

GOOGONIAN GAZETTE

**GOOGFEST
2024
GOES COUNTRY!**

**GOOGONG'S
4TH DISPLAY
VILLAGE
FIRST 7 HOMES
OPEN!**

**GOOGONG
CHRISTMAS
CAROLS
& MARKETS**

Saturday 9 December 2023



A MESSAGE FROM MALCOLM

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

The first two stages of Googong West are complete and the next two are under construction. The 4th stage, which is due for completion in May 2024, includes a signalised intersection onto Old Cooma Road, being the 3rd and final entry road to Googong. Works are also underway on the remaining public streets within the Town Centre.

The DA for the first Stage of the Googong Town Centre has been approved and the project team is now considering options for its delivery.

We understand Council is well advanced on the assessment of the DA for the Pub and the Stevens Group has lodged their DA for the fast-food outlets, petrol station and childcare centre within the Town Centre.



Googong Hotel artist's impression.

Architectural design is underway for the Multi-Purpose Community Centre and Library within the Town Centre and the Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre within Googong Common. These are both major community buildings that Googong is required to build and handover to Council under the Googong

Local Planning Agreement. A proposed minor amendment to the LPA with respect to the configuration of the pools within the Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre is currently on public exhibition. It is anticipated that DAs for both these buildings will be lodged in early 2024.



Artist's impressions of the Googong Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre.

With construction now complete on the 3rd dog park (Scentral Bark) we now await grass strike and plant establishment prior to letting loose the family tail wagger. The dog park has been split into 2 sections to separate bigger dogs from smaller dogs and both sections will include an array of dog play equipment.

Work has commenced on the first stage of Common South. Works include a 7-hole putting golf course, a beginner and intermediate asphalt BMX track, a 7-piece gym station and more than 500 lineal meter extension to the 2.5m concrete footpath along Montgomery Creek. Eventually, this area will be infilled with 2 more sports fields, an 8-court tennis court facility, carparking and playground. Future works will be complete around the end of 2026.

There are now about 2,440 homes occupied, with the population standing at around 7,100.

GOOGONG TOWNSHIP

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MARKETS

SAT 9TH DEC 2023



JOIN OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS.

This is a non-denominational event of carol singing, with musical support from the big brass sounds of the Canberra City Band. The Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Service will be there with their trucks, and Santa will be making an appearance!

Plus there are lots and lots of market stalls.

This is a free event and song books will be provided. Bring a picnic or buy a treat from the food vendors we will have there on the night.

Merry Christmas to all for the season!

DISPLAY VILLAGE

Our brand-new Googong Display Village is open from 11am-4pm weekends (except some public holidays) on Edward Drive, Googong NSW.



The Display Village will open progressively over the coming months with exciting homes showcasing the latest trends and great ideas. The first seven of our builders' homes are now open for your inspiration:

1. BBS Homes
2. BLD Homes
3. Burbank Homes
4. DJ Homes
5. Eureka Homes
6. G.J. Gardner Homes
7. JD Homes

Our thirteen builders will eventually showcase a huge 17 homes between them, so there's plenty of reasons to pop back a few times over the coming months to take-a-look at the newest additions. In fact, contact us to find out about the latest new homes as they open, call **1300 446 646** or email **enquiries@googong.net** (7 days).

All builders offer a range of house and land packages, or house options, for sale. There is no obligation to build with any of these builders, but they are a great place to start looking.

Our Googong Sales Centre is located a few hundred metres from the Display Village, at 5 Glenrock Drive Googong. We have information on all our builders, land sales, house-and-land packages, and more. There's even a model on display there so you can see what's planned for the whole township.

Pop in and grab a coffee or visit the Bunyip Park (bunyip themed!) playground next door to burn off the kid's excess energy!

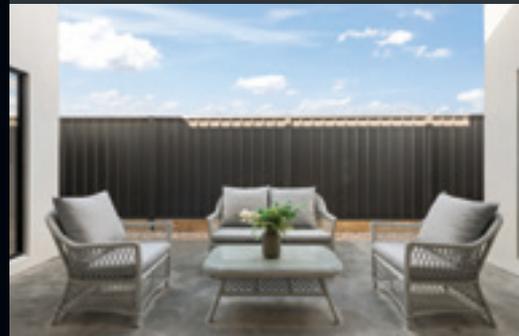
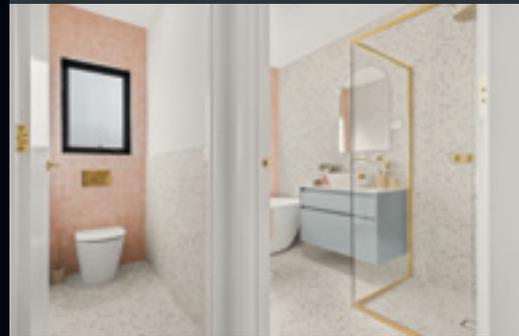
BLD Homes



G.J. Gardner Homes



JD Homes



GOOGONG'S NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Googong Public School, which opened in February this year, provides a nurturing environment for the 437 students and their families that make up this new community.



The school logo was developed in consultation with Googonians, and with symbolic references advised by Ngambri Elder, Auntie Matilda House. The image encapsulates the land and community that supports and encircles us, the stream that connects us, the sun that inspires us, and goanna tracks that lead us on our journey.

We have a unique leadership system run by the year 6 students under a Parliamentary system, allowing students to have a voice in the decision-making process of the school. The School Parliament includes: year 6 student ministers (with associated portfolios open to students from years 3-5 to join as part of a working party to suggest bills for school improvements); teacher Senators; a Governor General (Principal, Mrs Lindsay); Parliament Sittings; and more. It's a fun, educational, and effective way to enhance student voice and improve our school for all



ANZAC Day 2023 saw the unveiling of a new memorial for Googong. Student Ministers, Heidi and Isabella, were invited to read a poem at the Googong Dawn Service, which was a moving and rewarding experience for all. A number of students also joined the Queanbeyan ANZAC Day March, later that day.

Our school was invited to participate in the Nagoya (Japan) Art Exchange Competition, with four pieces selected to compete with other schools in the Queanbeyan region. Winning pieces from the region would have their work displayed at exhibitions in either Nagoya City Museum Art Exhibition in Japan, or at the Nagoya Sydney Exhibition as part of SpecFest Schools Spectacular in Sydney. Two year 6 students from our school were selected as finalists, with Olivia's artwork showcased in Sydney, and Angelique's artwork being exhibited in Nagoya.



The Googong Public School continues to build an inclusive and future-focussed learning program for our students, where opportunities and real-world experiences build a fulfilling learning environment for students, teachers, and parents alike.

For further information and Student Enrolments, please visit our website at <https://googong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or contact the school at googong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.



ICON WATER WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER.

As a Googonian, you know how precious the dam and foreshores are for our community. The catchment area supplies a vital source of drinking water for our region.

This is why it is so important we work together to protect our area's remarkable characteristics — including the quality of our drinking water.

There are a few things we each need to put into action to ensure we can continue enjoying this precious resource for generations to come.

So, next time you're at the foreshores:

- Only use small electrically powered boats on the reservoir. For your safety, please make sure your battery is fully charged before every trip, and always carry a backup.
- Keep your watercraft clean, especially when coming from another water source. This will stop your boat spreading harmful bacteria and aquatic weeds into our waters.
- Do not swim at the foreshores and please be mindful when launching your watercraft. Harmful pathogens can contaminate our drinking water when we don't stay out of it!
- Watercrafts are not permitted to land on any banks north of the disabled car park (except for the Tin-Hut Kayak Launch Area).
- NSW Maritime conducts watercraft inspections at Googong Foreshores, so please ensure you familiarise yourself with NSW requirements.
- Dogs are not permitted at the foreshores, including the dam. They can harm the natural environment.

When enjoying the Googong Foreshores this summer, remember the dam and rivers are currently very high and fast flowing. Be mindful that heavy rain can cause strong currents and bring debris to the waterway so please be responsible when using our waterways.

For more information on how to use this area, please visit the ACT Parks and Conservation website: www.parks.act.gov.au/find-a-park/googong-foreshores



THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

Leading the way



The Anglican School Googong is thrilled to announce the latest enhancements to our school campus. These additions include a state of the art playground, a senior school oval, an innovative outdoor classroom, the appointment of a new Head of Junior School and the graduation of our first Year Twelve cohort.

The new playground is equipped with modern play structures and safety features, it offers a safe and engaging place for children to explore, socialise, and develop their physical skills.

In addition to the playground, we are excited to unveil our new expansive Senior School oval, basketball, netball and volleyball court. This versatile space will serve as a hub for various sports and recreational activities, encouraging students to embrace an active lifestyle.

Recognising the importance of outdoor learning experiences, we have also introduced an innovative



outdoor classroom. This space will inspire creativity, critical thinking, and a deeper connection with the natural world.

Furthermore, we are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Head of Junior

School, Mrs Belinda Reitstatter. She brings a wealth of experience and passion for education.

Lastly, we farewell our first ever cohort of Year Twelve students. This milestone event not only sees The Anglican School Googong become a true Kindergarten to Year Twelve school but also marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and personal growth. It is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our students, teachers, and parents to academic and character development.

The Anglican School Googong remains dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience for our students. These new additions to our school campus, including the playground, oval, outdoor classroom, new Head of Junior School and Year Twelve graduation, reflects our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the challenges of the future.

The Anglican School Googong

If you are interested in securing a place for your child in K-12 where they can dream, discover and grow, contact us at enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au or on **(02) 6154 9400** to learn more.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our community.



KiteFest

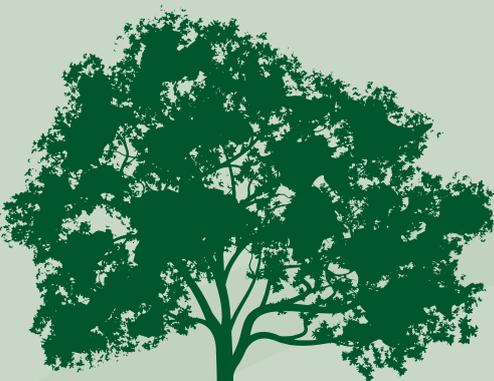
September
2023





**Rural Fire
Service
Open Day
October 2023**





SCENTRAL BARK

OUR LATEST DOGGY PLAYGROUND

Our early Googonians (and Dogonians) may remember being involved in the naming of Barkley Park on the towns' northeastern boundary.

More recently we invited residents to help us name our newest dog park, which is located on the foothills of Nangi Pimble, in Googong Central. The clever new name, Scentral Bark, has a new logo designed as a nod to its Central Park namesake.

This is the third of Googong's dog parks, and will include a fenced park for large dogs and a separate one for smaller dogs. The park will open following establishment of the grass strike.



\$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!



GOOGONG LANDOWNERS

**FIVE
& FIVE**

LAND OFFER

A FREE LIVE MUSIC EVENT OF
GOOGONIAN PROPORTIONS!

Googafest

GOES
COUNTRY

TRAVIS COLLINS

SUPPORTED BY
**HAYLEY
JENSEN**
AND DANA
HASSALL



Free

5-9PM
SATURDAY
10 FEB
2024

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.



Christmas Carols and Markets

5pm–8pm Saturday 9 December

Bunyip Park, Glenrock 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 on display.

If you would like to host a market stall, email

enquiries@googong.net



Googfest 2024

5pm–9pm Saturday 10 February

Rockley Oval, Rockley Parade Googong

Googfest 2024 Goes Country – A free live music festival of Googonian proportions featuring Australian Country Superstar, Travis Collins with support acts Hayley Jensen and Dana Hassell.



Travis Collins has long led the charge in the Australian country music fold with his soulful voice, earthy sound, and unique gift for piloting both sophisticated, heartfelt ballads and supercharged country-rock floor-fillers.

A triple CMAA Male Artist of the Year and CMA Global Artist Award-winner, Travis Collins is a force to

be reckoned with. His musical prowess has secured him 8 Golden Guitar Awards and taken him on a ride alongside American giants like Tim McGraw and Luke Combs, leaving audiences in awe from Nashville to the Outback.

Nine studio albums deep, he's become a mainstay on Australia's premier country music festivals, consistently selling out venues nationwide.

As he continues to evolve his sound and elevate his live performances, Travis Collins is a shining star, promising bigger, better, and brighter moments both on stage and in the studio. Get ready for a country music experience at Googong like never before!

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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC