



Jerrabomberra Newsletter

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

Presidents Report

Jerrabomberra residents must often ask themselves "What does the JRA actually do?" Well, since taking over the presidency in late November, it has been a very busy time for the JRA. We submitted one of the 50 detailed submissions opposing the construction of the gaol at Hume. Our submission focused on the inappropriate location of the prison and that we have been excluded from the consultation process as a result of being NSW residents.

Unfortunately, the ACT Planning Minister Simon Corbell used his 'call-in powers' on 1 February to approve the prison, thus thwarting any avenue of appeal or independent scrutiny of the proposed development. Mr. Corbell stated that the construction of the prison was in 'the interests of the community'. However, the Jerrabomberra community just didn't get factored into his equation! This was a total abuse of the process and shows what a horrendous neighbor is the ACT government.

The JRA has since considered our position and have decided that due to our limited financial resources we are unable to take any legal action against the ACT Government and

have decided to put our support behind our Federal, State and local representatives as our only hope of getting the prison relocated.

It is clear from the ACT Governments financial statements that the prison or 'prison resort' will cost ACT rate payers some \$128 million to construct and \$20 million each year to run and will further exacerbate the ACT Governments precarious financial state. Hopefully Tuggeranong residents who are sitting in a traffic jam on the Monaro Highway desperate to get home, contemplating their huge increase in rates all in aid of Mr Stanhope's prison resort will consider putting their vote elsewhere at the next election.

During this time, the JRA has also prepared a submission in relation to the 150 metre extension to the Canberra Airport southern runway. The major concern the JRA has with this extension is that the threshold points (where the planes touch down) are not moved from their present location. If they are moved, the result will be that the planes will be about 20metres lower over Jerra. The Canberra Airport has written

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to the JRA stating that they do not intend to move the threshold points, at this time.

The good news is that Qantas have got approval from CASA to roll-out the RNP procedures at Canberra Airport. This means that Qantas 737-800's (the ones with the pointed up wings) will fly an offset approach that takes them to the west of Jerra, thus providing real noise relief to the 600 houses that are outside the current noise abatement zone. It also allows these planes to land

safely from the north. Whilst the introduction of this technology is expected later this year (due to staff training), we will let residents know once it's introduced. Good on ya Qantas! Let's hope Virgin and the VIP fleet introduce it real soon too.

The JRA committee will be out at the shops and Rotary Fair selling raffle tickets for our major fund raiser "the Easter Raffle". Please stop by and support the JRA by buying a few tickets to help us to continue representing your community.

Margot Sachse



Jerrabomberra Public School - Off To Another Great Start For 2006!

Our school emblem, the kangaroo, has been very carefully chosen. As well as kangaroos being abundant in the Jerrabomberra area, the kangaroo can only move forward and never backward. So it is with Jerrabomberra Public School!

This year we have welcomed a record 135 Kindergarten students to their first year of education in our community school.

This is a total of 7 classes, with fewer than 20 students in every class. We now have 690 students in the school in 27 classes. As we continue to grow, we are delighted to say that the ethos that has made Jerrabomberra special remains. Our school and its students are warm, welcoming, focused on learning and very community orientated. We are very proud of the way our school has developed over the first four years and we sincerely thank the Jerrabomberra community for their continued support. But



Class 4/3W designed glasses for Valentine's Day to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation. The "I Care, Eye Care" Day raised \$437 for this worthy cause. All students were encouraged to take part in this activity.

Can You Help Us?

WANTED: PARENT & COMMUNITY TUTORS

Do you have a few free hours each week? Do you enjoy interacting with children?

We are always in need of reading tutors for needy students every day of the week.

We would provide training and guide you as to exactly what to do. You would have the same children over a period of time so that you developed a rapport with them.

If you are interested, please contact the school on 62998860 and leave your name.

Our Support Teacher Learning Assistance, Catherine van Limbeek, will contact you and invite you in for a cup of tea and a chat. We have a few tutors already who could meet and tell you just how rewarding it is! *Thanks in anticipation.*

Jerrabomberra Tennis Club Inc.

4 Coral Drive.

The Jerrabomberra Tennis Club is very much a part of the local community with regular social tennis for both adults and children, competition tennis with the ACT

Tennis Association and coaching with a full time coach. There is something for everybody. Due to the terrible fire which engulfed the General Store, they are unable to take bookings in the short term so please contact Noel Murray, on the number below, to book a court.

Members fees currently are \$65 for a family, \$45 for single membership and concessions for pensioners. The courts are available for hire. Hire costs are \$10.00 per hour per court and there is a key deposit of \$10.00. The courts are available some nights and the light fees are \$10.00 per hour per court with a key deposit of \$10.00. This is in addition to court fees for non members.. Check with our booking agent.

Our Coach offers full and part time coaching both adult and children. Check with him on 0405 495 648.

N R Murray. President.
Ph 6299 9161



Jerrabomberra Rotary Autumn Fair

The Jerrabomberra Rotary club would like to invite everyone to come along to the seventh annual autumn fair. It will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre.

There will be vendor's stalls, food stalls, BBQ, entertainment, children's activities, jumping castle, scarecrow competition, children's art and much more. There will be something for everyone. Hope to see you there.



General Store Guttled by Fire

The JRA wish to express their condolences to the Harrow family following the fire which gutted their General Store in late February.

The General Store has been an integral part of the Jerrabomberra Community for 15 years selling a wide variety of most things, open just about all the time (well it seems like it), taking bookings for the Tennis Club and housing the JRA box where members could leave their annual subscriptions.

No matter what time of the day or night you wandered in, you were always welcomed with a warm smile by Bob, Sue and their friendly staff. We hope they will be able to rebuild quickly as their hamburgers are the absolute best!!!

Welcome To The Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Your local Community Centre aims to provide an accessible and affordable venue for a range of community groups and individuals. It is the site of many different activities for a diverse range of groups – from the very young right up to the not-so-young.

The Community Centre is available any day of the week and for private functions on Saturday evenings. Ample free parking, disabled access and toilets are provided.

What's on at the Centre for 1st Term 2006

We have a few new groups / classes this term!

Anglican Church Services phone Rev. David on 0408184918.

Australian Breast feeding Association meet monthly Phone Kate on 62911424.

***Baby Sign Language** a way to enhance communication with young babies. Ph: 0416250491

Bagpipes join the pipe band or learn to play for only \$2.50 per session, ph: 62977878.

Bom-Funk Dance classes contact Danielle on 0412701925

Callisthenics for 3 to 9 year olds. Phone 62871149 (a/h).

Dance-A-Lot dance training for ages from 2 years through to primary. Phone 0415199232.

Early Childhood Clinic appointments can be made by phoning 62997299.

***Fusion Fitness** a blend of pilates and yoga for early risers Ph; 62998009

Jerra Art Group meet monthly, \$3.00 per session. Phone Antje on 62998723.

Jerra Residents Association meet every 4th Wednesday of the month. Phone 62559710.

Jerra Rotary Club meet every Thursday night at 6.30pm. Phone 62998744

***Jerra Tutoring** offers tutoring classes for all ages and stages. Phone 0411679191

Kids Karate Classes are on every Tuesday afternoons, phone Mat on 61020607.

Lions Club Meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, phone 62559381.

Pilates Classes are held from January 2006 and during school terms, phone 0407141648.

Playgroup sessions are held during school terms, phone 62559434.

Playschool caters for children from three years old up to the start of school, Ph: 62999229.

PROBUS meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.00am. Ph: 62999229.

Rocking Horse Music - Interactive early child hood music class for babies, toddlers, preschool and their parents/carers. Phone Emma on 0408552212 or try www.rockinghorsemusic.com.au

Twin City Church holds services every Sunday, along with Kids church, phone 62881722.

University of the 3rd Age (U3A) offer low cost educational opportunities for retired people, phone Ray on 62317115.

X-Treme Youth meets for church every Sunday and hold monthly functions, phone Dave & Emily on 0402451049.

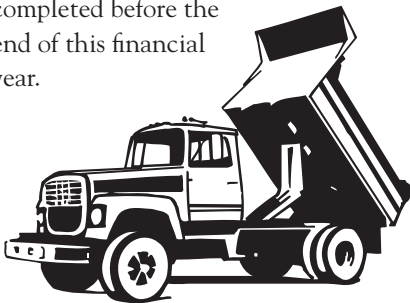
Yoga several classes held each week for a range of levels. Contact Hugo on 0409610179

If you have any enquiries in regard to any services at the Centre or wish to hire a room, please call the Centre Co-ordinator on 6299 9229, Monday-Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Queanbeyan City Council - Mayoral Report

AMENITIES BUILDING HALLORAN DRIVE

Work is well underway on the construction of an amenities building at the Halloran Drive Playing Field. These facilities will be used for junior sports. The amenities building has been the subject of extensive consultation with the community in the neighbourhood, Council will be spending almost \$200,000 for the building and other associated works. Work is estimated to be completed before the end of this financial year.



MADEW REGIONAL FIELD

Carparks around the Madew Playing Field and Tennis Court area has now been sealed. This will enable motorists to park their vehicles without creating a dust nuisance to adjoining properties.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Following representations to Council, a safety fence has been erected along Jerrabomberra Parkway to prevent young children from running out on to the busy road. The fencing has been installed at a cost of \$6,000 and was funded from the Jerrabomberra Precinct Reserve.

JUNIOR SOCCER

Representations have been made to Council regarding the possible use of Jerrabomberra Ovals for the playing of junior Soccer. Junior Soccer is one of the fastest growing junior sports in Queanbeyan and the area that is allocated, namely the Letchworth Playing Fields has reached saturation point and other alternative sites are required to accommodate the growing numbers of junior Soccer players in this district.



CLEAN UP CHANGES

The City Council has approved changes to the current twice yearly

clean up service. The current service has been under investigation in recent months, the new system will allow the participation of residents in multi unit premises and also residents in the rural areas of the City. There will be some considerable changes to the current system. Council has resolved that a trial period of twelve months be introduced for a "book in" system for the urban parts of Queanbeyan. Council has also resolved that the trial will commence on 1 July. Each resident will be able to utilise two collections per year and would be required to book a 'pick-up' service when the service is required. It is also anticipated that rural properties will have designated areas where materials can be left for collection. Further information will be provided to residents closer to the commencement of the trial period.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Pangallo".

**FRANK PANGALLO MBE
MAYOR
QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL
21 FEBRUARY 2006**

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.....