

# GOOGONIAN GAZETTE



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GOOGFEST THIS YEAR  
RAISED THE ROCK-  
OUT BAR TO EPIC NEW  
HEIGHTS AS 8,000 PEOPLE  
DESCENDED UPON  
ROCKLEY OVAL TO ENJOY  
THE SWEET SOUNDS OF  
SAFIA AND SEVERAL  
OTHER LOCAL BANDS.

*Googfest*





## A MESSAGE FROM GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

The hot and dry conditions this summer have meant that construction works have progressed well.

However, the weather has also resulted in newly planted street trees and some grass areas showing the effects of the heat and dry winds. Googong and Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) are working together to keep these areas watered. If you're already living at Googong, you can help the young landscape in the street outside your home by watering it when you have the chance.

Subdivision Stages 5A (67 lots), 6A (68) and 5B (85) were recently registered and registration of Stage 6D is imminent. This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 1050 and works are underway on a further 350 lots in Stages Neighbourhood 1B Stages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Rockley Oval, which has already built a reputation for being one of the best sporting fields in Queanbeyan, will soon be prepared for winter with an over sow of a winter grass. Once established, the oval will play host to the Googong Hogs and Queanbeyan Tiger's Junior AFL teams.



At Duncan Fields, the pavilion, sports surface and playground are complete. The planned handover to Council will take place in May 2016 for the start of the soccer season – which also happens to be the debut season for the Googong Panthers. (Go Panthers!)

The planting of street trees and construction of parks across stages 5A, 5B and 6A are well advanced with tree planting complete in Stage 5. The exciting new playgrounds at Aprasia Park and Lovegrove Park (pictured below) are well underway, with handover to Council expected in June 2016.



The Development Application for the township's first shopping centre in Googong North is progressing as Council continue with their assessment. Works should commence in mid 2016 and the first shops and childcare facilities are anticipated to be open in mid 2017.

The first Terraces by Googong are now under construction and are starting to take shape. This represents an important milestone for Googong as more compact homes become available for our residents.

The verification phase of the water recycling plant is going well with the plant meeting all performance requirements. All going well, the plant will be providing recycled water to the township by June this year. Tenders have closed for the township's permanent water supply reservoirs to service the rapidly growing population. Construction is expected to commence in May 2016 and be complete by mid 2017.



Sales remain very strong with the successful second release of Montgomery Rise, and Googong remains extremely good value – especially when compared to the soaring land prices in the ACT.

**MALCOLM LESLIE**  
PROJECT DIRECTOR

# The Anglican School Googong

What a tremendous start to The Anglican School Googong's second year! The school welcomed 30 new families this year, which has seen them double in size from a year ago when classes first began.

The school is also very happy to announce the arrival of three new teaching staff to teach classes from Kindergarten to Year 3.

The school also recently held their first 'learning journey' for the year, allowing parents to visit their child's class and share with them the story of their learning. The school was abuzz with activity, with some very excited students showing their parents what they've already learned in just a few weeks.

**On 4 March, students and teachers collected rubbish across the 5-hectare school block as part of Clean Up Australia Day. For the school, caring for the local environment is an important aspect of being in Googong.**

As always, the school welcomes visitors to their various Open Days throughout the year, or by appointment at other times. They're proud of their students, and are keen to show off the school, and demonstrate 'Googong Learning' in action.



Planning is already underway for the school's first Year 7 students, with classes to commence in 2018. Recently, the school spoke with around 50 current and future parents about the aspirations they have for their children and the type of school they believe would best prepare them for a world of work in the 2030s.

Don't forget to check out The Anglican School Googong's Facebook page for all their latest news ([Facebook.com/GoogongSchool](https://www.facebook.com/GoogongSchool)), or get in touch with the school's Principal, **Ian Hewitt**.

## RECYCLED WATER UPDATE

The final testing of the Water Recycling Plant is almost finished, meaning the supply of recycled water to Googong is getting very close! So now's a great time to familiarise yourself with what you can and can't use recycled water for – see below.

What you CAN use recycled water for:	What you CAN'T use recycled water for:
✓ Flushing toilets	✗ Drinking
✓ Watering lawns and gardens	✗ Cooking and other kitchen uses
✓ Washing cars, brickworks and windows	✗ Bathing (bath, showers, hand basins)
✓ Fighting fires	✗ Filling pools and spas
✓ Watering sportsfields and parks	✗ Cooling systems
✓ Watering your fruit and vegetable gardens*	✗ Hot water systems
*As a safeguard ensure that all fruit and vegetables watered with recycled water are washed prior to eating	✗ Playing (sprinklers, filling water toys)
	✗ Household cleaning, including washing machines

More information: **WEB:** [qcc.nsw.gov.au/Services/GoogongRecycledWater](http://qcc.nsw.gov.au/Services/GoogongRecycledWater) **EMAIL:** [council@qcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@qcc.nsw.gov.au) **CALL:** 02 6285 6000

# GOOGONG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Googong Residents Association will be the community voice for our growing township. Soon, we'll be holding a community meeting to discuss plans for the town and the implementation of these plans. The meeting will also give you the opportunity to voice how you would like to be involved and what issues and concerns you would like to be addressed. We encourage all Googonians to attend!

## COMMUNITY MEETING:

Tuesday, 12 April 2016

7pm – 8pm: Club Googong



## YMCA CLUB GOOGONG POOL

Autumn hours for Club Googong pool and gym are as follows:

### MONDAY – THURSDAY

GYM: 6am – 12pm & 3pm – 7pm

POOL: 6:30am – 12pm & 3pm – 7pm

(Gym and Pool closed between 12pm – 3pm)

### FRIDAY

Gym: 6am – 4pm

Pool: 6:30am – 4pm

### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Gym: 8:30am – 4pm

Pool: 9am – 4pm



## community garden

The Googong Community Garden will be a lovely addition to our growing town.

Community gardening brings benefits to individuals, neighborhoods, communities and the cities they're part of.

The community garden's creation and success will come down to the involvement and commitment of the community. We require 30 plots secured prior to the garden construction commencing, and are very close to reaching that target. So if you're interested, now is the time to get on board.

If you'd like to see the plans or submit an expression of interest, please contact Samantha Remmers – [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net)

## Family Day Care

Jenny Petkevicius (pictured below) will be joining Queanbeyan Family Day Care in the next few weeks and will have vacancies available for families who may need childcare in the Googong area. Jenny will operate her business from her home in Googong, and has many years' experience in the childcare industry, including a Certificate III in Children's Services.

If you're interested in Jenny caring for your child/ren, please contact Queanbeyan Family Day Care on 6285 6253 or [info.fdc@qcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info.fdc@qcc.nsw.gov.au).

For further information visit [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/familydaycare](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/familydaycare).



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# GOOGONG GARDEN & VERGE COMPETITION

On Wednesday 4 May, our expert judging panel will review all streets in Googong to find the top three front garden and verges within the township. The top three winners will receive one of these fantastic prizes – so get your garden in tip-top condition ASAP to qualify!

## 1ST PRIZE

One year's garden & lawn package for the whole property including the verge, valued at \$1,056pa for 6 visits.

## 2ND PRIZE

One year's garden or lawn package for the whole property including the verge, valued at \$528pa for 6 visits.

## 3RD PRIZE

One year's garden or lawn package for the whole property including the verge, valued at \$528pa for 6 visits.

So get those green thumbs working and you could win!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AQUA CHALLENGE POOL INFLATABLE

Saturday, 16th and Sunday 17th April 2016  
8.30am – 4.30pm

Bring the kids along for a great day out at the Club Googong pool. Challenge the Aqua Run for some fun. \*Please note that children must be under 1.5m tall. Entry is free for residents who have settled on their lot at Googong and have their YMCA cards. Casual fee is \$5pp otherwise.



### ADAM HOBILL PRESENTS "NAIL IT"

Sunday, 1st May 2016  
11am – 12pm,  
The Anglican School Googong

Thinking of building, but worried about the process? Then this seminar is a must for you. Adam Hobill presents, Nail it! A free seminar that offers invaluable advice to keep your building or renovation project on budget and stress free.

Please RSVP to [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) by Friday 31 April

### MOTHER'S DAY PAMPER PARTY

Saturday, 7th May 2016  
6pm – 8pm, Club Googong

To coincide with Mother's Day, we'll be hosting a relaxing pamper party for the women of Googong. There will be delicious desserts, giveaways and best of all, hosts to assist with pampering. Please RSVP to [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) as soon as possible, as places are strictly limited.

### OZHELP HEALTH CHECKS

Thursday 5 May  
9am – 5pm, Club Googong



OzHelp will be running health checks all day on Thursday May 5. Drop by the OzHelp van for a short, free, confidential health check including cholesterol and blood pressure check. Take a few minutes out of your day to check your physical and mental health, and join us for a free sausage sandwich too!

★  
— GOOGONG —  
WINE AND CHEESE  
— NIGHT —  
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### RESIDENTS WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Saturday, 16 July  
6pm – 9pm, Club Googong

Details to be advised.

*Flying High*  
IN THE GOOGONG SKY

Sunday, 14 August  
11am – 2pm,  
Rockley Oval

No RSVP required.

Bring a picnic and encourage your friends and family to come along to enjoy this great day of kite flying fun.

BOOGONG!  
SO FUN IT'S SCARY

### HALLOWEEN AT GOOGONG

Saturday, 29 October  
5pm – 9pm

Details to be advised.



## HAVE YOU MOVED INTO YOUR HOME AT GOOGONG?

If you've 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.

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)

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