



# Jerrabomberra Newsletter

A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. July 2009.

## Presidents Report

The Queanbeyan Traffic Study and Plan has been drafted and is out for comment until 31 July 2009. At its meeting on 24 June, Council approved the plan 'in principle' without any public or community input whatsoever. It's therefore hardly surprising that the Plan has failed to consider two key election issues Queanbeyan residents put to Councillors less than a year ago; to remove trucks from the main street and to build Queanbeyan a 'real' bypass.

The traffic study and supporting delivery plan is required to be adopted by Council prior to the rezoning of the land at Googong or Jerrabomberra Valley. NSW Planning Departmental Review of the Queanbeyan City Council Residential and Economic Strategy 2031 in April 2007 was specific in its terms of reference for the review. Council were required to "evaluate the need, location, cost and relative contribution of each development area to the road upgrades identified, while the delivery plan will fix a timetable for the funding, acquisition and construction of the necessary new infrastructure."

Further more, they were specific about the consideration of Dunns Creek Road "Given the extent of

community concern over traffic movements between the new development areas and Lanyon Drive/Tharwa Road, Council needs to include Dunns Creek Arterial in its review. Council should also ensure that an appropriate corridor is identified and reserved as early as possible together with a funding arrangement linking approved thresholds of land release at Googong to the construction of the Dunns Creek Arterial."

Council appointed a technical working group to direct the traffic consultants. This group had representatives of the Council staff, RTA and the developers of each of the greenfield sites. This study also determines how much money the developers have to pay towards these new roads and upgrades. The JRA finds that having developers on a group to determine these options and the level of funding is a clear conflict of interest and had contributed to a poor outcome for Queanbeyan.

The report recommends that the Edwin Land Parkway and Ellerton Drive Extension will be the only Queanbeyan Bypass. This will mean traffic diverted from the CBD, from Googong and traffic transiting from the ACT to the coast will all

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be funnelled through the middle of Jerrabomberra. Jerrabomberra residents already know the problems with Lanyon Drive and why it needed duplication. The JRA also finds the assumptions that traffic from Googong (a new suburb that will be about three times the size of Jerrabomberra when completed) will use the Ellerton Drive extension via Pialligo Avenue to Canberra each day rather than the Edwin Land Parkway through Jerrabomberra as incomprehensible.

The Northern Bypass and Dunns Ck Rd were excluded from the options considered by the consultants very early in the piece by the Technical Working Group. The JRA finds this outrageous and self serving. Council have been looking for a way to fund the Ellerton Drive extension since 1973 and seem to have little regard about the impact all the Googong traffic will have on the amenity of Jerrabomberra residents.

What was particularly disappointing at the Council meeting was when the Mayor and three Councillors who reside in Jerrabomberra voted to support the report in principle, when only nine months earlier at the Council elections they unanimously supported both Dunns Ck Rd and the Northern Bypass!

On the night we were also told that Council wouldn't be considering any additional scenarios as it will hold up the rezoning process. However, after strong representations by the community, Council finally agreed to hold a community meeting, which will now be held at Jerrabomberra on 14 July at the Jerrabomberra School starting at 6pm.

It is the JRA's position that Jerrabomberra must not become a bypass for Queanbeyan. It is true that the ELP has been on a map since 1973, however this is prior to the approval of Jerrabomberra and the subsequent approval of Googong. To

quote the previous NSW Planning Minister "It may have been a good idea and a bypass thirty years ago, but it's not a bypass anymore and it's certainly not a good idea".

Severe traffic congestion in Jerrabomberra will divide our suburb in two and subject our residents to the same dangers that currently exist in Monaro St. Queanbeyan deserves a 'real' bypass and the Mayor and Councillors should commit to their promises and not just shift the traffic woes from one part of Queanbeyan to another. We must have a 'real' bypass for all of Queanbeyan and that is why Dunns Ck Rd is so critical.

Make sure you get to the meeting and have your input as it is our one opportunity to right the wrongs of the past and make sure that Queanbeyan's future traffic network meets everyone's needs. Submissions close 31 July 2009.

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## **Our own Bendigo Community Bank; with a little help from our friends**

Like the song made famous by the Beatles and Joe Cocker, Brian Brown and Peter Strong are going to try with a little help from our friends.

Brian Brown and his friends on the Jerrabomberra Steering Committee have been toiling away getting the local community behind a project to establish a Bendigo Community Bank at Jerrabomberra.

This may not seem to be the easiest task during the worst Global Financial Crisis in 75 years! However, now more than ever, with access to funds for community projects drying up, the benefit of having our own Bendigo Community Bank in Jerrabomberra makes perfectly good sense. Owning our own Community Bank will provide a full-range of banking services, including Saturday trading, it will put profits back into the community and will also provide funding for many worthwhile community projects.

But to get our Bank up and running requires a great deal of organisation, work and money. This is why we've now joined forces with our friends from other local Bendigo Community Banks in the area. Brian has enlisted the help of Peter Strong (Chairman, Calwell/Wanniassa Bendigo Community Bank Branches) and his community bank team. Using the extensive knowledge and expertise of people that have already set up two Bendigo Community Banks and utilising their staff and facilities will make the task a whole lot easier and bring our dream of building our own Community Bank a whole lot closer to becoming a reality.

Most importantly, profits from our Jerrabomberra Bank will still be invested back into the Jerrabomberra community.

But we still need your help.

Over the next few months, you will see Brian, Peter and friends from your community, maybe your neighbour, at locations around Jerrabomberra asking for pledges of financial support to invest in our own bank. These pledges are not donations they are for the purchase of shares in the company. Last financial year the Calwell/Wanniassa branches created enough profit for a 5cent dividend per share to be paid to shareholders as well as around \$100,000 being distributed as grants to community groups. More will be explained in the prospectus that will follow.

If we all work together and with a little help from our friends we can have our own bank in Jerrabomberra.

Please say g'day to your neighbour when you see them at the Jerrabomberra Community Bank stall and ask them how you can help your community.

## Queanbeyan City Council Mayoral Report

Welcome to my regular column which aims to keep Jerrabomberra residents up to date on initiatives Queanbeyan City Council is dealing with.

### 2009 – 10 Budget

Council adopted its 2009-10 budget at its meeting on 24 June. The 2009-10 budget will see Council have an expenditure of nearly \$90 million for the coming year. We will have \$12.8 million in capital projects over the year consisting of the construction of a new \$2.4 million indoor sports centre, construction of the Edwin Land Parkway extension, building new amenity facilities at Riverside, Campese and David Madew sports fields, \$850k augmentation works for the sewage treatment plant, \$1.45 million of CBD improvement works, a \$1.19 million water mains replacement program, construction of new lights at Letchworth, Riverside, Taylor Park, High Street fields. Council also gave approval for a \$2 million loan to fund the commencement of the CBD Master Plan works to improve our city centre and also to allow the Library to move into its new premises.

### Releasing the Draft Strategic Traffic Plan

Council has released the draft Queanbeyan Strategic Traffic Plan 2031 for public comment. This draft plan addresses the city's road needs for the next 22 years and is in response to significant developments which will see our population double and the city having to cope with an additional 24,500 vehicles on its roads. To address these impacts technical consultants were engaged to create a transportation model of the Queanbeyan Local Government Area based on the census data and traffic flow information provided by Council, the RTA and Roads ACT. The model analysed, tested and optimised a number of future land use and infrastructure scenarios for the city identifying a number

of improvement works which need to be given priority from now until 2031. These are:

- The four laning of Old Cooma Road to the new suburb of Googong,
- The construction of the two lane extension of the Edwin Land Parkway to join up with Old Cooma Road
- The two lane extension of Ellerton Drive to join up with Old Cooma Road and the Edwin Land Parkway extension.
- Upgrading Monaro Street to four lanes in the Atkinson Street – Queens Bridge area

A range of intersection improvement works around the city were also identified which could be implemented to improve traffic flows. The model also showed certain advocated road projects would not meet the technical "Level of Service" criteria and could not be justified in terms of predicted traffic volume. The most significant being the four laning of the Edwin Land Parkway extension and the construction of a Dunns Creek Road link between the new suburbs of Googong and Tralee to the Monaro Highway. In recognition that a Dunns Creek Road is a matter long advocated by members of the Jerrabomberra community, I moved a series of amendments to the report presented to Council's meeting on 24 June. These amendments mean Council has agreed that there will be regular traffic monitoring on the new, soon to be constructed, Edwin Land Parkway extension and the need for a Dunns Creek Road will be further reviewed and a report submitted to Council within a six year timeframe. The draft Plan is on public exhibition until 31 July 2009 with copies available from the Queanbeyan Library and Council's Customer Service Centre at 257 Crawford Street or from Council's

website [www.qcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au). All submissions will, of course, be thoroughly considered with a report to Council in late August.

**Council will be holding an Information Session on the Draft Plan at the Jerrabomberra Public School Hall at 6.00pm on Tuesday 14 July.**

### Upgrading the Community Centre Carpark

Work has commenced on the upgrading of the Jerrabomberra Community Centre carpark. It is expected that the works should be completed within the next eight weeks. Council realises that this project will cause some degree of inconvenience to the neighbouring school as some parents use this site as a pick up and drop off point. We have been working with the school to minimise this inconvenience and thank both them and the parents for their cooperation. The end result will see an expanded carparking facility which will cater for the immediate parking needs of the community centre and other users.

### Congratulations to the Tennis Club

Council extends its congratulations to the Division 1 and Division 2 Men's teams of the Jerrabomberra Tennis Club. The Monday Night Division 1 final (played on 22

June) was an all Queanbeyan affair in which Jerrabomberra played Queanbeyan for the Canberra region Pennant. The Jerrabomberra Division 2 Men's played in their first final for the Club. Both teams won their respective competitions—so well done!!

*Tim Overall*  
Mayor



Fellowship Baptist Church is thrilled to be celebrating its three-year anniversary this September. Under the leadership of Pastor Dwayne Keefe, FBC continues to be a fellowship of people who want to help build faith, family and friends in the Jerrabomberra community. Each Sunday, Pastor Dwayne takes the Bible and shows how it is relevant to lives today. In the past three years, FBC has offered men's retreats, a men's breakfast with a motivational speaker, two men's Iron Chef Cook-off competitions, family outings, themed night events, marriage counseling services, Bible studies, seasonal children's events and most recently, an exciting men's and women's relationship series, along with their weekly Praise & Worship Service and Children's Church program. FBC has a BREAK ministry (Bringing Relief, Encouragement and Kindness) where they seek out and help an individual or family in need



of some assistance and encouragement. Women from the church and community enjoy Unwind & Design

each month, presented by Valerie Keefe. The women have a great evening together making an easy, practical craft and enjoy a time of fellowship. Future plans for FBC include an exciting new youth group and more relationship studies and parenting classes. The community is invited to come and see what Fellowship Baptist Church is all about. They meet each Sunday at 5 pm in the Jerrabomberra Public School Hall for afternoon tea followed by a time of praise and worship led by Pastor Dwayne Keefe. Children are invited to participate in a fun, interactive children's program during the service. For more information on the church or any of its activities or services please contact Pastor Dwayne at 6299 8651. FBCJerra@bigpond.com www.fbcjerra.org.au

## New Traffic Arrangement at Village Shops

New traffic arrangements have been installed at the Village Shops in the form of directional arrows painted on the ground. The Centre Management request that drivers obey these arrows and travel only in the direction indicated in order to keep traffic flowing smoothly and reduce any confusion in the car park.

New Speed signs, indicating a maximum speed of 10kph, have also been installed to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians in the car park.



## 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.

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