

Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 26 - NOVEMBER 2020



**Free
Christmas
Photos**

Welcome
Mama Beauty

Giant Chair
in our Giant Display Village

Recycled Water
from 1 December



A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

The volume of land sales at Googong over the past four months has been more than double the long-term average and the development team has been busy ensuring we keep up with the demand. Construction of NH1B Stage 9 and NH2 Stage 5A was recently completed, NH2 Stage 5B is well advanced and NH1A Stage 4D recently commenced. Construction of NH2 Stage 9 will commence before Christmas heralding a shift in the development front to the south of the town centre and onto

the slopes of Nangi Pimble. This area has proven particularly popular with buyers, especially existing Googonians, given the amenity afforded by the surrounding open spaces, sporting facilities, planned public high school and spectacular views to the Molonglo Ranges.

Whilst the new Display Village in Courtney Street has been opening progressively since March, the formal launch of the village occurred at the end of October. The new home designs from Googong's Guild builders have attracted a lot of interest with big numbers visiting the homes.

It is covered elsewhere in the gazette but it is exciting that the recycled water produced by Googong's Water Recycling Plant will soon be flowing back to the township for garden irrigation and toilet flushing. This is an important sustainability initiative for Googong that has been years in the planning.

Construction within the Googong Common North sports and recreation precinct has taken longer than expected but is expected to open in December. The first stage includes six outdoor netball courts, public toilet block, a temporary bike pump track, boardwalks across Montgomery Creek and BBQ facilities.

Landscape work will start on a new local park within Neighborhood 2 Stage 5 towards the end of this month. This park will include a small shelter, circular path – great for learning how to ride, kick about area and smart bins and lights.

There are now about 1,790 homes occupied with the population standing at around 5,600.

THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

Googong Learning: The law in action

Year Five recently re-enacted the 'Case of Martha Needle' from the 1800's as part of their unit of study on reading, writing, researching and inferring. Students had to research the case, develop the characters they were each to represent, prepare an appropriate costume and write and present their alibis to the Judge and Jury. Prosecution and Defence lawyers from the class then posed questions and interrogated the case. Much fun was had by all. The challenge was for the students to think on their feet and work as a team to bring this court case and the characters to life.



The Hub

Progress on our Science and Technology Hub continues at a rapid pace. Students and staff continue to look on with awe and wonder, especially the Senior School who will be relocating into the building in 2021 and establishing their new learning quarters, transforming their schooling experience.

We have opened enrolments for Years 11 and 12 in 2022 and 2023. For further information about these year levels, and other enrolment opportunities, please contact us enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au or **6154 9400**.

Every day is Open Day

Are you interested in seeing what Googong Learning is all about? We invite you to book a tour to come and see firsthand our students engaged in their learning and the contemporary school environment.

Visit our website GoogongSchool.nsw.edu.au for more information or contact the School on **02 6154 9400** or email enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au to arrange your personalised tour.

JERRABOMBERRA CREEK RURAL FIRE SERVICE

We know it's been a wet start to the Fire Season, but those long hot summer days are coming. All this growth will eventually dry and there is increased risk in grass fires.

Living with the bush is part of living in New South Wales – but so is living with the risk of fire. A bush or grass fire can happen at any time of the year, but the risk is higher during the warmer months, when bush, grass or scrub is drier.

Remember to discuss with your family, what your plans are around fires, will you stay, or will you go? What are you going to do with your family – including children and your pets? Make your you visit www.myfireplan.com.au

And don't forget to install 'Fires Near Me' on your smartphones tablets etc. This will help keep you up to date on what is happening around you. It is also a great thing to have on hand when you go camping or hiking or a planning a mini getaway.

Keep up to date on www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and don't forget to visit us at our Facebook page [@JerraCreek](https://www.facebook.com/JerraCreek)

Stay Safe!!

From your local Rural Fire Brigade – Jerrabomberra Creek.

HOW FIREPROOF IS YOUR PLAN?

FIND OUT IN 5 MINUTES AT MYFIREPLAN.COM.AU



GOOGONG INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE PROJECT UPDATE

Googong residents are advised that on 26 August 2020 Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) determined the Googong Integrated Water Cycle Project – Stage D Water Recycling Plant (WRP) and Permanent Reservoirs Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF was assessed and approved under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, subject to the management measures contained in the REF Statement of Commitments and additional conditions of determination.

Stages A, B and C of the project are complete and have been handed over to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for operation. The Stage D WRP and Permanent Reservoirs project includes an expansion and upgrade of the existing water recycling plant infrastructure located on Googong Dam Road and installation of a new concrete reservoir tank to hold the recycled water at the existing permanent reservoir site on Old Cooma Road.

Stage D is the ultimate capacity of the IWC Project. The purpose of Stage D is to support the ongoing development of the Googong township to increase the capacity of the existing IWC Project to 18,850 equivalent population (EP). The Stage D upgrades would also include allowance for a potential future capacity increase up to 19,550 EP.

The timing for Stage D construction will be confirmed as development of Googong township progresses. We currently expect that construction will be completed before the end of 2024.

The notice of determination of the REF and conditions of determination are currently available on the QPRC website. If you wish to enquire about the Project, please contact QPRC/GTPL via:

Phone: 1800 838 438

Email: enquiries@googong.net

Post: Googong IWC Project

PO Box 1000

Civic Square ACT 2608

All documents related to the Googong Integrated Water Cycle Project can be accessed via the Googong Integrated Water Project website at compliance.googong.net.

We look forward to taking another step towards a more sustainable and low environmental impact Googong community.

Bono's sitting pretty!

The local Bono family are sitting pretty on our Giant Chair at the giant, gargantuan, ginormous, 19-home Googong Display Village (it's the largest in the region!). The chair – and the display village – are now open on Courtney Street Googong so pop down and take a look.

Left to right: Nicola, Sylva, Pat (Dad), John, Caterina, Ayris (Mum) and Sofia.





GOOGONG FORESHORES – ACT PARKS AND CONSERVATION UPDATE

SNAKES

The weather has warmed up and lizards and snakes are out and about warming up and in search of food and water. With Googong Foreshores and farming land right on the back doorstep it is not uncommon to share our backyards and environment with many different species of snakes.



The following link explains in detail what you should do if you encounter a snake in nature or in your community and backyards.

<https://www.environment.act.gov.au/parks-conservation/plants-and-animals/urban-wildlife/snakes>

Being in NSW, Googong residents should seek local advice on steps to take <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/questions/snake-removal>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Day light savings has kicked off and the Googong Foreshores Reserve has extended opening hours but please ensure that you do not access the reserve outside these hours as it is an offence to do so. Rangers will be on site conducting land management duties and law enforcement patrols, often with NSW Police, Domestic Animal Control, Fisheries and Maritime officers who can issue on the spot warnings and infringement notices. Please remember that body contact with the drinking water in the dam is NOT permitted. Swimming and water-based play can be undertaken at the downstream river areas.

OPENING HOURS

SOUTH: 8am–7pm | NORTH: 8am–8pm

For further information on Googong Foreshores call Access Canberra on **13 22 81** or online at <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/parks-conservation/parks-and-reserves/find-a-park/rural/googong-foreshores>

ICON WATER

WAYS TO ENJOY GOOGONG DAM RESPONSIBLY THIS SUMMER

Thanks to all the recent rain, our largest reservoir, the Googong Dam is once again 100% full. The Dam is supplying water throughout October and November for residents of the ACT, Queanbeyan and Googong Township.

With summer around the corner it is good reminder to all members of the community that the Googong Dam and foreshores are open for permitted activities.

Googong Dam is a unique and precious resource for all. Keeping it safe means there are some things we can and can't do in and around the dam. There are many activities that are permitted. This includes anything that does not impact our water supply, such as bushwalking, picnics, and mountain biking on formed roads.

If you are spending time at the Googong foreshores during the summer, it is important to be aware that there is an increased risk of grass fires. This means no campfires. BBQs are only permitted where there are appropriate facilities.

You can help keep the foreshores pristine by taking all rubbish home with you. Remember, it is also important to leave pets at home.

If you are planning on enjoying the Googong Dam by water, it is essential to maintain boat hygiene. This means cleaning your boat, kayak, or canoe before you bring it to the Dam. It is also important to make sure your vehicle or trailer is clean. Algal, mud, fuel and oil as well as other debris can contaminate the water. Electric motors may be used on permitted vessels; however, petrol motors are not permitted at any time.

Even on hot summer days, please be aware that no swimming or bodily contact with the water is allowed.

Together we can enjoy the Googong Dam and foreshores and protect our water supply. You can find out more about dam levels at www.iconwater.com.au/damlevels





Recycled water in Googong



**Coming on 1 December 2020
Are you ready?**

For more information go to
www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/GoogongRecycledWater





GOOGONG COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Googong Community Choir is dedicated to making it easier to say 'yes' to singing and helping you discover the joy of making music! They'll teach you how to sing, push your musical limits, and offer a space to interact with fellow community members.

The choir is fortunate to be led by Googong local, Marie-Cecile Henderson. Marie-Cecile is an accomplished performer in her own right and has vast experience in establishing community choirs.

So, whether you are a novice, a professional or someone who just wanted to have some fun and make new friends in your community, we'd love for you to join.

If you would like to know more, please contact your community manager, Samantha Remmers for further information at community@googong.net



Googong
Family Practice



Googong Family Practice is pleased to provide the following updates on clinics operating from within medical centre:

GOOGONG FAMILY PRACTICE

Monday 8.00am – 7.00pm
Tuesday to Friday 8.00am – 5.30pm

For appointments Phone 5104 9595 or online 24/7 at googongfp.com.au

MATRIX PHYSIO

Tuesday and Friday 8.00am – 5.30pm
Thursday 8.3am – 12.30pm

For appointments, Phone 6299 5303

NATIONAL HEARING CARE

Visiting on the first Monday of each month providing free hearing screening for all persons aged 27 and older.

For appointments call 5104 9595, these cannot be booked online.

GONZALO SANTIAGO – PSYCHOLOGIST

Wednesday 9.00am – 1.00pm

For appointments call 5104 9595, these cannot be booked online.



THE YOGA COLLECTIVE GOOGONG

Welcome new members!

Yoga classes will commence on Tuesday 24 November, 2020. Classes will be held at the Googong Community Centre every TUESDAY at:

- 6am – 7am
- 6:15pm – 7:15pm
- 7:30pm – 8:30pm

All levels welcome – especially beginners looking to try Yoga for the first time! All the information and updates can be found on the Facebook page – The Yoga Collective Googong.

facebook.com/TheYogaCollectiveGoogong



Mama Beauty is overwhelmed with the incredible community support they have received since reopening after the COVID shut down.


Mama Beauty wants to help you get summer ready.


With a range of beauty treatments and packages that we offer located conveniently in Googong there is no need to leave our beautiful suburb.


For the remainder of spring we have a special offer on our facial treatments so give us a call to find out more about our offers.


With the weather warming up and Christmas upon us bookings are essential as we begin to hit our busy period.

We look forward to seeing you in the salon.

 [Mama.Beauty](#)

 [Mama.beauty.ptyltd](#)

 0404 725 223

 mama.beauty@outlook.com

 7/189 Gorman Drive, Googong



AQUATOTS Swim Safer Week

Is your child Summer Swim ready?

Each year in Australia more people lose their lives in inland rivers, lakes, dams, and creeks than at beaches. Despite only a fraction of the population living in remote or rural areas, these regions are responsible for one third of all drownings nationwide.

To help reduce this horrific statistic, Aquatots runs a SwimSafer week each term to teach children important survival skills in and around the water. During SwimSafer week, children come dressed in old clothes and learn how to act in emergency situations, rescue themselves, and rescue each other.

At Aquatots we prioritize teaching children how to be safer in the water and this then becomes second nature to them as we revise these skills each term. Classes during this week are conducted in a safety circuit and children move around the pool to learn different sets of skills.

For more information, please visit aquatots.com.au or call 02 6162 0507.



A different kind of Christmas



As NSW Government's regulations around outdoor music performances restrict numbers to 500 persons, we have made the sad decision to cancel Googong's annual Christmas Carol's this year.

Free Christmas Family Photos

We're having fun launching our ginormous 19-home Googong Display Village – which is the largest in the region – and have installed a giant chair in the little park on Courtney Street to play on the GIANT theme (as you can see from the image on the cover).

We will be offering a FREE professional photo session at the giant chair for the first 200 families to book so you can have a fun Christmas photo to celebrate the season. Dress up and have some fun and be sure to share your photos on social media using **#Googong2020**.

Further information will be sent to Googong residents via email in the coming weeks, and bookings are strictly one sitting per household. To make sure we have your contact details up-to-date email your details to Samantha at community@googong.net



HAVE YOU MOVED INTO YOUR HOME AT GOOGONG?

If you have 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 can also drop in to see her at the Googong Sales and Office from Tuesday – Friday.

Say, G'day!

Join the Googong Community Connection Project and stay connected to your fellow Googonians.

If you'd like someone to check-in with you from time to time, or you want to volunteer to join the project, call **1300 446 646** or email community@googong.net



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A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC