



Jerrabomberra Newsletter

A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. July 2006.

President's Report

Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry

The JRA Committee has been working overtime since our last newsletter to prepare our written submission to the NSW Government's 'Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry'. We also presented our submission to the panel at the public hearings on 28 June in Queanbeyan.

The JRA Committee compiled the submission after seeking input from all JRA members. Our submission did not recommend a definitive position for new residential proposals, as our membership holds mixed views. However, we did provide a balanced approach detailing the pros and cons of what should happen if different proposals are approved.

The key focus was on the shortcomings of existing infrastructure, particularly in roads and education, and its inability to meet current needs - let alone a doubling in the population!

The JRA's written and verbal submissions are representative of the views of the broader Jerrabomberra community, and are a responsible attempt to contribute to the development of the region.

Our submissions to the panel are unique as they focus on community benefit and the 'people factor', while the majority of other submissions were about profitability and commercial use. Our views came from you - the people who will be directly affected by the development.

All Jerrabomberra residents have reason to share the JRA's feeling of insult resulting from the ACT Government's submission. Their submission described Jerrabomberra as a dormitory suburb of Canberra that "lacks all but basic services and community facilities". The ACT Government and the Canberra Airport recommend that all the land surrounding Jerrabomberra is developed for industrial or commercial purposes.

Keeping the open space we enjoy today would be ideal, but should it disappear to future developments, then the JRA rejects industrial development outright.

We would lose any hope of finally getting the promised community facilities when Jerrabomberra was first developed - such as the pool and high school - but would have all the negatives, like the traffic congestion,

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that comes with development.

Our submissions can be viewed on the JRA website www.jraweb.com or please contact our Secretary, Lyn Edwards, for a copy.

Mirrabee Project

Mirrabee is a crucial link and wildlife corridor in Queanbeyan's natural bushland system. It connects Mt Jerrabomberra to Jerrabomberra Creek via Stringybark Hill, and the Queanbeyan River Corridor via the Gale precinct.

It covers both sides of the proposed Edwin Land Parkway between Cooma St and the current end of the Edwin Land Parkway. The Ngunnawal LALC owns the land.

JRA Committee members Brian Brown and Lyn Edwards are part of the Mirrabee Clean-Up Working Group, who play an important role in regenerating and protecting Mirabee.

They are undertaking this important task with the help of a \$50,000 grant, and the assistance of the JRA, the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation, Queanbeyan Police, Queanbeyan City Council, Ngunnawal LALC, Queanbeyan Landcare, and the Friends Of Gale Precinct.

Work has already started and fences, dirt mounds and boulders to restrict vehicle access into Mirrabee from Cooma Street/Old Cooma Road should be completed by August this year. Work to restrict vehicle access from the western edge (Edwin Land Parkway end) should be completed before Christmas 2006.

When this project is completed it will have a significant impact for residents that are currently experiencing problems with illegal trail bike riders. As we steadily enclose all the reserve areas around Jerrabomberra it will make our bushland areas a safer and more peaceful environment.

Scouting in Jerra

Scouting in Jerrabomberra has been going ahead in leaps and bounds and has recently become the largest Scout Group in



the South Coast and Tableland Region. Scouting provides your child with the opportunity to develop independence, resilience and confidence through an active program of team building and leadership. Typical activities include excursions, camping, hiking, abseiling, canoeing, sailing, and many forms of community service. The Scouting program is based on a system of badges and awards that introduce your child to a variety of challenges and experiences to stimulate the mind and body. All activities are introduced at an appropriate age with the individual needs of your child in mind. The program is developed, conducted and supervised in accordance with the guidelines of Scouting Australia in order to make scouting **fun and safe for all**.

1st Jerrabomberra Scout Group currently offers a program to children from six to eighteen years through four sections meeting weekly:

- **Joeys** for 6-8 year olds meet Mondays (6:45 – 7:45 pm).
- **Cubs** for 8-11 year olds (2 Packs) meet Wednesdays and Thursdays (6:30 – 8:00 pm).

- **Scouts** for 11-15 year olds meet Tuesdays (7:00 – 9:00 pm).
- **Venturers** for 15-18 year olds meet Mondays (8:00 – 10:00 pm).

Of course, all this cannot happen without leaders and active parent participation.

To support our growing Group **we need more leaders** for all sections. Leaders receive an excellent training and development program paid for by the Group. In addition, leaders receive a free uniform and discounted fees for their children.

Scouting is an experience for the whole family and in fact **parent support is vital**. Parents may offer assistance in a range of ways including fundraising, working bees, or providing transport. Leaders also require parent assistance on some meeting nights, at camps or other activities. Of course, the Group cannot function without a committee, so parents are also needed as office bearers or committee members.

If you are interested in Scouting for your child or would like to become a leader, please contact either:

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1st Jerrabomberra would like to thank *Unique Meats, Jerrabomberra Hotel*, and the *Jerrabomberra General Store* for their ongoing support of our Group.

The Queanbeyan City Council have provided funding in the current budget for Stringybark Hill and the buffer areas to the south to perform much needed restoration work, and restrict illegal trial bike access.

Trial Bikes

The JRA Committee would like to once again thank JRA members, Queanbeyan Police, and the Jerrabomberra community who participated in the successful operation to rid our streets and

nature reserves of the dangers and environmental damage caused by illegal trail bike riders. There has been a noticeable decrease in trail bike activities in most areas of Jerrabomberra and another operation will be carried out in the very near future. The collaboration between the JRA and the Queanbeyan Police has been very effective, and the JRA thanks the Queanbeyan Police for their support. We look forward to continuing our successful working relationship.

Queanbeyan City Council - Mayoral Report

MANAGEMENT PLAN 2006/2007

Council has now adopted the Management Plan for the next financial year. Council has framed its budget providing for a 3.6% rate increase in the General Rate. Domestic Waste Charges will be set at \$196.00 per annum. Water Access Charges for metres 20mm and 25mm have been set at \$247.00 per annum and Water Usage Charges have been set at \$1.45 per kilolitre for the first 44 kilolitres and that the charge for all additional water consumed above the quarterly allowance be set at \$1.95 per kilolitre for the next financial year.

The water increases have been bought about due to the considerable increase by ACTEW for the next financial year.

Council is also obtaining legal advice in relation to the new charge of 30 cents per kilolitre for all water used that has been imposed by the ACT Government. Council is of the view that this charge may not be lawful

and, therefore, will obtain legal advice prior to determining what action may be taken.

QUEANBEYAN LAND RELEASE INQUIRY

On Tuesday, 27 June the Queanbeyan City Council made a presentation to the Land Release Inquiry. Council's submission made a strong case for the Inquiry to recommend to the Minister that the Poplars, Tralee and Googong applications for rezoning be permitted to proceed to the next stage of the process, which will enable formal exhibition of the LEP's prior to Council making a determination. A total of 56 submissions have been made to the Inquiry and a number of organisations making submissions also made presentations verbally to the Inquiry hearings that were held over two days. It is of great concern that the ACT Government who has made a submission is recommending that the Tralee area be investigated with a view to creating industrial on that land instead of residential.

I am sure this would be of concern to all residents of Jerrabomberra as this would have an enormous detrimental effect of the amenity of that area. The Council does not support industry in this location, as it would not be compatible with the current Jerrabomberra area. The three member panel carrying out this Inquiry will report to the Minister for planning the Hon Frank Sartor by 31 July this year. Following the Minister's consideration, these matters will then be referred back to Council for further action. I anticipate that these matters may be concluded by the end of this year. It will finally be up to the Minister for Planning to decide whether the three zoning applications currently before Council, (Poplars, Tralee and Googong) should be rezoned for residential or any other purpose.



FRANK PANGALLO MBE
MAYOR

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL
28 FEBRUARY 2006



PROBUS – A Social Outlet for Active Retirees

Probus is up and running in Jerrabomberra - so if you are retired from fulltime employment, make a break from boredom and, come along and join a rapidly growing group of active seniors for friendship and social activity.

Since its inception in August 2004 the Jerrabomberra Combined Probus Club has prospered. The initial membership of 24 active retirees has now passed 60, attracting not only Jerrabomberra residents but those from further a field. The popularity of the meetings can be judged by the attendance, with some 90% of members attending each relaxed and friendly meeting.

Growth within the club is also reflected in its activities, with visits and outings locally and to the Southern Highlands, with more now planned. The Royal Military College Band Concerts at the Canberra Theatre are popular and are now regular Probus outings, combined with lunch for those that wish to consume a few calories.

Combined functions with the Jerrabomberra Rotary Club, including a Christmas party and the Australia Day breakfast have proven popular with Club members and could well become annual events expanding to involve the general Jerrabomberra community. Our Christmas in July was also a great success.

Affordability is a key word and membership fees have been kept low. The Joining fee is just \$10.00 with an annual Subscription of \$12.00, which covers membership costs, including personal insurance for Probus activities for each participating member. Entry to monthly meetings is just \$2.00 and covers refreshments and other costs. All members receive monthly, the "Jerractives" newsletter. For an extra \$4.40 per year, members enjoy a subscription to the Probus and includes articles and features about Probus throughout the South Pacific Region and lots of travel offers.

Membership of Jerrabomberra Probus is open to anyone who is retired from

full time employment and wants to enjoy the company of others. There is an informal, relaxed and friendly, social atmosphere, together with opportunities for activities and outings and the occasional trip away - that won't break the bank!

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday morning of each month at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre, commencing at 10.30 am. Meetings feature a guest speaker and other regular items, with an extended break for morning refreshments and a chat. A get-together over lunch nearby is common but purely optional.

A warm welcome is waiting for any active person who has retired from full time work to come along and enjoy Probus at Jerrabomberra. Whether you live in Jerra' or not, you're bound to know someone within our group, and if you don't, its time you did.

For further information ring Vice President Ken Stone (ph 62559732) or just drop in to the Community Centre on the 3rd Wednesday of each month around 10.15 am.

Opera House Triumph!

On Thursday, 29th June, 40 students and 8 parents and teachers from Jerrabomberra made the trek to Sydney to take part in an instrumental concert at the Opera House. The performance, called The Banksia Concert, involved talented students from around the state of NSW. Our recorder players were part of a 400-strong group playing 5-part harmonies along with the Opera House organ and other student orchestras.

The concert was so impressive that it brought tears to the eyes of the band of faithful parents and siblings who also travelled to Sydney to be part of the audience. The students and their teacher, Mrs Ann Clifton, are to be congratulated on their success and the standard of musicianship that is being achieved at Jerrabomberra Public School. The school now boasts a concert band, a marimba band, a recorder band as well as woodwind, brass, violin, guitar and piano lessons,

The students also enjoy two visits each year from Musica Viva groups. Only recently, the group, Pastance, introduced students to medieval music. On September 12, the group, Makukuhan, will visit the school. Locals who would like to attend and share this event with us are welcome at either 12.15 or 1.45 p.m.

"We love our music at Jerrabomberra!"

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2007 ARE NOW REQUIRED.

This will enable us to plan adequately for the new year.

Please contact the school as soon as possible.



Jerrabomberra Public School "Serving the Local Community"

Jerrabomberra is a new school in the Queanbeyan District.

Established in 2002, it continues to expand. Because of this expansion, it is vital that we receive accurate information **about future enrolments for 2007 and beyond.**

We ask that residents of Jerrabomberra Park & Heights **ONLY** contact the school and register their children **NOW** for future enrolment **especially Kindergarten for 2007** so that we can adequately plan.

Jerrabomberra, the friendly school!

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JRA Inc Membership

A reminder to all residents that membership to your JRA remains the same affordable \$10 for families and \$5 for singles. Membership entitles you to monthly copies of the JRA's Minutes, which provide relevant information on projects, protests, etc being addressed or monitored by the local community's action group. So fill out a membership form now! Mail the form, with your payment, to P O Box 132, Jerrabomberra or drop it into the new JRA box located next to the JRA noticeboard outside Woolies. You'll be pleased with the benefits...and you'll be assisting the continuing commitment of the JRA in strengthening Jerrabomberra's community.

Applicant details Surname/Family name

Given name

Address details House number..... Street Name.....

Home phone Work phone.....

Signature of applicant.....Date.....

Email address.....