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Googong Life

MEET THE  
REAL GOOGONIANS

## Googfest

The night that rocked Googong!

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# THE TOWN THAT

**A WARM SUMMER EVENING IN GOOGONG'S BELTANA PARK WAS THE PERFECT BACKDROP TO THE BIGGEST EVENT TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP SO FAR.**

Over 4,000 residents and visitors to the township spread out on picnic blankets in the park behind Club Googong and enjoyed a dazzling show of live music, including pop sensation Dami Im.

First to take the stage was local nine-piece band Big Boss Groove, who got feet tapping and the little ones dancing all over the park.

They were followed by *The X Factor* contender Mary Ann Van Der Horst, and then another local band, Lavers, who really got into the Googong spirit, waving to the crowd with BBQ tongs as they took to the stage.

**Finally, Dami – winner of *The X Factor* in 2013 – put on a dazzling performance and got a fantastic reaction from the crowd.**

It was a truly special night for Googong, a perfect showcase for our township. Now... we'd better get started organising Googfest 2016... because it's going to take some hard work to top this year's offering!

**It's worth noting that following her performance at Googfest, Mary Ann Van Der Horst was asked to re-audition for *The X Factor*. Good luck, Mary Ann!**



# Rocked

## Thanks, team



**SAMANTHA REMMERS – GOOGONG'S COMMUNITY MANAGER – PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ORGANISING THE PERFORMERS AND SERVICES THAT MADE GOOGFEST A SUCCESS.**

'I'm so happy everyone had a great time,' says Sam. 'And I'm thrilled with the number of people who came along on the night.'

In turn, Sam passed on her thanks to others involved in the organising of the event, including the performers, CIC Australia's National Marketing Manager Caroline Whitelum, the developers behind Googong for funding the event, the volunteers, and of course, everyone who attended on the night.



Gongong resident and Googfest volunteer Alicia – together with Club Googong lifeguards Tara and Jack – meet Mary Ann Van Der Horst.





Emma Bohlscheid  
having fun on her first  
day at The Anglican  
School Googong early  
learning centre.

# A BIG FI

AS 60 WEE GOOGONIANS CELEBRATED THEIR BIG FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL, THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG ALSO CELEBRATED ITS FIRST DAY OF TEACHING.

Cute as buttons in their brand new school uniforms, the little ones' first-day nerves quickly gave way to smiles and giggles as they played games and took part in fun activities with their new classmates.

One of those excited tots was Emma Bohlscheid. Her parents Elise and Matthew enrolled Emma at the school's early learning centre, and are very happy they did.

'Emma couldn't wait to start at the school,' says Elise. 'When we dropped her off, she sat down and started drawing right away. She was very relaxed and happy to be there from the get go.'

The Bohlsheids love the fact the school is so close. 'It's so easy to drop her off and pick her up. And as she gets older, she'll be able to walk herself to school and home again, so it's perfect.'

The Anglican School Googong currently has classes from Early Learning to Year 2, but classes on offer will grow with the township. Primary classes will be added to each year with the first



# RST DAY

Year 7 group kicking off in 2018, and the first Year 12 class will graduate in 2023.

**'We're just so happy that Emma will be able to complete her entire education here in Googong. It gives her stability, and means she can settle in and make friends for the long term,' says Matthew. 'We're already planning on sending our 10-month-old son William there in a few years time.**

The Early Learning Centre offers plenty of fun learning activities for the kids – Emma is learning and playing the whole time she's there. Her favourites? 'She really enjoys music and art,

and loves heading outside to play in the sandpit, says Mum.

It's a modern school, too, with interactive computer panels in classrooms, tablet computers and online access to resources for students and parents, and flexible learning spaces throughout the school, including outdoor learning areas.

**Eventually, Googong will be home to two secondary and two primary schools.**

YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG AT [WWW.GOOGONGSCHOOL.NSW.EDU.AU](http://WWW.GOOGONGSCHOOL.NSW.EDU.AU)

# Connolly Vale

## A LAND RELEASE BORDERING ON MAGNIFICENT

GOOGONG'S LATEST LAND RELEASE – **CONNOLLY VALE** – IS PERFECTLY SITUATED RIGHT AT THE EDGE OF THE TOWNSHIP, ADJACENT TO THE GOOGONG NATURE RESERVE.

This stunning bushland environment will be just a short stroll away for residents of Connolly Vale. Some blocks will even enjoy pleasant views of this natural landscape.

Whether it becomes the backdrop for your morning constitutional, or a means of unwinding after a busy day, you'll wonder how you ever did without having this peaceful haven on your doorstep.

Best of all, because it's a nature reserve, it can never be built on. Which means you'll be enjoying the scenery for as long as you live in Googong.

If you're interested, be sure to **register your interest before 5pm Wednesday 6 May** or you'll miss out. We'll be publishing stage plans and lot prices on the Googong website from 23 April 2015.

TO FIND OUT JUST HOW RELAXING LIVING ON THE EDGE CAN BE, VISIT THE **SALES AND INFORMATION CENTRE** (INSIDE CLUB GOOGONG) – IT'S OPEN 10AM-5PM, 7 DAYS, AT 27 BELTANA AVENUE, GOOGONG. OTHERWISE, GIVE THE SALES TEAM A CALL ON **1300 446 646**.

## SOON, YOU'LL MEET SOME **REAL GOOGONIANS**



Keep an eye out for Googong's latest ad campaign – the first in the series is now on air.

This all-new campaign features a cast of 'Real Googonians' – residents who now live in the township and were happy to share the positive experiences they had so far.

Our stars represent a real cross-section from the Googong community, from first home buyers Ronald and Skye through to active retirees Rosemary and Brian. The main reason for the ads? To let the world know one very important fact: **people live here now!**

# Construction Update

WHEN YOU VISIT GOOGONG TODAY, YOU'LL MORE THAN LIKELY BE TAKEN ABACK BY HOW QUICKLY THE TOWNSHIP IS GROWING. IT'S LONG PAST THE POINT OF HAVING TO USE YOUR IMAGINATION – THERE'S A REAL TOWN HERE NOW! HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF THE LATEST HAPPENINGS.

**Number of lots purchased: 880**

**Number of homes occupied: 150**

**Number of homes under construction: 175**

**Work on the township's Water Recycling Plant is underway.** It should be treating wastewater from Googong's homes by September, which means Googong will be greener in both senses of the word.

**Beltana Park's gardens,** grass and trees are doing well thanks to our irrigation system and the hard work of our maintenance team.

**Rockley Oval** is now open and recently saw its first event – an informal cricket match between local residents. The oval was also used by the Queanbeyan Tigers Junior AFL club for their registration day where stars from the GWS Giants came to support the Tigers. In Winter, Rockley Oval will be the home ground of the Junior Tigers and the Harman Hogs.

**The next major park and playground – John Caragh Park – is set to open in April.**

The park's main feature is an extensive path system that winds throughout, as well as BBQ facilities and a 'bird's nest' swing.

**Preliminary planning for Googong North Village Centre is underway.** Plans should be confirmed within the next few months.

**Designs for an upgrade to the intersection of Googong Road with Old Cooma Road** – that's the township's main entrance – have been approved, and work has already begun.

# MEET SOME GOOGONIAN TERRACE HOME BUYERS



TO SAY JAMES PILZ AND HIS PARTNER CHEYANNE GREENWOOD ARE EXCITED AT THE PROSPECT OF MOVING INTO THEIR TERRACE HOME AT GOOGONG, WELL, THAT'S A PRETTY BIG UNDERSTATEMENT.

'We just can't wait. It's going to be brilliant,' says James. 'Googong's got this great thing going on. It already feels like a small town community, but then you've got Canberra just down the road.'

So why a terrace home over a regular home? 'The terrace was more affordable and we both prefer terrace living, as it's just easier,' says Cheyanne. 'A terrace takes less effort to look after. Plus, it's our first home, so we thought we'd start with something small and go from there.'

According to James, Googong was enticing for other reasons, too. 'Both the land and property were affordable'. Plus 'I'm a bit of a fisherman, so having the dam down the road is going to be pretty exciting,' says James. 'And the Brindies [Brindabellas] are also close by, so I think we'll be getting right into some 4WD fun on the weekends.'

We're counting down the days until we can move in!

# FISH THE DAM FANTASTIC



**ROB  
PAXEVANOS**  
OF FISHING  
AUSTRALIA

**GOOGONG DAM IS ARGUABLY AUSTRALIA'S BEST SPOT FOR INLAND FISHING, ACCORDING TO FISHING AUSTRALIA'S ROB PAXEVANOS.**

So good, in fact, that Rob is producing a new DVD featuring the dam – located just down the road from the township of Googong – in all its fish-filled glory. And Googong township is proud to be sponsoring Rob's efforts.

Rob's new DVD will be packed to the bream (sorry) with fintastic (sorry) footage that'll have you

angling (again, sorry) for a day on the dam. We'll even be hosting a special event at the township on Sunday 17 May to celebrate the DVD's launch – **The Googong Fishing Fair**. We'll keep you updated about the Fair on the Googong Facebook page.

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