs so that you do not get a penalty notice. Council employs Transport Rangers to monitor compliance with parking rules within the Queanbeyan-Palerang area.

There are no plans for GTPL to have a facility to store vans at Googong. There are storage options in nearby Queanbeyan and Fyshwick.



GOOGONG DAM – FOR WALKERS, RUNNERS, BIKE RIDERS AND KAYAKERS

Several of you are interested in finding out more about trails around Googong Dam. We can confirm that we already have a Googong Dam Trails Brochure available from our Googong Sales Centre with terrific information for walkers, runners and mountain bikers. Pop in and grab a copy!

We have people interested in organising kayaking groups at Googong Dam, and have included an advertisement in this newsletter asking for expressions of interest to be emailed to community@googong.net

GOOGONG PICNIC HAMPER

Our sincere apologies to those of you who have come in to pick up a hamper in recent months and were not able to. Our policy has been clarified and all Googong residents including land owner-occupiers and apartment/terrace/townhouse residents, as well as renters, are most welcome to collect a picnic hamper.

If you are new to Googong we encourage you to pop into our Sales Centre and collect your free Welcome Picnic Hamper and join our residents' database to be included in resident-only events and updates.

BUSES

Several people have asked about improving bus services to Canberra CBD and Woden, in particular. Bus routes are determined by Transport NSW, and we are in the process of lobbying them to improve their services in line with our population growth. The travel and public transport data you provided us by completing our resident survey will assist us in this regard – so thanks for participating.

POP UP FOOD TRUCKS

Thanks for letting us know how much you love having pop-up food trucks out at Googong. We will continue to organise them, especially as the weather warms up and families can gather for an evening picnic at Bunyip Park.



CLUBS, SPORTING GROUPS, COMMUNITY GROUPS

Googong has several active clubs in the township, including: Googong Hogs AFL, Tigers Junior AFL, Googong Hogs Netball, Monaro Panthers Soccer, Queanbeyan Junior Cricket, Empire Performing Arts (dance school), Zanshin Martial Arts, BreakPoint Tennis and Aquatots Swim School. Queanbeyan Whites are building a Sports and Recreation Club in Googong Central and more clubs and opportunities are being introduced all the time.

Googong Retros our local seniors' group continue to experience a steady growth in numbers. There are parent groups and walking groups, and a network of defence families.

If you would like to be introduced to any of these groups you can generally find them on Facebook, or contact our Community Manager, Samantha, at community@googong.net or phone 1300 446 646.

MARKETS

Lots of Googonians are keen to see local markets (food and/or craft markets) in the township. There are some logistics around event marketing insurance and stall holder insurance that we are working through. If resolved, we would hope to commence these in Spring/Summer this year. If you have interest in hosting a stall, please email Samantha, at community@googong.net

FOOTPATHS, VERGES, AND PLANTING

- QPRC attended the recent Googong Residents' Association meeting and raised the matter of footpath maintenance. They are aware of several cracked/lifted footpaths and are working through repairing them. If you would like to log a footpath in your area, please use the QPRC Snap Send Solve App.
- There seems to be some confusion regarding front verge maintenance. For clarity residents are advised that it is the home-owners responsibility to maintain verges, not QPRC.
- For any other town maintenance issue please log your matter via the QPRC Snap Send Solve App.

RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

For information visit the QPRC website here: qprc.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Environment-Sustainability/Waste

SAFETY

We have been proactively working with QPRC and NSW Police Crime Prevention to ensure Googong continues to be a safe township for all. You may have noticed an increase in patrols targeting speeding, and intersection and stop sign traffic, and we will continue to host local Crime Prevention Drop-In Sessions with NSW Monaro District Police for residents to share any issues or concerns that they have.

The NSW Police Force have a CCTV Register which is a database to record the location of CCTV installations across NSW. If you would like your business or residential CCTV details included on the register visit police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/register_my_business_cctv_details

There have been requests for cameras at entrances to the township. As part of our smart city deployment, underground infrastructure has been installed to accommodate CCTV Camera capability in the future. Given QPRC will need to manage and store data and footage, they will need to decide if CCTV installation is an option. Please contact QPRC for with any questions/feedback.

MORE EXITS

Subject to approvals, a third entrance to Googong at Bunyip Drive is proposed to open early 2025.



ACTIVITIES FOR TEENAGERS

The Googong skate park opened in 2022 and includes a DJ booth and basketball court. Duncan Fields features another half-court basketball court, and you'll find a small rock-climbing area at Rockley Oval and six netball courts on Heazlett Street. There are two tennis courts in Beltana Park and a tennis centre is planned. We have recently opened a putt putt course, frisbee golf course and a fantastic new pump jump track. There are six ovals currently open with another five to come. An indoor sports and aquatics centre is scheduled to open around 2027. The town centre shops, and Googong Hotel are due to open in 2025/2026, and will provide shopping, entertainment and employment opportunities. We are looking into hosting a movie night in Bunyip Park as the weather warms up and are working with QPRC to identify youth programs that might be made available in the town.

DUNNS CREEK ROAD

Dunns Creek Road is a proposed road to connect Googong and Tralee to the ACT. QPRC have considerable information available on their website regarding Dunns Creek Road (see <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Major-Works-Projects/Dunns-Creek-Road>), which is updated as the assessment planning activities progress.

EVENTS & ONGOING ACTIVITIES



Kayaking Catch-up

Would you like to meet up with fellow Googonians to explore the beautiful Googong Dam kayaking together? Have you got your own kayak, a spare kayak or would like to hire one for the day?

You'll be able to spot wildlife and take in the spectacular views of impressive Googong Foreshores all whilst enjoying time with like-minded people.

Let me know if you are interested or to find out more by emailing Samantha at community@googong.net



Frisbee Golf opens Saturday 10 August

On Glenrock Drive and adjacent to the putt putt course.

FREE TO USE. BYO FRISBEE

(or pick up a limited FREE FRISBEE from our Sales Centre, 5 Glenrock Drive Googong).



Mini Putt Putt now open

Hegarty Street Googong

FREE TO USE. BYO BALLS AND PUTTERS.



Pump Track opens Saturday 10 August

You'll find the Pump Track on Glenrock Drive.



Googonians pay their respects

Hundreds of locals gathered to pay their respects to our fallen heroes on ANZAC Day this year. The Googong Residents' Association hosted the event in association with Googong Defence Residents and Googong Township at the ANZAC Memorial in Bunyip Park.

Veterans, families, and friends gathered alongside serving members and dignitaries for a moving service. It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages turn out in support of our service men and women, especially those living in our community.



The Outdoor Gym will open Saturday 10 August

The Outdoor Gym is located on Glenrock Drive.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **SAVE THE DATE**



Googong Playgroup

9.30am–10.30am Friday mornings (during school term)

Googong Community Centre. Corner Gorman Drive and McPhail Way Googong.

Free to ACT Playgroup Members.



Kitefest (Father's Day)

11am–2pm Sunday 1 September 2024

Rockley Oval, Googong

BYO picnic (and kite) or enjoy a gourmet burger and sausage sizzle from the vendors.

Free live DJ Music, plus giant kites on display, and great family fun.



Rural Fire Service Open Day

10am–2pm Saturday 19 October 2024

Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong

Free family fun where kids (and adults) can climb the fire trucks, play with the fire hoses, and dress up in fire gear. Meet representatives of your local Rural Fire Service, Parks and Wildlife Rangers, Googong Dam's ICON Water, Googong Landcare, and more. Live music. Food vendors.

Googong Christmas Carols & Markets

6–8pm Saturday 7 December 2024

Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong

Free family fun with carols – just carols. Sing along with the Canberra City Brass Band and the Queanbeyan Choir (song books provided). Browse the Christmas themed market stalls, and BYO picnic or enjoy the food vendors available. If you would like to host a market stall, email enquiries@googong.net.



Stay on the ball – join the Googong resident database to avoid missing out on any resident-only events.



Email community@googong.net to update your details.

Be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net so they appear in your main inbox.



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