



A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. July 2007.

President's Report

NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor clearly had Jerrabomberra's Community Meeting - hosted by the JRA on 3 October 2006 - in mind when he handed down his recommendations on land development around Queanbeyan in April.

His recommendations on Queanbeyan City Council's (QCC) 25-year residential and employment lands strategy contains good news for Jerrabomberra and the future of our much-needed community facilities, such as a high school and aquatic centre.

The Minister's land development strategy is based on the *Residential and Economic Strategy 2031* document prepared and submitted to the Minister by the Council late last year, and again shows the JRA is getting results for the community when it lobbies government. In all the JRA had numerous phone calls and 2 meetings with Minister Sartor on behalf of the community.

The JRA's Community Meeting last October saw over 200 local residents unanimously support the following motion and demanded State MP Steve Whan and Mayor Frank Pangallo deliver a better deal for Jerrabomberra.

The recommendations of the Sartor report deliver on every aspect of what the community asked for. The motion called for the NSW Government and QCC to:

1. Ensure that if Googong proceeds, Edwin Land Parkway is preserved as a local suburban road, and that Dunns Creek Road is constructed as a development condition; **[delivered]**
2. Commit that Jerrabomberra will not be surrounded by industrial development on Poplars and Tralee; **[delivered]**
3. Ensure that any development on Poplars, Tralee and Environa is compatible with the existing residential development at Jerrabomberra; **[delivered]**
4. Commit to supporting and facilitating the construction of the Anglican High School, and the provision of recreational and community facilities (including the indoor swimming centre) in a new development on Poplars, Tralee and Environa. **[delivered]**

However, some concerns about the delivery of our long-overdue infrastructure have surfaced after the release of the Canberra Airport's draft Practical Ultimate Capacity

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ANEF (Australian Noise Exposure Forecast) in May.

Airport owners are continuing their efforts to stop development by proposing that by 2050 Canberra will have 282,120 flights every year - up from just 71,850 flights per year today. This would make it as busy as the UK's Gatwick Airport. Sydney Airport (Australia's busiest; with a population of 4 million and parallel runways) currently has 285,000 movements/year.

The Airport also proposes to have a 15 degrees 'offset approach' for 747 long haul aircraft, putting the 'touchdown point' back to the end of the runway and having planes 20 metres lower over Jerrabomberra.

They further say they will have 20 aircraft movements of large freighters or international flights each hour between midnight and 5 am.

For Jerrabomberra residents this means the high school cannot be built inside the ANEF20 noise contour and development in the Jerrabomberra Valley will again be stalled, denying the community of its much needed facilities.

The JRA will be making a response to these overly-inflated claims and proposals in the strongest possible terms.

Signs

The JRA's persistent and numerous discussions with Council have resulted in a new sign at the entrance

of The Park being erected, after the original one was vandalised in September and December 2006. Signs in North Terrace will be repaired by Council soon. Thank you Queanbeyan City Council.

Mirrabee

The clean up of the Mirrabee lands (located between Stringybark Hill and Mt Jerrabomberra) has been completed. You would have also noticed that a lot of this area has now been fenced to stop trail bike access to the area.

This will ensure Jerrabomberra retains its natural environment and beauty. Thank you to all involved with the work.

Notes from the Brown Greeny

Stringybark Hill

Recently some residents may have noticed fences going up around the Stringybark Hill area; these fences are being constructed to keep unauthorized vehicles out of our native bush land. This should keep us safe from any nasty collision with trail bikes and protect the bush from erosion and the removal of firewood (note: even though the tree has died it gives life and a home to many of our native animals). The first stage has been completed and the Queanbeyan City Council will shortly begin the second stage which will include more fencing and signs warning unauthorized vehicles etc. It is unfortunate that the fences make it difficult for some to access these areas, particularly prams, but to have anything less would allow trail bike access and defeat the fences intended purpose. I would like to take this opportunity to ask any cyclists using our bushland reserves to please keep to well worn tracks and the lower slopes to reduce erosion, it is a lovely place for a family cycle but we do need to be very careful of this fragile landscape.

Edwin Land Parkway (ELP)

The recent funding of the ELP through to Cooma Rd will be bitter sweet. This much anticipated connection will connect Jerrabomberra closer to Queanbeyan and will be another much needed entry/exit point from Jerrabomberra. It will significantly cut the time it takes to get to Queanbeyan and alleviate a lot of the stress our smaller local roads are currently experiencing, in particular Morella Ave.

Unfortunately, it will also bring more traffic (and trucks) to the centre of our suburb and the JRA's next big challenge will be to work with the State government and the Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) to ensure that the road is made as safe as possible and continue to lobby for Dunns Ck Rd to act as the regions main bypass for Queanbeyan. The ELP will cut in half the aforementioned wildlife corridors and it will be critical to ensure that these corridors are left open yet also fenced appropriately to keep our wildlife and motorist safe.

Myna Bird Trapping

Now onto something a little lighter but still environmentally important, especially to our native birds. Myna birds are an introduced species and are currently in plague proportions in certain areas of Jerrabomberra. Myna birds are very aggressive and easily out compete some of our native birds for the best nesting real estate (we are not the only ones finding it difficult to acquire affordable real estate to bring up our families)! The JRA has been working closely with the QCC to reduce the numbers of these pests and have been very well supported by many local residents willing to have traps placed in their backyards (and a big thanks to all that have assisted and we will soon have traps for those that are yet to have a turn).

During the school holidays the JRA and QCC will be working at several public sites around Jerrabomberra, if you come across any Myna bird traps could you please give them a wide berth as the birds, whilst aggressive, are very cautious and could be scared off. The traps will be emptied daily and in as humanely and as considerate a manner as is possible under the circumstances, ultimately for every Myna bird taken away one native bird will be able to prosper.

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL REPORT

2007/2008 BUDGET

Following the passing of the 2007/2008 budget, I am pleased to advise the Council voted a further \$50,000 for work on Stringybark Hill at Jerrabomberra. Works to be undertaken this financial year will include a continuation of the strategic installation of barrier fencing and signage along the urban interface to identify ownership and restrict unauthorised vehicle access while encouraging the passive recreational use by the public. The rural fencing program of Stringybark Reserve boundaries in conjunction with neighbouring stakeholders/landowners, control of noxious and environmental weeds will continue.

We will also investigate the cost of undertaking an Environmental Impact Statement and if funding

allows, follow this with the restriction of unauthorised vehicle access, a targeted program of erosion control measures incorporating a rehabilitation program will be undertaken.

Council also voted an amount of \$25,000 to undertake a site survey and preliminary works required to establish a new park to be located off Mariners Court. This work will commence soon.

'PICK A MOVIE' ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOUTH

Queanbeyan's youth are able to 'pick a movie' to view at the Axis Youth Centre. The centre will be running free movie nights for young people 12-25 years old each Friday night from 6-8pm. Young people will be able to nominate a movie they would

like to see during the week and staff will select a suitable movie from this process. To attend these movies young people under 15 will need to have an M15 plus consent form signed by parents/carers. There is no charge for the movie. All events and activities are fully supervised and are drug and alcohol free. The centre maintains a safe, friendly environment for all young people. For more information, please contact the Youth Centre Co-ordinator on 6297 2921.



FRANK PANGALLO MBE
MAYOR
QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL
12 July 2007

PRIZE WINNERS JRA 2007 EASTER RAFFLE

1st Prize – Ski Fields Accommodation at Thredbo for 3 nights donated by **VILLAGE BUILDING CO.** valued at \$1,014 won by **DAVID B.**

2nd Prize – "Our People" Limited Edition medallion set donated by **BRANDNET PTY LTD** valued at \$195 won by **MARGARET I.**

3rd Prize – Basket of Avon Products donated by Jerrabomberra's local Avon representative **CATH CROXFORD** valued at over \$150 won by **MATT M.**

4th Prize – One month adult gym membership donated by **JERRA'S GYM** valued at \$120 won by **KATIE V.**

5th Prize - \$100 voucher donated by **BAKERS DELIGHT** and won by **PAUL L.**

6th Prize - \$100 Easter Hamper donated by the **JRA** and won by **AASE H.**

7th Prize – Shampoo, cut and blow-dry donated by **ELLABRIE HAIRDRESSERS** valued at \$50 won by **AMY E.**

8th Prize – Meat voucher donated by **UNIQUE MEATS JERRABOMBERRA** valued at \$50 won by **TERRY S.**

9th Prize – Gift voucher donated by **NEXTRA NEWSAGENCY** valued at \$25 won by **GUY D.**

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10th Prize – 3.5kg bag dog or cat food donated by **DR KAZ AT THE JERRA VETERINARY CLINIC** valued at \$45 won by **SARAH E.**

11th Prize – 1.5 litre bottle shiraz + corkscrew donated by **BALLAST STONE WINERY** valued at \$40 won by **ROD M.**

12th Prize – Jewellery stand donated by **SOUL PATTINSON**

CHEMIST valued at \$39 won by **MILLY.**

13th Prize – 2 wine holders donated by **JERRA POST OFFICE** valued at \$30 won by **NICOLE B.**

Congratulations to all our prize winners and a **huge** thank you to all the local businesses who donated prizes.

Thank you also to everyone who purchased a ticket...it is very much appreciated.

JRA Committee



Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, draws the winners of the JRA Easter Raffle assisted by (L To R) Lyn Edwards and Margot Sachse

JRA Committee member Kel Watt has just returned home after a two-week tour of China with the national dragon boat team, where he represented Australia in the 4-Cities International Dragon Boat Regatta. Fellow Jerrabomberra resident Brett Sherd was also part of the team.

Competing against some of the best teams in the world, including the Chinese, Americans, Dutch, Indonesians, Vietnamese, Canadians, and Italians, the Australians produced some great results. The Women's crew secured a first place and overall Champion at Zhanjiang, and Kel's and Brett's men's crew who brought home silver in three of the four regattas.

The pair were a hit with the Chinese, undertaking media interviews, racing on live TV broadcasts of the regattas, and



Australian dragon boat paddler and JRA committee member Kel Watt celebrates after a podium finish at Shaoguan.

spending hours signing autographs and having pictures taken. The thrill of competing in front of massive crowds will not be forgotten by the paddlers, with the 'smallest' spectator number of over 300,000 at Zhanjiang, and a figure of 2 million

spectators given for the Ghuangzhou regatta.

Kel and Brett are now enjoying a quick off-season break (but still playing rugby with the Queanbeyan Whites) before they start training for the new season in September on Lake Burley Griffin. In the meantime, Kel has resumed his coaching duties of the Australian junior team in preparation for the World Titles in September. Year 12 Grammar students and fellow Jerrabomberra residents Emily Capper and Luke Wines have been selected in the national team and are aiming for Gold at the Titles in front of a parochial home crowd at Sydney's Olympic rowing course.

Details on dragon boating recruitment, training, and the 4-Cities Tournament can be found at www.icedragons.com.au

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

Local businesses now have the opportunity to reach the Jerrabomberra community **free of charge** through the business directory on the Jerrabomberra Residents' Association website.

As a sign of appreciation for joining the JRA, local businesses will be given a **free** listing in the business directory. Jerra residents will be able to support your local business because your free two-line entry includes your business name, contact number, and a description of the services you provide.

Here's a sample of how your business will be promoted to the community:

Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA)
Ph: (02) 1234 5678

Working for the Jerrabomberra Community since 1990

And if your business has a website, your free listing in the JRA business directory will also include an active line – *for no charge!*

Additional business listings will only attract a \$10 surcharge, which

is the same cost as the JRA family membership.

A membership form can be downloaded from the JRA website at www.jra.asn.au

There is no better or more affordable way to ensure your community keeps its money local by using your business.

To get your business listed free of charge, send an email to JRA Secretary Lyn Edwards at ljedwards_2619@hotmail.com

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.....