

# Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 19 - AUGUST 2019



**AQUA  
TOTS**

Swimming for Life

## Club Googong NEW OWNERS ANNOUNCED

- Award-winning swim programs
- New café to open
- Information sessions





# A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Dear Googonians,

We are pleased to announce that a permanent owner has been found for Club Googong. Canberra-based swim school operators Aquatots will take over the club from 1 October 2019.

Since Club Googong opened in 2014, YMCA Canberra has been managing the pool and gym on our behalf. They have done an outstanding job and I would like to thank them for their commitment to our community.

The Googong Sales and Information Centre will continue to operate from Club Googong until March 2020, when we will relocate to Googong's next new Display Village in Googong Central.

**Aquatots are planning to open a new café in the centre.**

Aquatots has a very successful track record and offers a wide range of activities – from award-winning programs for babies from six weeks of age, to squad level swimmers, as well as general swimming and water education programs. They share our passion for community, and we are looking forward to passing the facility into their hands.

YMCA will be contacting all existing Club Googong members and users with information to support a smooth transition.

Aquatots will host Drop-In Sessions to answer your questions, introduce you to their programs and get feedback from the community. These dates are included on the page opposite.

**For all enquiries please contact Aquatots direct on 02 6162 0507, via email [enquiries@aquatots.com.au](mailto:enquiries@aquatots.com.au), or online at [aquatots.com.au](http://aquatots.com.au), or see them at one of their Drop-In Information Sessions.**

This is an exciting development for the township, and I hope you will join me in welcoming Aquatots to Googong.

Sincerely,

**Malcolm Leslie**  
Googong Project Director





# AQUA TOTS



Dear Googonians,

I would love to take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am Alena Sarri and I run Aquatots swim school. We are a family-owned and operated school committed to reducing the drowning statistics in Australia.

We accomplish this by teaching children not only to swim from a young age but by engaging them and their families in a program that harbors a life-long love of aquatic environments.

Aquatots cater for all levels and ages of swimmer, including: swim classes for babies (from six weeks of age), pre-schoolers, school-aged children, and adult fitness and learn to swim; as well as squad training, aqua aerobics, diverse needs and public swimming.

**Aquatots are extremely excited to announce that we will be running our award-winning programs at Club Googong from 1 October 2019; and learn to swim programs from term four. We are also looking forward to reactivating the café in the coming months.**

## Aquatots Drop-In Sessions

Aquatots will host Drop-In Sessions on the following dates to answer your questions, introduce you to their programs and get feedback from the community, on:

- Monday 19/8/19 from 3.30pm–5.30pm at Club Googong
- Thursday 22/8/19 from 9.30am–11.30am and again from 3.30pm–5.30pm, at Club Googong.
- Sunday 25/8/19 from 9am–12pm at Club Googong.
- Sunday 1 September (Father's Day) at Kitefest, Rockley Oval from 11am–2pm.

Further dates will be advised.

We would love to be able to answer your questions and receive your feedback regarding the pool operations so that we can tailor a program that suits the community. To this end we will be holding information sessions in the coming weeks so we can meet as many of you as possible and get involved in the awesome Googong Community that we have heard so much about.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me or my team via:

## Aquatots Contact

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You have such a lovely facility and we are looking forward to building new networks in the community in the years ahead.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in swimming and lifesaving,

Alena Sarri  
Owner/Operator

Free  
Event

# KiteFest

IT'S A SKY FULL OF FUN AT GOOGONG!



SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER  
(FATHER'S DAY)

11AM TO 2PM,  
ROCKLEY OVAL, GOOGONG

Googong's utterly uplifting kite festival is back with a host of new flying friends including a giant whale shark, dragons, bunny rabbits, a stingray, astronauts and a flying pig!

Treat Dad to a Father's Day Capital Woodfired Pizza or Boss Burger and a beer or you can bring along a picnic or enjoy a sausage sizzle while our DJ provides the inflight entertainment.

So bring your kite - and your Dad - to Rockley Oval, Rockley Parade, Googong NSW.



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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC

UPCOMING *Free* EVENTS



## Rural Fire Service **Open Day**

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019  
11AM-2PM, BELTANA PARK, GOOGONG

Ready to live out your childhood fantasy of being a firefighter? When the Rural Fire Service comes to visit, you can climb the big red fire trucks, man the hoses, chat to some local heroes and try the fire's emergency gear on for size.

There will be live music, a jumping castle and a sausage sizzle and everyone is invited to join in the free fun at Beltana Park, in Googong.



## Christmas Carols

Saturday, 14 December 2019  
6-8pm, Beltana Park, Googong

Enjoy Christmas carol singing with the Canberra City Band in beautiful Beltana Park. Bring a picnic or purchase a snag from the sausage sizzle. Song books are provided.

This is a non-denominational evening of carols.

## Googfest 2020

Free  
Event



SAVE THE DATE!  
1 FEBRUARY 2020, 5-9PM