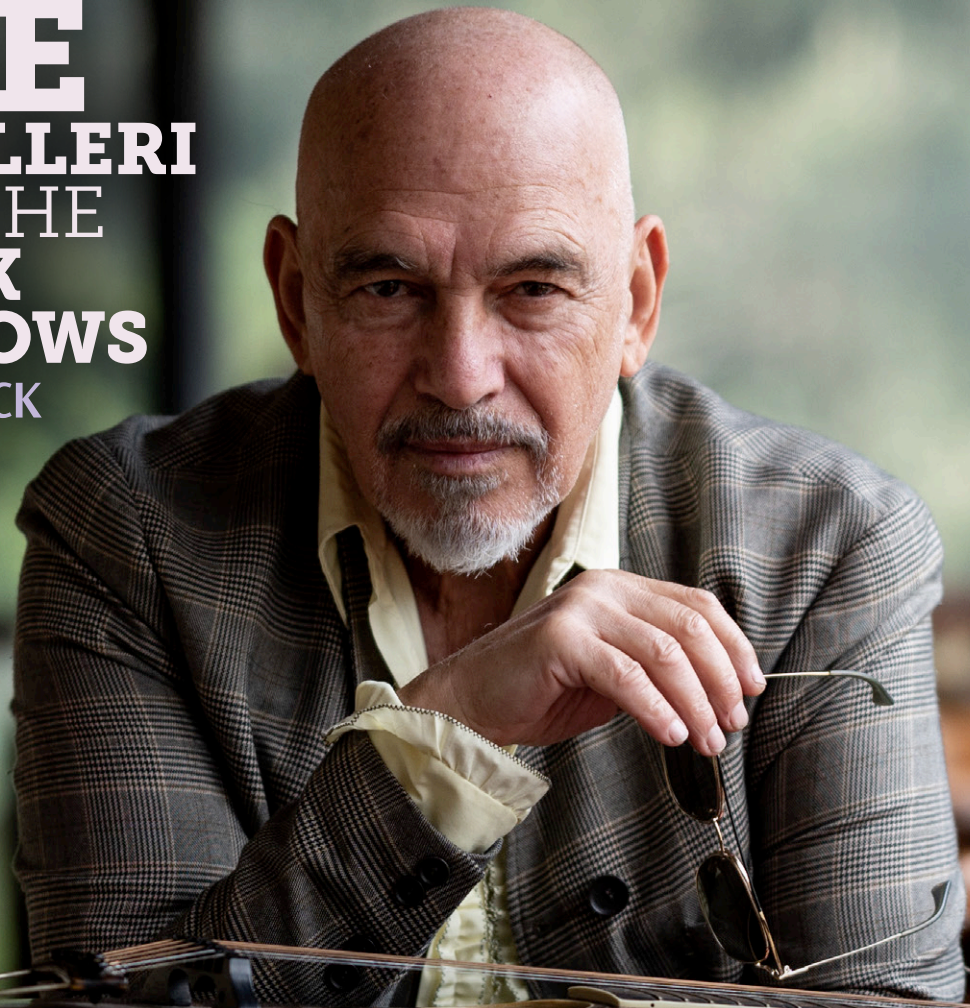


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2023



**FUN AND
FESTIVITIES**
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
AND MARKETS

BOOGONG!
**SPOOKY
HAPPENINGS**



A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

Our construction team have been making the most of the breaks in the rain to get on with building the roads and services for the new stages of Googong. The last 5 stages of Googong Central are under construction and will be finished within the next 4-5 months.

DA approval for the future neighbourhoods 3, 4 and 5 was obtained in September and Huon Contractors have been awarded the construction contract for the first stages of NH3 (aka Googong West). Preliminary construction work will commence before Christmas.

Following on from the informal virtual community information session held in August, the Structure Plan and DA for the first stage of the Town Centre have now been lodged. Council will publicly exhibit the applications and will invite formal feedback from the community.

Construction of Bunyip Park is now complete with the lake side decks, performance stage, shelters and Bunyip themed play structure open for you all to enjoy.

Our new sales centre is now open and we encourage all Googonians to pop in to say 'hi' and enjoy the new building in its setting overlooking the lake and the Molonglo Ranges.



The latest two sporting fields, sports field 3 and 4, have settled in nicely and we're looking forward to some warmer weather to start the growing season off strongly. Soft landscaping around both fields is complete with a view to open both fields in spring. The skatepark is almost complete with the full-sized basketball court, public WIFI, DJ booth, shelter, cricket net facility and kickabout area included in the list of activities in this area. There are still hazards within the construction fence and we ask all Googonians to respect the fences and refrain from trespassing. We are as excited to open these areas as you are to use them but please be patient for a few more weeks!

Construction will soon start on the look-out shelter at Nangi Pimble Reserve. The reserve has been revegetated over the last five years with trees that are the main food source of the vulnerable Glossy Black Cockatoo and the lookout shelter design is inspired as such. In addition to the Nangi Pimble Reserve, construction will also start on Googong's third dog park. This dog park has been split into two sections to separate bigger dogs from smaller dogs and both sections will include an array of dog play equipment. Both areas will be likely be open to the public by the end of Autumn 2023.

Population WATCH:

THERE ARE NOW ABOUT **2,180 HOMES** OCCUPIED IN GOOGONG, WITH THE **POPULATION STANDING AT AROUND 6,500.**



Googafest 2023

A FREE LIVE MUSIC EVENT OF GOOGONIAN PROPORTIONS!

Free Event



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PLUS SUPPORT ACTS

5-9PM SAT 4 FEB

GOOGONG.NET

A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC

FREE BUSES
SEE GOOGONG.NET FOR DETAILS

ROCKLEY OVAL
GOOGONG

BOOGONG!

A CREEPY CARNIVAL



A scary night filled with ghosts, goblins and zombies

Zombie-infested streets? Vampires and werewolves eating sausage sizzles? No, it wasn't the Googonian apocalypse. It was the return of Googong's much-loved-and-equally-feared, fake-blood drenched, gruesome gathering: Boogong!

Over 10,000 people – many of them dressed to scare – enjoyed this year's event in Googong. Crowds squealed and gasped at the antics of the aerial divas, watched axe and knife jugglers death defying feats, and high-fived the roving devil stilt-walkers. It was a frightfully fun night!





THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL GOOGONG

Leading the way.

The Anglican School Googong's new Principal, Dr Clayton Massey, is a man on a mission. From as early as he can remember, Dr Massey wanted to be a teacher and he's spent a lifetime honing his expertise and knowledge, including a stint at Harvard University.



He is excited about joining The Anglican School Googong to take on the opportunity it presents as it heads towards its 10-year anniversary in 2024. The very first Year 12 class will graduate next year and the announcement of 2023 school leaders across the whole school are two important milestones to celebrate.

Dr Massey is proud that the Anglican School Googong offers facilities and programs typically expected at longer established schools. Its dedicated science labs, art, design, technology, fashion and textile spaces, food and hospitality commercial kitchen facilities, language rooms, plus specialist music, Spanish, Christian Inquiry, Physical Education teachers, an Artist in Residence 'atelier' programme and a robust daily co-curricular program of more than 30 options, are already impressive but further investment in 2023 will see its green spaces and gardens developed, play areas expanded and further infrastructure added to cater for the growing Senior Years.



Dr Massey reflects: 'To be an excellent school leader, you must be an enabler of people. That means leading in ways that find opportunities in the existing as well as the new.'

A strong advocate for developing individual capacities and creating an environment where everyone feels comfortable to explore, challenge and discover their personal learning passions, Dr Massey speaks highly of the existing continuous K-12 learning journey:

'This is a caring, nurturing school where every child is known. They aren't lost in the crowd. We are so privileged as teachers — we have an extraordinary capacity to influence the learning that takes place in our classrooms by being present and extending each and every student.'

'I'm also a passionate believer in education that develops critical and higher-order thinking and make a point of placing students at the centre of all decision making. We must invest in our children so they are not afraid of change, they respect it, and understand they possess the skills to adapt and respond.'

'It is powerful to witness what happens when the children have control over their own learning and are genuinely given space to dream, discover and to grow.'

For now, Dr Massey is busy immersing himself in the life of the school and getting to know the local community. If you would like to meet Dr Massey or learn more about The Anglican School Googong simply join a guided tour with the Principal run every fortnight on Tuesday (9am) and Thursday (5pm). Contact the school on **6154 9400** to register.

The Anglican School Googong

If you are interested in securing a place for your child in Year 7 where they can dream, discover and grow, contact us at enrolments@tasg.nsw.edu.au or on **(02) 6154 9400** to learn more.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our community.

ICON WATER WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER.



As a Googonian, you know how precious the dam and foreshores are for our community. The catchment area supplies a vital source of drinking water for our region.

This is why it is so important we work together to protect our area's remarkable characteristics — including the quality of our drinking water.

There are a few things we each need to put into action to ensure we can continue enjoying this precious resource for generations to come.

So, next time you're at the foreshores:

- Only use small electrically powered boats on the reservoir. For your safety, please make sure your battery is fully charged before every trip, and always carry a backup.
- Keep your watercraft clean, especially when coming from another water source. This will stop your boat spreading harmful bacteria and aquatic weeds into our waters.
- Do not swim at the foreshores and please be mindful when launching your watercraft. Harmful pathogens can contaminate our drinking water when we don't stay out of it!

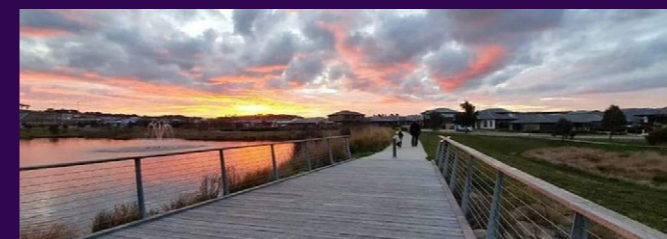
- Watercrafts are not permitted to land on any banks north of the disabled car park (except for the Tin-Hut Kayak Launch Area).
- NSW Maritime conducts watercraft inspections at Googong Foreshores, so please ensure you familiarise yourself with NSW requirements.
- Dogs are not permitted at the foreshores, including the dam. They can harm the natural environment.

When enjoying the Googong Foreshores this summer, remember the dam and rivers are currently very high and fast flowing. Be mindful that heavy rain can cause strong currents and bring debris to the waterway so please be responsible when using our waterways.

For more information on how to use this area, please visit the ACT Parks and Conservation website: www.parks.act.gov.au/find-a-park/googong-foreshores



GOOGONG RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



The Googong Residents' Association Incorporated represents its members in matters that impact Googonians.

Its Executive consists of a committee of volunteer Googonians who advocate member interests to various entities such as Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, government bodies, the township's developers, and community and corporate organisations.

The Association works to create a sense of unity and inspire community spirit, as well as develop, encourage, and foster community engagement, encouraging residents to interact with local sporting clubs, facilities, and other social activities.

Email googongra@gmail.com if you're interested in the future of the Googong community and would like to become a member of the Association — and keep your eye on our Googong Residents' Association Inc. website at www.googongra.asn.au

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MARKETS



The developers of Googong township would like to extend a warm welcome to one and all to join our annual Christmas Carols, and for the first time, Christmas Markets.

This is a non-denominational event of carol singing, with musical support from the big brass sounds of the Canberra City Band. The Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Service will be there with their trucks, and Santa will be making an appearance!

Plus there are lots and lots of market stalls, from gift hampers, Christmas decorations, Santa's Nice List Certificates, plants, antiques, scents and fragrances, bags, craft supplies, cookies, cushions, home living items, jewelry, hand knitted dolls clothing, and so much more.

This is a free event and song books will be provided. Bring a picnic or buy a treat from the food vendors we will have there on the night.

WHAT:
Christmas Carols and Markets

WHERE:
Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong

WHEN:
5-8pm (markets from 5pm, carols from 6pm)
Saturday 10 December 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FOR THE SEASON!



Queanbeyan Netball Association



Queanbeyan Netball Association kicked off the 2022 Twilight competition at the Googong Netball courts on Monday 17th October.

This is the first competition held at the Googong Courts with over 30 teams ranging from under 10 years through to Seniors, including a mix of junior, women's and mixed teams.

For further information please visit facebook.com/QNAnetball



***Stay on the ball — join the Googong resident database to avoid missing out on any resident-only events.**

Email community@googong.net to update your details. Be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net so they appear in your main inbox.



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GOOGFEST 2023

Are you ready for 2023's free live music festival of Googonian proportions?

Googfest is coming this February and will be headlined by **Joe Camilleri and The Black Sorrows**, one Australia's most prolific and enduringly popular bands lauded for their high-energy live shows, musicianship, and infectious, roots-soaked blues rock.

ARIA Hall of Famer, recently awarded 'Living Legend' status by Rolling Stone, Joe Camilleri, fronts the ARIA award-winning band known for the iconic radio anthems Hit & Run, Shape I'm In, Chained to the Wheel, Harley & Rose and Never Let Me Go.

So put the date in your calendar and get ready to rock your Googonian socks off at Rockley Oval this summer!

**SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2023
5PM-9PM, ROCKLEY OVAL, ROCKLEY PARADE**

Hello Googonians!

RECENTLY MOVED TO GOOGONG?

Here at Googong we are fortunate to have the services of a dedicated Community Manager, **Samantha**, whose job is to help foster community connections for residents.

If you're new to Googong, Samantha will be delighted to help connect you and your family members with like-minded individuals, groups, clubs, and others within the community.

Samantha's role also includes running events and activities (some public / some residents-only), supporting local sporting clubs and associations, assisting local businesses to establish themselves in the community, developing education programs to assist our stakeholders regionally, and helping to bring the community together.

Stay on top of what's on by joining our residents' database. If you think you may have unsubscribed, changed your email address, or are otherwise not on our residents' database, drop Samantha an email with your details to community@googong.net (Be sure to whitelist emails from enquiries@googong.net and community@googong.net so they appear in your main inbox.)



GOOGONG SALES CENTRE

5 Glenrock Drive Googong

**10am–4pm daily, and till 5pm
Saturday to Wednesday
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