

GOOGONIAN GAZETTE



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SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM



A SNEAKY peek at Googfest 2017

Now here's some big news!

Googfest continues its epic starward trajectory with the exciting news that next year's event will be headlined by none other than Sneaky Sound System.

One of Australia's most-respected dance acts, Sneaky Sound System has been pumping out the beats since 2001 with hits like 'I Love It', current single 'I Ain't Over You', plus many more that you can expect to hear live at Googfest.

Other acts are yet to be confirmed, but you can be sure we'll be showcasing some amazing talent from our local region.

The stage is set for the biggest Googfest yet! So make sure you invite your friends and family to visit for the day – Googfest is the perfect way to introduce your home town to anyone who hasn't been here before.

**SATURDAY
& FEBRUARY
5-9PM**



A MESSAGE FROM MALCOLM

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Spring is trying its best to break through at Googong, but some lower than normal morning temperatures and a few late frosts have meant we're not quite there yet.

Registration of subdivision Stage NH1B Stage 5 (76 lots) is imminent. This brings the total number of completed blocks in Googong North to 1,338 and works are underway on a further 274 lots in Stages Neighbourhood 1B Stages 4, 6, 7 and 8. There are around 540 homes now occupied and a further 250 under construction.

With subdivision construction nearing completion on the first stage of Montgomery Rise, we can now look forward to seeing the high quality landscaping finishes take shape in Googong's first premium area.

At Rockley Oval, Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) have installed the new turf cricket wicket and Duncan Fields' artificial cricket pitch has also been installed. The first game at Duncan Fields is expected to be played in the third week of November. Due to the early use of the cricket pitch, the planned renovation will be delayed until after school holidays in late December.

Aprasia Park is now open to the public and is the sixth playground to be established since Googong opened in 2013. Pop along with the kids and check it out!

We're happy to announce that we've proposed that the 'Gumnut' playground should be formally named 'Yerradhang Nguru'. This name is taken from the language of the Ngunawal Aboriginal people, the traditional custodians of the land. In English this translates as Gumtree Camp. This is the first step in Googong's plan to recognise and celebrate the cultural significance of land within Googong. The playground is expected to open in April 2017.

You may have noticed significant progress on the township's first shopping centre in Googong North with the basement and ground floor slabs completed and with the first shops opening in late 2017.

The structure plan for Googong Central is expected to be approved by Council in December, paving the way for detailed planning during 2017 as development shifts focus to the town centre over the next few years.

As expected, land sales have picked up during spring with our recent *Greenside* and *The Fields* releases in strong demand. There's no doubt about it - Googong is growing fast.



YMCA CLUB GOOGONG POOL

SPRING HOURS FOR CLUB GOOGONG POOL AND GYM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY

GYM: 6.00am - 7.00pm | POOL: 6:30am - 7.00pm

FRIDAY

GYM: 6.00am - 5.00pm | POOL: 6:30am - 7.00pm

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

GYM: 8:30am - 5.00pm | POOL: 9.00am - 5.00pm



GOOGONG RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

YOUR COMMUNITY!

The GRA is a great opportunity to have your say while also helping our community to develop and flourish. Be sure to join the Googong Residents Association Facebook page, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

GRA President,
Warwick Abrams
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Meet the real Ghoul-gonians!

It was towards the end of an ordinary sunny Saturday when the horde descended upon the town. Hideous to behold, this terrifying host of vampires, villains, demons, devils, lurching corpses and evil clowns, surged through the streets and parks of Googong.

Lucky for everyone these monsters were actually just part of the massive 15,000-strong crowd visiting the township for Boogong – our annual Halloween celebration that's already become hugely popular in just two short years. The scary swarm of guests had a frighteningly

fun time enjoying the haunted house, live music, food and street performers we put on for the evening. As darkness fell, the fireworks provided a fitting finale to another brilliant Boogong.

Special thanks to all our volunteers on the night including Kevin Butt, Lisa McLaughlin, Cartrena Bury, Jenny Petkevicius, Rosalie Ryan, Lyn Edwards, Alan Edwards, Kirstie Clough, Sheridan Page, Jade Gropler, Bree Carino and the 1st Burra Scouts as well as our own Samantha Remmers and Caroline Whitelum for their tireless work behind the scenes.





FRIGHTFUL FACES

COMPETITION WINNERS

Here are some of the highlights from our Frightful Faces competition held during Boogong. Congrats to our winners!

And remember, don't look at these pictures too long – we'd hate for you to have nightmares.

BOOGONG!
SO FUN IT'S SCARY



Meet Peet.

You might have noticed the name 'Peet' appearing in some advertisements promoting Googong. That's because CIC Australia – one half of the joint venture behind Googong – now goes by a new name: Peet.

Peet Limited is Australia's largest specialist residential land developer with a 120-year track record of developing communities from one end of the country to the other. Over recent years, Peet has incorporated CIC Australia's ACT, South Australia and Northern Territory offices into their national Group, and now operates in every state and territory in the country.

Peet is an ASX listed company and is one of the largest property groups on the Australian Stock Exchange, bringing enormous value and strength to the joint venture partnership that is Googong Township Pty Ltd.

While the company name might have changed, the people working in the Googong Project Team haven't – nor has our partnership with Mirvac to deliver the township. Rest assured, we're as committed as ever to deliver the Googong vision!



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF GOOGONG DAM

We're very lucky here in the township to have Googong Dam just down the road, as it's a source of endless fun for you and your family. In this pristine natural setting, you can enjoy BBQs, hike or bike along the many nature trails, go fishing or just head out on the water in your sailing boat, canoe, kayak or electric-powered boat.

There's also an interesting historical perspective, with the Ngunnawal people having lived in the area for thousands of years. And being a wildlife refuge, you'll see plenty of wildlife – especially birds, with over 165 species living near the dam.

But it's important to remember – Googong Dam is a water catchment area. By playing your part and following these rules when you visit the dam, you'll be helping to preserve this beautiful place, and at the same time protecting your right to access the dam for the foreseeable future.

- Swimming is only permitted in the Queanbeyan River below dam wall. You can't swim in the dam itself.
- Take your rubbish home – there are no bins at Googong Dam.
- Googong Dam is a wildlife refuge – all native plants and animals and their habitats are protected.
- Pets are not permitted. No dogs or horses.
- Camping is not permitted.

Recreation at Googong Foreshores

		Bike riding			No dogs
		Picnicking			No swimming
		Bushwalking			No petrol powered boats
		Fishing			No wading
		Kayaking, sail boating		Protect your drinking water.	





BE SSSNAKE SSSMART

With the warmer weather comes increased likelihood of encountering a snake. If you do spot a snake, here are some things to remember:

- Never try to catch the snake yourself. All snakes in the region are venomous.
- If a snake is passing through your property, keep children and pets indoors until it moves on. Let your neighbours know if it's heading in their direction.
- If you're walking in bushland, wear long pants and closed shoes. If you see a snake, keep your distance, stay calm, and walk away.

If you feel the snake poses a threat to yourself or your neighbours, call Wildcare's 24/7 hotline on 6299 1966 or visit www.palerang.nsw.gov.au

OUR TOWN FROM THE TOP DOWN



Take a look at the latest NearMaps Satellite image of the Googong township (21/10/16).
Can you see your house?

— UPCOMING EVENTS —



Googong CHRISTMAS CAROLS in the Park

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday 17 December
From 6 to 8pm

Googfest 2017

An evening of free live music at Rockley Oval.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday | 4 February | 5-9pm



Stay up-to-date with the latest Googong news,
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Just moved in?

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 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

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