



# Jerrabomberra Newsletter

A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. July 2010.

## Presidents Report

We're half way through the year and so much has happened already. We've had a particular focus this year on the safety of the residents of Jerrabomberra including special guest speakers from the NSW Bushfire Brigade - helping us to organise Community Fire Units (CFU's). We currently have a few streets ready to form CFUs and receive the training to help protect their homes in case of a bushfire. We've had an information stall in conjunction with the local police to help raise awareness of residents to the areas of concern such as theft from vehicles and houses. The message to all residents is to *keep your property locked and don't leave items of any value in clear sight.*

We've had other special guest speakers such as Deanes Buslines listening to the issues of Jerrabomberra residents; in particular concerns regarding the safety of our school children are being addressed by Deanes. We'll follow up later in the year to ensure there have been improvements to the current services.

The beginning phase of the Edwin Land Parkway extension (ELPe) has begun. The ELPe is a welcomed project that will increase the safety of residents in case of an emergency. The ELPe will also be a negative aspect if the Council allow the road

to become a four-lane highway in the future. The JRA will be fighting hard to not allow this ludicrous proposal to come to fruition.

On a social note, we've had our first Winter Wine Tasting. This event was a great success with many happy residents enjoying not only the wine, but also the gourmet food products. Keep an eye out for the Summer Wine Tasting! Another valued relationship we have developed this year is with Holcim, the new quarry owners. Holcim are very keen to work with the Jerrabomberra community on local projects - we just have to come up with some ideas and then find a way to make them happen!

Looking forward, we'll soon be able to view the plans of the proposed development of South Jerrabomberra. This welcomed development will see much needed community facilities in the Jerrabomberra Valley. Plans are expected to be on exhibition (according to the Council) in August, 2010.

The JRA is 20 years old this year and has now reached its highest membership numbers ever. JRA Membership Renewals are due soon, so we hope current members will continue supporting the JRA and that new members come on board.

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## JRA Committee

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## What's Happening at Jerra School?

It has been a very busy year so far for Jerrabomberra Public School. There have been many happenings and events which we would like to share with you:

- Jerrabomberra Public School has been named as a Lighthouse School for its Literacy and Numeracy programs. This is due to the consistent results that the school has achieved in these areas in the national NAPLAN testing program. Jerrabomberra is one of only of 49 such schools from across the state. This also highlights our comprehensive Kindergarten BEST START program which begins tracking student's progress from day one of their education and helps teachers plan for individual success.
- The Building our Education Revolution (BER) – a Federal stimulus package – has started at Jerrabomberra. Building in progress includes three new classrooms and a 13 metre extension to the Hall. Later in the year, a NSW government major works program will deliver a new staff room, office upgrade to cater for our numbers, two new Special Programs Rooms and a new toilet block. We look forward to all these works being completed.
- Our Positive Behaviours for Success program is gaining momentum. It is centred around the values of "Respect, Safety, Honesty". Our mascot is Responsibility Roo and he is now readily recognised by all the students.
- Our choirs were a great success at the recent District Choral Festival held at The Q Theatre in Queanbeyan. Next term we have a large group performing at The Canberra Theatre on an Avatar theme as part of a Queanbeyan District Performing Arts event.

- We now have a Reading Recovery teacher to support students in Year 1. This is very helpful!
  - We continue to experience success with public speaking with Rhea Laverock, Lara Wynd, Matthew Wilson and Rachael Albertson-Kill representing the school at events across the district.
  - Our sporting teams have continued success especially in AFL, softball & netball. Our school won the district swimming and cross country shields this year.
- Jerrabomberra, your community school – continuing to give outstanding service to local students! Kelly Eagle and their pup mascot



Star of the Month Winners are Brianna and Lucinda with Elders representative

## Jerrabomberra Village Shopping Centre gets a 'heart start'

The Jerrabomberra community, visitors and staff are now safer than ever, thanks to the installation of a life-saving device, an automated external defibrillator (AED) at the local shopping centre.

The defibrillator was donated by the **Jerrabomberra Rotary Club** as part of Project HeartStart Australia with St John Ambulance, a community based public access defibrillation program. The program is aimed at improving long-term survival rates in pre-hospital sudden cardiac arrest casualties.

St John Ambulance Project Manager Christine Barber said sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere, at anytime. Survival rates for out-of-hospital incidents remain low.

"When someone collapses due a sudden cardiac arrest, immediate action is crucial," Mrs Barber said. "Every minute defibrillation is delayed; a person loses approximately 10 per cent survival chance."

"Immediate CPR and access to early defibrillation is the only real chance a casualty has of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest; having AEDs available in public places means a real difference in survival rates."

Modern AEDs can be used by anyone, not just health professionals. They have computer chips that instantly analyse the heart's electrical function, making it possible for a lay person to administer a life-saving shock.

The defibrillator was placed into a state-of-readiness on the 14 July 2010 by Cr Tim Overall, Mayor Queanbeyan City Council.

For more information on St John Ambulance Project HeartStart Australia, please see [www.stjohn.org.au/heartstart](http://www.stjohn.org.au/heartstart) and [www.stjohn.org.au/apps](http://www.stjohn.org.au/apps) or contact St John Ambulance 1300 360 455.

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## New Committee For Jerra Rotary

The Committee for 2010-2011 are as follows:

**President** - Glenda Wahlert

**Vice President** - Colin Hobbs PP

**Secretary** - Mary Pepler

**Treasurer** - Anne Davis PP

**Community Director** - Kathryn McNamara

**Youth Director** - Paul Roger

**International Director** - David Bailey

**Club Service Director** - Cathy Hobbs

**Membership Director** - David Stevens PP



## Church On The Move

Due to the construction of the Jerrabomberra School Hall, Fellowship Baptist Church will be changing locations soon. Beginning 4 July the church will meet at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre.

The Jerra community is invited to join us each Sunday at 5 pm for a time of fellowship and afternoon tea followed by an uplifting music service and an insightful and challenging message by Pastor Dwayne Keefe.

The children will also enjoy a special program designed just for them. Come and check us out for a change!!!

**Fellowship Baptist Church – building faith, family and friends.**

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## Build your bank. Build your community.

Jerrabomberra residents will soon be able to show their support for a local bank with the launch of the Jerrabomberra **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> prospectus expected in the coming weeks.

The prospectus will allow locals to build their own bank by becoming shareholders and raising the capital needed to get the bank up and running. The bank will not be able to open without the support of these shareholders.

Once open, the bank will provide a source of revenue for important community projects, as has occurred with the two community banks in Tuggeranong handing out around \$150,000 in grants this financial year.

To show its commitment to the community, the Jerrabomberra **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Project recently fast-tracked \$7,500 in grants, which went to twelve local groups in Jerrabomberra, including the

Jerrabomberra Public School P&C Association, 1st Jerrabomberra Scouts and the Twin City Church Carols by Candlelight.

*For more information about the Jerrabomberra Community Bank Project and its upcoming prospectus visit [www.jerracb.com.au](http://www.jerracb.com.au) or contact Brian Brown on 0414 721 291 or 6299 9613*

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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.

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