

GOOGONIAN GAZETTE

**SAMANTHA JADE
HEADLINES
GOOGFEST**



**GOOGONG'S
AUSTRALIA DAY
AWARD**

**BUNYIP DRIVE
INTERSECTION**

**TENNIS CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION**



A MESSAGE FROM GLEN FREW, GOOGONG EXECUTIVE

Welcome to our first issue for 2025. I have been working with the Googong team behind the scenes for several years and am excited to take a more hands-on role into 2025.

GOOGFEST 2025

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EVENTS PROGRAM

Our extensive events program play a vital role in shaping the strong community we envisioned and we invite you to save the dates for our upcoming events in 2025 (see back page). Residents are also encouraged to keep their details up-to-date to ensure they don't miss out.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction of the signalised intersection of Bunyip Drive with Old Cooma Road is well underway and should be opening in the next couple of months, marking a big milestone for the Township, completing the third and final access to Old Cooma Road.

The Googong Hotel, adjacent to Bunyip Park, are aiming to commence their construction in the next few months while the Googong Convenience Centre (7-11 petrol station, McDonalds, KFC, Reject Shop and Childcare Centre) have commenced construction and hope to open in late 2025. Negotiations are continuing for the main retail shops (centring on Coles) of the Googong Town Centre. Good progress is being made and we hope to have something more definitive to report in the next newsletter.

The DA for the Googong Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre was approved late last year with our attention now turning to detailed design. It is anticipated that a construction certificate application will be submitted toward the end of this year.

Landscape construction work is well underway adjacent to the future Googong West Village Centre. Works include a shelter with BBQ facilities, bioretention basins and footpaths connecting to the existing footpath network. The works are aiming to be completed and open to the public in May.

Construction will soon commence on the second stage of Common South, including the Googong Tennis Centre. Works include carparking, playground, six full sized tennis courts, one grand slam sized court, dedicated hot shots/pickleball/padel tennis courts, rebound wall, spectator seating and shelters.

The NSW Government advises that the Googong High School master plan is complete, which determines the location of the new high school buildings. They are now completing the schematic design which will detail the form of buildings and functionality of internal spaces. Their designs have been worked on in consultation with architects and the Project Reference Group (PRG) which includes representatives from the community and educational leadership in the region.

The NSW Government have released a construction tender to appoint a building contractor for the high school which will be awarded in the coming months. The high school is projected to open for term 1, 2027.

We have recently achieved a huge milestone with the sale of the 3,000th lot at Googong. There are around 2,850 homes occupied, with the population standing at around 8,100. Thanks to all the Googong project team and residents who have shared this journey.

Sincerely
Glen Frew
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Left to Right: Hon Kristy McBain (MP), Cr Kenrick Winchester (QPRC Mayor), Samantha Remmers (Googong Community Manager). Photo Genevieve Hunt Photography

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A huge congratulations goes to Samantha Remmers, our Community Manager at Googong. Samantha has managed the Googfest event since it was launched in 2015 and was the one to accept the award on behalf of the Peet/Mirvac Joint Venture. Congratulations also to Caroline Whitelum, State Marketing Manager, who initiated the concept as a key platform for the Googong marketing strategy back in 2014. Community development initiatives have been previously recognised with Googong winning the prestigious UDIA NSW Award for Marketing Excellence in 2020.



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snapshot

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PHOTOS: Lightbulb Studio





HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGES

GUILD BUILDER





AREAS	
Living	184.35m ²
Garage	38.70m ²
Alfresco	13.40m ²
Porch	8.40m ²
Total	245.85m²

IMMENSE HOUSE

House and Land Package \$999,000*

🏠 245m² 🚗 4 🛏 4 🍽 2 • Lot No. 2226 • Lot Size 400m²

GUILD BUILDER





AREAS	
Living	157.0m ²
Garage	39.8m ²
Alfresco	10.0m ²
Porch	7.0m ²
Total	213.8m²

BIRCH

House and Land Package \$915,000*

🏠 213m² 🚗 4 🛏 4 🍽 2 • Lot No. 2151 • Lot Size 363m²

GUILD BUILDER





AREAS	
Living	148.0m ²
Garage	37.50m ²
Alfresco	9.72m ²
Verandah	9.48m ²
Total	194.70m²

THE EDWARDS

House and Land Package \$998,000*

🏠 194m² 🚗 4 🛏 4 🍽 2 • Lot No. 1058 • Lot Size 497m²

GUILD BUILDER






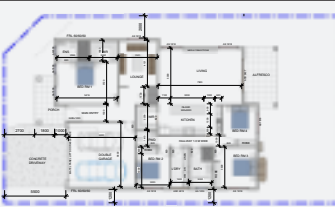
AREAS	
Living	11.0m ²
Garage	41.7m ²
Alfresco	17.1m ²
Porch	12.5m ²
Total	242.3m²

THE MARLEY

House and Land Package \$998,000*

🏠 242m² 🚗 4 🛏 4 🍽 2 • Lot No. 2406 • Lot Size 420m²

GUILD BUILDER

AREAS	
Living	179.60m ²
Garage	37.70m ²
Alfresco	13.90m ²
Porch	9.40m ²
Total	263.60m²

PRIMEROSE

House and Land Package \$1,049,000*

🏠 253m² 🚗 4 🛏 4 🍽 2 • Lot No. 2446 • Lot Size 498m²

GUILD BUILDER





AREAS	
Living	140.01m ²
Garage	37.12m ²
Alfresco	16.03m ²
Verandah	7.09m ²
Porch	2.14m ²
Total	202.39m²

HOME 2150

House and Land Package \$931,000*

🏠 202m² 🚗 3 🛏 3 🍽 2 • Lot No. 2150 • Lot Size 363m²

*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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HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGES

GUILD BUILDER

BLD homes



AREAS	
Living	178.00m ²
Garage	43.70m ²
Alfresco	18.20m ²
Porch	1.50m ²
Total	241.50m²




THE MARIPOSA 245

House and Land Package \$1,295,000*

🏠 245m² 🚗 4 🍽️ 2 • Lot No. 1155 • Lot Size 513m²

GUILD BUILDER

Sunny Homes
ACT / FBW




AREAS	
Living	197.80m ²
Garage	38.70m ²
Alfresco	8.70m ²
Porch	8.80m ²
Total	253.80m²

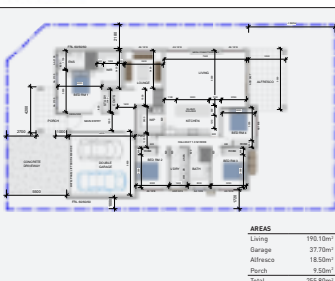
SOUTHCOTE

House and Land Package \$1,049,000*

🏠 253m² 🚗 4 🍽️ 2 • Lot No. 2412 • Lot Size 516m²

GUILD BUILDER

Sunny Homes
ACT / FBW

AREAS	
Living	190.10m ²
Garage	37.70m ²
Alfresco	18.00m ²
Porch	9.50m ²
Total	255.80m²

BROOKSIDE

House and Land Package \$1,049,000*

🏠 255m² 🚗 4 🍽️ 2 • Lot No. 2442 • Lot Size 498m²

GUILD BUILDER

ABM




AREAS	
Living	153.5m ²
Garage	36.5m ²
Alfresco	13.6m ²
Porch	9.1m ²
Total	212.7m²

GRIVILLIA

House and Land Package \$885,000*

🏠 212m² 🚗 4 🍽️ 2 • Lot No. 2209 • Lot Size 337m²

GUILD BUILDER

BLD homes



AREAS	
Living	11.00m ²
Garage	41.70m ²
Alfresco	17.10m ²
Porch	12.20m ²
Total	242.30m²



THE MARLEY

House and Land Package \$998,000*

🏠 242m² 🚗 4 🍽️ 2 • Lot No. 2406 • Lot Size 420m²

GUILD BUILDER

apa HOMES
CUSTOM DESIGN SPECIALIST




AREAS	
Living	150.74m ²
Garage	37.21m ²
Alfresco	13.67m ²
Verandah	4.54m ²
Porch	2.00m ²
Total	208.17m²

HOME 2151

House and Land Package \$951,000*

🏠 208m² 🚗 4 🍽️ 2 • Lot No. 2151 • Lot Size 363m²

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HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGES

GUILD BUILDER

Joh JD HOMES




AREAS	
Living	200m ²
Garage	39m ²
Alfresco	33m ²
Porch	14m ²
Total	286m²



CAPRI

House and Land Package \$1,229,000*

🏠 286m² 🚗 4 🛏 2.5 • Lot No. 2408 • Lot Size 541m²

GUILD BUILDER

DJ HOMES

AREAS	
Living	195m ²
Garage	45m ²
Alfresco	15m ²
Porch	11m ²
Total	261m²



ADELONG

House and Land Package \$1,077,000*

🏠 261m² 🚗 4 🛏 2 • Lot No. 2412 • Lot Size 516m²

GUILD BUILDER

Burbank

AREAS	
Living	291.5m ²
Garage	35.2m ²
Alfresco	13.7m ²
Porch	4.7m ²
Total	344.2m²



NEWELL 346

House and Land Package \$1,078,786*

🏠 346m² 🚗 5 🛏 3.5 • Lot No. 2412 • Lot Size 516m²

GUILD BUILDER

Joh JD HOMES

AREAS	
Living	145m ²
Garage	38m ²
Alfresco	24m ²
Porch	12m ²
Total	236m²

THE GILLARD

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

🏠 236m² 🚗 4 🛏 2 • Lot No. 2217 • Lot Size 400m²

GUILD BUILDER

m.donald jones




AREAS	
Living	109.4m ²
Garage	19.2m ²
Patio	6.0m ²
Total	134.6m²



TAVIRA TWO – KIALLA FAÇADE

House and Land Package \$833,300*

🏠 134m² 🚗 3 🛏 1 • Lot No. 2210 • Lot Size 337m²

GUILD BUILDER

Burbank

AREAS	
Living	226m ²
Garage	34.6m ²
Alfresco	15.3m ²
Porch	3.1m ²
Total	292m²

BANCROFT 291

House and Land Package \$1,030,987*

🏠 292m² 🚗 4 🛏 3 • Lot No. 2213 • Lot Size 337m²

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HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGES

GUILD BUILDER

m.donald jones




AREAS	
Living	136.68m ²
Garage	33.34m ²
Alfresco	11.42m ²
Verandah	5.00m ²
Total	186.44m ²



ALMERIA ONE

House and Land Package \$903,300*

🏠 186m² 🚗 4 🛏 2 • Lot No. 2213 • Lot Size 337m²

GUILD BUILDER

Burbank

AREAS	
Living	195m ²
Garage	34m ²
Porch	4m ²
Total	229m ²



THORPE 235

House and Land Package \$993,487*

🏠 235m² 🚗 4 🛏 2.5 • Lot No. 2130 • Lot Size 422m²

GUILD BUILDER

DJ HOMES

AREAS	
Living	195m ²
Garage	40m ²
Alfresco	23m ²
Porch	11m ²
Total	269m ²

BARNARD

House and Land Package \$1,097,000*

🏠 269m² 🚗 4 🛏 2 • Lot No. 2408 • Lot Size 540m²

GUILD BUILDER

m.donald jones




AREAS	
Living	228.00m ²
Garage	33.61m ²
Alfresco	13.00m ²
Porch and Balcony	20.00m ²
Total	294.61m ²

ENZO ONE – EASPORT FAÇADE

House and Land Package \$1,074,200*

🏠 283m² 🚗 4 🛏 2.5 • Lot No. 2213 • Lot Size 337m²

GUILD BUILDER

m.donald jones




AREAS	
Living	226.00m ²
Garage	34.30m ²
Alfresco	9.50m ²
Porch and Balcony	14.00m ²
Total	283.80m ²

VALIENTE TWO – VINCENT FAÇADE

House and Land Package \$1,085,700*

🏠 275m² 🚗 4 🛏 2.5 • Lot No. 2255 • Lot Size 363m²

GUILD BUILDER

Sunny Homes




AREAS	
Living	140m ²
Garage	100m ²
Alfresco	10m ²
Porch	10m ²
Total	260m ²

WISDOM HOUSE

House and Land Package \$999,000*

🏠 245m² 🚗 4 🛏 2 • Lot No. 2226 • Lot Size 400m²

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Googong Residents' Association Inc.

The executive committee and members hope everyone had a wonderful festive Christmas and New Year. The committee looks forward to working with its members in 2025 to help grow this wonderful community we all share.

The Googong Residents' Association Inc. (GRA) represents its members in matters that impact Googong residents. The GRA executive is a committee of volunteer residents that work to advocate member interests to various entities such as Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, government bodies, the township's developers, community and corporate organisations.

The association aims to create a sense of unity and inspire community spirit, as well as develop, encourage, and foster community engagement among residents, sporting clubs, facilities, and other social interests.

If you are interested in the future of our suburb and you would like to become a member or committee member of the Googong Residents' Association, please email Dean Martin at googongra@gmail.com. Please like our Facebook group at facebook.com/GoogongRA



WALK, RUN OR RIDE. IT'S GREAT TO BE OUTSIDE.

We Googonians love the great outdoors – so it's rather lucky for us that we have the trails of Googong Foreshores right on our doorstep.

There are trails of varying length for all levels of experience and fitness, so anyone can enjoy the beautiful natural environments and views that make the Googong Dam Nature Reserve so unique.

So, what are you waiting for? Choose the walk, run or ride that's right for you and we'll see you out on trails!

We have prepared a comprehensive brochure and map of run and mountain bike trails including distances and times. Grab your copy of the Googong Dam's Nature Trails brochure from the Googong Sales Centre. Open 7 days, 5 Glenrock Drive Googong.





Little Feet, Big Dreams: Lil' Groovers comes to Googong!

Exciting news for Googong's youngest movers and shakers! Empire Performing Arts (EPA Dance) is bringing its popular Lil' Groovers program to town, offering a magical introduction to dance for children aged 1-5 years.

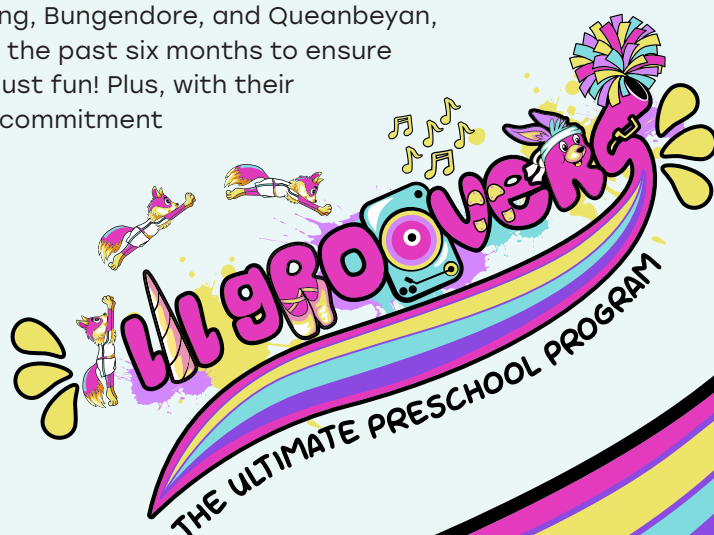
Designed to spark confidence, coordination, and creativity, Lil' Groovers provides a fun and nurturing space where little ones can explore movement, music, and self-expression. Whether they love twirling in ballet, bouncing to jazz beats, or tackling ninja-style challenges, there's a class to suit every tiny dancer.

With classes running six mornings a week across Googong, Bungendore, and Queanbeyan, this carefully crafted program has been developed over the past six months to ensure high-quality, age-appropriate instruction. No pressure, just fun! Plus, with their 'Love it or it's free' trial, families can try a class with no commitment if their little one isn't ready.

Beyond preschool dance, EPA Dance also offers hundreds of classes each week for students aged 5+, covering a wide range of styles including ballet, jazz, hip-hop, tap, aerial silks, and more.

Ready to give it a go?

Visit epadance.com to learn more and book a trial class today!



UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE



Googong Playgroup

9.30am–10.30am Friday mornings (during school term)

Googong Community Centre. Corner Gorman Drive and McPhail Way Googong.

Free to ACT Playgroup Members.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Dawn (5.45am) Friday 25 April 2025

ANZAC Memorial, Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong



Kitefest (Father's Day)

11am–2pm Sunday 7 September 2025

Rockley Oval, Googong

BYO picnic (and kite) or enjoy a gourmet burger and sausage sizzle from the vendors. Live DJ Music, plus giant kites on display, and great family fun. Free.



Rural Fire Service Open Day

October 2025

Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong

Free family fun where kids (and adults) can climb the fire trucks, play with the fire hoses, and dress up in fire gear. Meet representatives of your local Rural Fire Service, Parks and Wildlife Rangers, Googong Dam's ICON Water, Googong Landcare, and more. Live music. Food vendors. Free.



Christmas Party

13 December 2025

Bunyip Park, Wellsvale Drive Googong

Googong is set to shimmer this year with a Christmas Carols Party like we've never seen! The Baker Boys Band are set to light up the stage with a their polished performance that is set to be a magical night for the whole family!

Carol books are provided and everyone is welcome. Bring a picnic or buy a treat from the food stalls. Free.

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.



A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEET AND MIRVAC

While care has been taken to ensure that information contained in this newsletter is true and correct at the time of publication, changes in circumstances after the time of publication may impact on the accuracy of this information.