

# Googonian Gazette

THE GOOGONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 32 - SEPTEMBER 2022



**FATHER'S DAY  
AT KITEFEST**

*Development  
Update*

**MEET BUNYIP  
PARK'S BUNYIP**

**2022  
EVENTS**



# A message from Malcolm

GOOGONG'S PROJECT DIRECTOR

## Development Update.

Our construction team are flat out building the roads and services to create the lots that we've sold to new (and upgrading) Googonians over the past 12-18 months. The last six stages of Googong Central are under construction and they will all be finished within the next 6-7 months.

We are anticipating approval of the DA for the future neighbourhoods 3, 4 and 5 in September and construction work commencing before Christmas.



Artist's impression only.

Googong Town Centre.

Following on from the informal virtual community information session held in August, the DA for the first stage of the Town Centre will be lodged in September. Council will publicly exhibit the application and will invite formal feedback from the community.

The new water supply reservoir at Nangi Pimble is now at its final height with the last concrete pour occurring in August. Work has commenced on doubling the capacity of the Water Recycling Plant to accommodate the ultimate population of Googong and is expected to be complete by September 2023.

Construction of Bunyip Park is nearing completion with the lake side decks, performance stage, shelters and play structure now complete with minor ground works left. This is an exciting project that has been challenging to construct through COVID, and it will be a beautiful space adjoining the future town centre.

Running parallel with Bunyip Park construction and sitting proudly over Bunyip Billabong, is the new permanent sales office. The building is now complete with only external landscape and carpark works left before a Certificate of Occupation can be sought. We expect both Bunyip Park and the doors to the sales office to open in October 2022.

The latest two sporting fields, sports field 3 and 4, have settled in nicely and are 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 also 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.

As mentioned above, whilst these two areas are complete, 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!!

The Rotary Club funded the Googong Exercise Loop along Montgomery Creek which was opened on a rainy day in August by Mayor Winchester. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rotary Club and Glascott Landscape and Civil for their contribution. Importantly the loop provides for non-organised, incidental activation within the diverse community of Googong.

There are now about 2,130 homes occupied, with the population standing at around 6,300.

Cover Image: Kitefest, September 2022.

# BUNYIP PARK'S RESIDENT NEEDS A NAME!



**Bunyip Park is our new lakeside park that greets you as you enter our township, gathering residents and visitors together. The Googong Bunyip is the resident and carer for the park.**

For thousands of years, the local Ngunnawal and Ngambri people have known that the bunyip has protected our waters, teaching us to respect and care for Bunyip Billabong, Montgomery's Creek and all our waterways.

Some say the bunyip is a mythical emu-roo-horse creature, but pay close attention and you'll become a believer.

The giant and smiling bunyip is shy so try to spot footprints from their last visit, or carefully watch the billabong and other waterways to see if the bunyip is having a nap. Baby bunyips hatch out of bunyip eggs so maybe you'll be lucky enough to find some in the playground!

The Googong Bunyip is happy in his new billabong, but he's in need of a name. So if you'd like to come up with a name for our newest Googonian, submit your ideas and you just might become part of Googong's history!

**How to submit:**

Email our Community Manager Samantha at [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) by 31 October 2022.



From left to right: Candice Cox (GRA President), Lyn Edwards (Googong Resident) and QPRC Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

# GOOGONG ON TRACK WITH SPORTS PRECINCT ADDITION.

## Expansion of Googong's sporting precinct continues with the unveiling of a new 1.5-kilometre fitness loop, which includes six new exercise equipment sites.

The project was funded by the township and the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra and Googong, joining the community's extensive sports precinct which is home to a 320-metre BMX track, six netball courts and more.

Googong Project Director Malcolm Leslie said the new fitness loop transforms the area by offering a one-stop venue for sport and physical activity.

**“We're proud to partner with the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra and Googong on the new equipment. Without the support and additional funding from the Rotary Club, this wouldn't have been possible,” said Mr Leslie.**

“We want to foster a tight-knit community and get the people of Googong together to enjoy everything our township has to offer, and this new fitness loop does just that. It's critical to supporting the health, wellbeing and community connection within Googong, providing residents with countless health and social benefits. With its new balance beam, parallel bars, step-up station, aerobic cycle, sit-up station and multi-use bench, the loop will no doubt prove popular with people of all ages, fitness levels and abilities.”

The need for a fitness loop was based on community feedback after a consultation led by the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra and Googong. Significant funding for the project was also secured through the Rotary Club's network.

The Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra and Googong President John Askew said the fitness loop provided an important place for the community.

**“We aim to fund projects that respond to real community needs, like the need for an outdoor recreational space dedicated to health and fitness. To understand what the community needed, we completed a letterbox drop of Googonians for feedback and held a fundraising drive to deliver the loop. By working with Googong and Council to bring this fitness loop to life, we have been able to create something that everyone can enjoy, and that speaks to our goal of creating a fun and vibrant community,” Mr Askew said.**

The fitness loop adds to the growing sports precinct which will include an Indoor Pool and Sports Centre, netball centre, tennis centre, skate park, pitch and putt, BMX track, seven sports fields, and the Googong Sports and Recreation Club. The fitness loop is free to the public and will be maintained by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

Mayor Kenrick Winchester said the new fitness loop is a great addition for the Googong community.

**“It's awesome to see equipment that encourages people to get outside and be active. Projects like this really foster a sense of community and Council is glad to have helped bring this idea into reality,” said Mayor Winchester.**

# Googong's Rural Fire Service Open Day.

FREE  
EVENT!



**10am—2pm, Saturday 8 October.**

Googong's Rural Fire Service Open Day is a fascinating adventure for the young and the young-at-heart. Our local crew from the Jerrabomberra Creek Rural Fire Brigade will be on hand at Googong with lots of free family fun, on Saturday 8 October.

Climb the big red fire trucks or have a go with the hoses under the watchful eye of our fireies. Try the emergency gear on for size and share some of the amazing stories from our local heroes. If you've always dreamed of being a firefighter don't miss your chance to have a go.

Everyone is invited to this great day out with live music, Rotary sausage sizzle and truck loads of fun.

Enjoy the day at Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive, Googong.



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# Kitefest 2022

IT'S A SKY FULL OF FUN AT GOOGONG!





# PRAM WALK, TALK & EXERCISE GROUP



The Pram Walk, Talk & Exercise Group is all about boosting mental wellness through outdoor exercise and social connection.

As the days begin to get longer and brighter, come and join our social walks and exercise for parents with children in prams. We meet on Thursdays at Googong's Beltana Park at 9.30am. Parents are invited to join us for an hour of walking and exercise, led by a Personal Trainer with postnatal exercise training qualifications. Previously, walks have been accompanied by a NSW Child and Family Health Nurse, however due to the current staffing shortages, we sadly don't have a nurse available to join us at the moment. All participants must have completed their 6-week postnatal medical check with their GP prior to commencing the walks.

For further information, please contact Matt at RED Fitness via email at [real.exercise.demand@gmail.com](mailto:real.exercise.demand@gmail.com)

The weekly Pram Walk, Talk & Exercise Group is proudly supported by The Surgery at Jerra, the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra, Googong Township, RED Fitness, QPRC, and Southern NSW Local Health District.



## CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL HOLDERS

If you'd like to host a stall at our Googong Christmas Markets on 3 December, please email Samantha at [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net)





# NEW GOOGONG SALES CENTRE

**Googong's new and permanent Sales Centre is taking shape within Bunyip Park and is on track to open in early October.**

The dramatic open-planned space takes in northerly views across the lake and will provide a vibrant experience of the town.

The building has been impeccably designed by Clarke Keller Architects, with interior design by the Dept of Design, and construction by CapCorp.

The site is next to Googong's future town centre which, along with Bunyip Park, will become a focal point for the community in the coming years. The town centre is expected to open in 2025.

Pop in when the Sales Centre opens to say hi to Sharon, Rhiannon, Lisa and Samantha, grab a cuppa and see the space for yourself!



## FUN FACTS FROM ICON WATER ABOUT THE GOOGONG FORESHORES

Impress your friends with these fun facts about the Googong Foreshores.

### Googong Dam

- The Googong Dam and reservoir supply drinking water to our region.
- The Dam was completed in 1979, upgraded in 1995 and again in 2010.
- The dam wall is an earth and rock fill embankment with a clay core and a concrete chute spillway.
- The 66-metre dam can hold back 121,083 megalitres of water. This is almost equal to all of Icon Water's Cotter catchments combined.

### Water Protection zone

Did you know the Dam wall, and surrounding fenced-off area, is managed under a 'water protection zone'? This includes critical infrastructure like our intake tower and water treatment plant. Shoreline access (e.g. for landing boats or fishing) is prohibited in this zone to mitigate the risk of polluting your drinking water.

Prohibition of watercraft access beyond the buoy line also protects visitors from physical hazards. Visitors must follow the water protection zone rules to ensure recreation continues to be permitted. These rules help protect water infrastructure assets and conserve this area's remarkable characteristics.

Please enjoy the Googong Foreshores safely and help us protect your drinking water.



**FREE  
EVENT**

# BOOGONG!

A CREEPY CARNIVAL



**ROLL UP TO OUR SERIOUSLY SCARY,  
CIRCUS-THEMED HALLOWEEN EVENT!**

Dress up your family in your most ghoulish garb, let your little monsters off the chain and enjoy a frightfully fun evening of entertainment, food and people watching at Boogong! This year's event is at Rockley Oval, and will feature a stage with live entertainment.

**PERFORMANCES × FOOD VENDORS**

**5-9PM SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER**



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# GOOGONG BUILDER HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGES

**GUILD BUILDER**

**ACHIEVE HOMES**



CLASSIC HIP - VERANDAH



AREAS	
Living	123m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	38m <sup>2</sup>
Alfresco	15m <sup>2</sup>
Verandah	5m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>181m<sup>2</sup></b>



**MARRAKESH 22**

**House and Land Package \$860,000\***

🏠 204m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 4 🍳 2 • Lot No. 654 • Lot Size 330m<sup>2</sup>

**GUILD BUILDER**

**Burbank**  
*There's no place like home*

AREAS	
Living	123m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	38m <sup>2</sup>
Porch	5m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>178m<sup>2</sup></b>


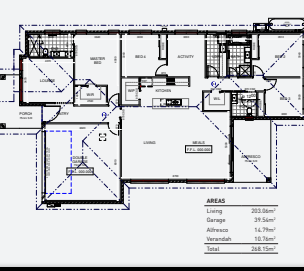
**CUSACK 178**

**House and Land Package \$895,521\***

🏠 178m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 3 🍳 2 • Lot No. 3103 • Lot Size 428<sup>2</sup>

**GUILD BUILDER**

**G.J. Gardner. HOMES**

AREAS	
Living	203.88m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	28.54m <sup>2</sup>
Alfresco	14.79m <sup>2</sup>
Verandah	12.20m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>259.41m<sup>2</sup></b>



**MODIFIED CLAREMONT**

**House and Land Package \$1,112,824\***

🏠 268m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 4 🍳 2.5 • Lot No. 3110 • Lot Size 549m<sup>2</sup>

**GUILD BUILDER**

**I.D.E.A.L**  
BUILDING SOLUTIONS PTY LTD

AREAS	
Living	153m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	39m <sup>2</sup>
Alfresco	17m <sup>2</sup>
Verandah	8m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>217m<sup>2</sup></b>

**THE MONASH**

**House and Land Package \$995,000\***

🏠 218m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 4 🍳 2 • Lot No. 670 • Lot Size 376m<sup>2</sup>

**GUILD BUILDER**

**INTEGRITY**  
NEW HOMES




AREAS	
Living	154.00m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	39.63m <sup>2</sup>
Alfresco	12.78m <sup>2</sup>
Verandah	6.30m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>212.71m<sup>2</sup></b>

**CUSTOM 212**

**House and Land Package \$916,000\***

🏠 212m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 4 🍳 2 • Lot No. 1486 • Lot Size 391m<sup>2</sup>

**GUILD BUILDER**

**RAWSON HOMES**




AREAS	
Living (ground + first floor)	102.38m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	33.92m <sup>2</sup>
Alfresco	9.82m <sup>2</sup>
Porch	2.20m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>227.40m<sup>2</sup></b>

**BALMORAL 25**

**House and Land Package \$1,154,300\***

🏠 227m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 4 🍳 2 • Lot No. 3143 • Lot Size 450m<sup>2</sup>

**GUILD BUILDER**

**Thrive Homes**




AREAS	
Living (ground + first floor)	111.20m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	23.20m <sup>2</sup>
Alfresco	9.60m <sup>2</sup>
Porch	1.50m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>235.50m<sup>2</sup></b>

**ZEPELE 25**

**House and Land Package \$1,020,930\***

🏠 235m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 5 🍳 3 • Lot No. 3116 • Lot Size 365m<sup>2</sup>

**GUILD BUILDER**

**apa HOMES**  
CUSTOM DESIGN SPECIALIST




AREAS	
Living (ground + first floor)	186.57m <sup>2</sup>
Garage	27.64m <sup>2</sup>
Alfresco	12.88m <sup>2</sup>
Verandah	6.41m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>233.50m<sup>2</sup></b>

**HOME665**

**House and Land Package \$1,099,000\***

🏠 243m<sup>2</sup> 🚗 2 📺 4 🍳 2+Pdwr • Lot No. 665 • Lot Size 385m<sup>2</sup>

\*Based on separate house and land contracts. Builder Terms and Conditions apply. Renders/plans are subject to final approval from Googong Township.

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## GOOGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

On Tuesday the 20 August the inaugural Googong Public School Parents & Citizens meeting was held and our very first Executive team were elected! We had a great turn out for the meeting with over 40 people in attendance and 37 joining the P&C.

Candice, Skye, Dean, Terry, Jade, Muhammed, Jo M and Jo L are all delighted to be able to steer the P&C as the new executive committee and support our amazing school as it becomes the heart of our community it is destined to be.



A huge thank you goes out to the regional P&C President, Kenrick Winchester for his work to support the establishment of the P&C and chair the meeting.

While the P&C is being set up, news about upcoming meetings will be able to be found on the Googong Public School facebook page.

For information on enrolments, please visit the school website, [Googong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Googong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or contact the school on [Googong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Googong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or **0499 653 674**.

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND INJURED WILDLIFE



Wildcare Queanbeyan Inc is a volunteer organisation that rescues sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife. We then raise and rehabilitate the animals under our care for release back into their natural habitat.

If you find wildlife needing assistance, just call the **Wildcare Helpline on 6299 1966** and a rescuer will assess the animal and determine the best course of action. Add the number to your list of contacts so that you've got it when you need it. You never know when you might be able to help save a life!

It can also be helpful if you are able to take a photo of the animal from a safe distance without causing it unnecessary stress. Remember, injured animals can behave in unpredictable ways.

Wildcare Queanbeyan is a not-for-profit charity which operates 24/7. It relies on donations to ensure the continued operation of the rescue and rehabilitation services. If you would like to donate and support their care for wildlife, the account details are as follows:

**Account name: Wildcare Queanbeyan Public Fund**

**BSB: 062-593**

**Account Number: 1021-6803**

Please let us know that you have donated by emailing [treasurer@wildcare.com.au](mailto:treasurer@wildcare.com.au) so that we can send you a receipt.

Photo: Wombat joey rescued from Old Cooma Rd at Little Burra  
Photo and Text: Bec Quinn

## A message from the Cannons Googong and Liquor & Co. Teams

To our wonderful Googong community, thank you for your continued support, we're so grateful to serve you all.

Don't forget to take advantage of our newly launched weekend specials in our fresh produce department. Keep an eye on our social media channels (@CannonsIGAGoogong on Facebook, and @CannonsGoogong on Instagram) to spot them and save! As always, we're passionate about bringing variety and savings to our local community.

With the festive season just around the corner, we're looking forward to stocking some of your Christmas favourites in store including Continental lines, panettone, stollen, fruit mince tarts,

plum puddings, pavlovas and so much more. We'll also be offering a selection of Christmas hams and Australian seafood, making Cannons Googong your one stop shop for all your Christmas needs.

And remember that Liquor & Co. has all your local drops, craft beers, summer cocktails and delicious gifts.

**See you in store soon,  
The Cannons Googong and Liquor & Co. teams**



# GORMAN & CO

## GREAT PUB OPTIONS EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

Gorman & Co in Googong opened its doors to the public in 2020, with your support in the face of lockdowns. Finally in 2022, they have opened their doors completely without restrictions and can settle fully into our fast-growing community.

Open 7 days a week (including lunch hours Thursday-Sunday), Gorman & Co have great things to offer the community including Trivia, Games, Schnitzel Nights, Pizza Nights, and Live Music and heaps of local event functions. Their options range from dine-in to takeaway with their online ordering system, as well as recently adding me&u beacons to every table for easy ordering from your table so you can skip the queues.

**Gorman & Co serve up whatever you're thirsty for, from your usual tap beers, large range of spirits, Balter and 4 Pines craft beers as well as everyone's favourite Brookvale Ginger Beer.**

Get in touch with us on the Gorman & Co Facebook page, email [info@gormanandco.com.au](mailto:info@gormanandco.com.au) or call **0480 281 825**.



# Bust a move at EMPIRE PERFORMING ARTS

Googong's premier dance school, EPA Dance, has been welcoming budding performers since 2018 when they first opened their doors right here in Googong. As we reach the end of 2022, EPA students are preparing to finish the year off strong with competitions, exams and their highly anticipated end of year show!

A massive congratulations are in order for the EPA Dance troupe students, who only started competing this year and have already won 11 First Places, an Adjudicator's Award, as well as qualifying for Nationals both here in Canberra and on the Gold Coast! EPA Dance is blown away by their achievements and wishes them luck for their upcoming performances.

With Ballet, Tap and Acrobatics exams still to come, plus an End of Year Show that will see 200 Googong students take to the stage, the remainder of 2022 is sure to be busy.

Enrolments are always open for students looking to join in on the fun so please get in touch with EPA Dance if you think your child might enjoy classes. It's not too late to join in for the end of year show!

[hello@epadance.com](mailto:hello@epadance.com) | [www.epadance.com](http://www.epadance.com) | 0434 847 783



# SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS



## RFS Open Day/ Bunyip Park Opening

Saturday 8 October  
10am–2pm  
BUNYIP PARK, WELLSVALE DRIVE



## Christmas Market Stall Holders

If you'd like to host a stall at our  
Googong Christmas Markets  
on 3 December, please  
email Samantha at  
[community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net)

## Googong Christmas Markets

Saturday 3 December  
10am–2pm  
BUNYIP PARK, WELLSVALE DRIVE



## BOOGONG Halloween at Googong

Saturday 29 October  
5–9pm  
ROCKLEY OVAL



## Afternoon Christmas Celebrations and Carols

Saturday 10 December  
6–8pm  
BUNYIP PARK, WELLSVALE DRIVE



Be sure you've joined the resident database, so you don't miss out on our special resident-only events.

Email [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) to update your details and be sure to whitelist emails from [enquiries@googong.net](mailto:enquiries@googong.net) and [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) so they appear in your main inbox.

# Hello Googonians!

HAVE YOU MOVED INTO GOOGONG?



**We're lucky to have a Community Manager, Samantha, whose job is to help foster community connections for residents.**

She can help to connect you and your family members to like-minded individuals, groups, clubs, and others within the community. Her role includes running events and activities (some public and some residents-only), supporting local sporting clubs and associations, assisting local businesses to establish themselves in the community, developing education programs to assist our regional stakeholders.

If you want to stay on top of what's on, join our resident database. If you think you may have unsubscribed, changed your email address, or haven't joined yet, drop her an email with your details to [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) and be sure to whitelist emails from [enquiries@googong.net](mailto:enquiries@googong.net) and [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) so they appear in your main inbox.



## GOOGONG SALES OFFICE

12 Courtney Street, Googong

10am–5pm Saturday to Wednesday and  
10am–4pm Thursday and Friday.

1300 446 646 or [enquiries@googong.net](mailto:enquiries@googong.net)

Staff are available every day (except some public holidays)

# DEFENCE FAMILIES AT GOOGONG

The Googong Defence Residents group enriches the often-challenging lives of Defence families. The group provides support in making friendships and connections through social activities and events.

To keep up to date with what's happening within the Googong Defence community, be sure to follow the Googong Defence Residents Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/2064093040531205](https://facebook.com/groups/2064093040531205) and make sure you are on the community database.

Email [community@googong.net](mailto:community@googong.net) to check whether you are signed up for community news.

# 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](mailto:community@googong.net)



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