



Jerrabomberra Newsletter

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

President's Report

Land development

Over the last few months your JRA executive has been steadfastly working on the complicated issue of the proposed development of the Jerrabomberra Valley. Our primary focus has been on securing much-needed community facilities.

Jerrabomberra residents have been bombarded for the last couple of months with propaganda from the various groups who have a vested interest in what happens to the land

an eye out for the JRA flier in your letterboxes.

The Jerrabomberra community continues to grow in its ability to flex political muscle - especially in this Election period. In an effort to find a resolution to the development debate the JRA was invited to meet with NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor on February 7. We were joined by the Jerrabomberra Secondary Schools Committee, the Canberra International Airport and Queanbeyan City Council at the Ministers request.



The JRA presented a responsible compromise position at the meeting. It provides Jerrabomberra with community facilities including the Anglican High School, Aquatic Centre and other amenities; provides for sensible development of some areas in the

surrounding our homes. Some of it is misleading. In response, the JRA has produced a handy pamphlet - 'The Plane Truth' - which details the facts about proposed development so all residents understand the key issues and are armed with the facts. Keep

Jerrabomberra Valley; and also accommodates the growing needs of the Canberra Airport. The JRA position is a win-win for all parties, and the Minister listened intently to the detail of our plan.

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FEDERAL GRANT AND ALL THINGS NEW FOR JERRA SCHOOL

The year has begun well for Jerrabomberra Public School. To start the new academic year, two new classrooms were made available for staff and students. This added to the total of permanent rooms and provided valuable accommodation for the still growing school. In April, the school will also receive another four classrooms as part of a demountable replacement program. This is a huge boost to the local school and community and adds much-needed educational facilities. To make way for the new buildings, the playground equipment was successfully moved in the holidays.

The school Library was also given an upgrade over the holidays. With more students, we needed more room and so the interior space within the building was re-organised to

make way for more shelves, books and work space. The final result is pleasing for both staff and students.

The school has also received funding of \$150 000 from the Federal Government as part of the Investing In Our Schools Program. This program is supported by our local member, Mr Gary Nairn. The grant will combine with funds from the P & C Association Building Fund to provide a technology and music facility. The rooms will be used for the teaching of more advanced technology skills across the whole school and also as a place where music lessons can occur in some degree of comfort for both whole-class and instrumental lessons.

The P & C Association has worked long and hard towards the fruition

of this project and it is hoped that the building could be ready for use in Term 3 this year. It will give a facility where every child can have a computer to develop their skills for the future.

This year also saw us welcome two new permanent staff to the school. Mrs Peg Townsend was selected on merit to the position of our second Deputy Principal. Peg came to us from West Queanbeyan. Also joining us was Mrs Jenny Dearden, formally of Cooma but most recently from Norfolk Island. We welcome both members to our dedicated staff and know that they are enjoying their first few weeks with the delightful students we have here at Jerra.



New to the area or planning to move?

Thousands of Australian families each year move. If you are one of them, check out this class designed especially for you. Meet other women who are going through the same situation as you are. Make new friends, find encouragement, and get practical advice as you make this transition. For more information ring Valerie at 6299 8651 or email her at downunder4him@aapt.net.au

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One area of serious concern is the proposal by the developers of Googong (Canberra Investment Corporation, who was also the major developer of Jerrabomberra) to use the Edwin Land Parkway (ELP) as the main road to link the Googong development to Canberra. This would result in Jerrabomberra being cut in two as the ELP becomes a 4-lane highway. The JRA will continue to lobby hard for the construction of Dunns Creek Road south of Jerrabomberra, as it will take Googong residents directly to the Monaro Highway via Hume, and maintain the peacefulness of our community.

Minister Sartor understands the JRA view that Dunns Creek Road is

a critical piece of infrastructure for our region and it must be included as a binding development condition. We believe that CIC says they cannot afford to build the road, but as ratepayers, we don't want to be paying to fix traffic nightmares in the future when a solution is at hand now.

I presented the Minister with a petition of 680 signatures from Jerrabomberra residents demanding that future development results in a high school, aquatic centre and community facilities, and that he rules out industrial development around our homes. Thank you to everyone who took the time to stop at the JRA stall at the shops and sign it - you have helped make a difference for our community.

Unfortunately the Minister has chosen not to announce his decision prior to the election. For now, we must be patient and wait till after the election for a decision.

Safety Audit

After continuous vandalism around David Madew Oval the JRA submitted a request to Council for funding to promote a community safety awareness program. This was unsuccessful. In response, the JRA has requested that Queanbeyan City Council conduct a Community Safety Audit at the first available opportunity to ensure the safety of our residents, community and surrounds. The last Audit was undertaken after a request by the JRA, but was completed before the construction of the skate park in 2004.

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL MAYORAL REPORT

TAKEWAY SHOP AND CARWASH

Council has approved an application for the erection of a fast food outlet and carwash to be located adjacent to the club hotel at Jerrabomberra. This matter has been under consideration for a considerable period and has resulted in extensive modification to the original concept. In approving the application, Council imposed a total of 70 conditions to ensure the development would be in accordance with Council requirements.

BUS SHELTERS

Council considered a plan at its meeting of 7 February relating to the construction of bus shelters. An amount of \$45,000 has recently been provided by the NSW Government. Council has in its current Management Plan an amount of \$65,000 for the shelters, bringing a total to \$110,000. As a result of

these funds being available, the following areas in Jerrabomberra will have bus shelters installed.

- Halloran Drive near Dixon Pl
- Halloran Drive near Pannamena Cres
- Halloran Drive near Carolyn Jackson Dr

Construction of these bus shelters will be dependent on approval being obtained from adjacent land owners. In instances where permission for shelters cannot be obtained, a concrete pad only will be constructed.

LAUNCH OF QUEANBEYAN TOMORROW COMMUNITY VISION

On Monday 19 February, I officially launched the Queanbeyan Tomorrow Visioning Report. This report has been the result of extensive consultation with the community

with input from more than 1,400 members of the community.

Throughout the process there has been face-to-face meetings, stakeholder

meetings, as well as a wide range of community events. With the release of the Queanbeyan Community Vision, Council will assess other

key policy documents including the Management Plan etc to ensure that the views expressed in the visionary

document are implemented and taken into consideration in the preparation of Management Plans in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Jerrabomberra community for their input into developing this vision through the meetings they attended and other stakeholder meetings that they participated in. The document is available on CD or in hardcopy from Council's Strategic Planning Department.

TRALEE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

There has been much publicity about Council's strategy for residential development in the Jerrabomberra area. At the Minister's request, Council has prepared a strategy for residential development for the next 25 years. Following the completion of this strategy, Council has had several meetings with the Minister for Planning. The Minister has also had consultations with the Jerrabomberra Residents Association and the Canberra Airport. At the time of preparing this report, the Minister had not made a decision on the future of the residential development in the Tralee/Environa area.



FRANK PANGALLO MBE
MAYOR

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL
20 February 2007



Jerrabomberra Rotary
Autumn Fair

Date: March 31
Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Market Stalls
Food Stalls
Gourmet BBQ Fare
Morning and Afternoon teas
Free Entertainment

Children's activities
Jumping Castles
Scarecrow Competition
Art Expo

something for everyone

New JRA Website

The JRA now has a new website..... www.jra.asn.au

Our postal address remains the same – PO Box 132, Jerrabomberra 2619

JRA EASTER RAFFLE

The JRA are again running their Easter Raffle and tickets will be on sale at the new shops most weekends in March and also at the Rotary Fair on 31st March. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the prizes will include

1st Prize – Ski fields accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children for 3 nights including breakfasts daily and daily scenic chair lift pass (to be used prior to 1/6/07) valued at \$1,014 donated by **Village Building Company**

Your Local **Avon** representative in Jerrabomberra, **Cath Croxford**, has donated a basket of Avon products valued at approx. \$150

JRA Hamper valued at \$100

Voucher donated by **Bakers Delight** valued at \$100

Shampoo, cut and blow-dry valued at \$50 donated by **Ellabrie Hairdressers**

“Our People” Limited Edition Medallion collection valued at \$195 donated by **Brandnet Pty. Ltd.**

2 x \$25 gift vouchers donated by **Nextra Newsagency**

3.5kg bag dry dog or cat food donated by **Jerra Veterinary Clinic** valued at approx. \$45

1.5 litre bottle shiraz + cork screw valued at approx. \$40 donated by **Ballast Stone Winery**

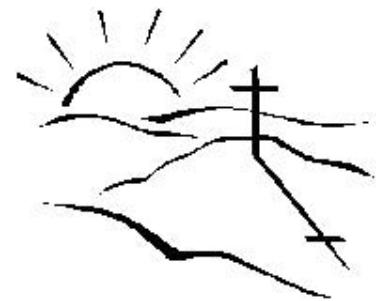
Jerrabomberra Post Office has donated 2 wine holders valued at \$30

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 5th April, 2007 at the Jerrabomberra Shops.

Baptist Fellowship Outreach

Building Faith, Family and Friends

Ever wondered what the Bible is all about? What does it say about life today? How does it relate to me? The Bible does have the answers! Come and find out more at the weekly Bible Study and afternoon tea. Children have their very own Children’s Church class called Kids 4 Christ. They will enjoy the crafts, interactive stories and music. Baptist Fellowship Outreach meets each Sunday afternoon at 5 pm in the Jerrabomberra Public School Hall. For more information ring Pastor Dwayne Keefe at 6299 8651 or email him at bfo@aapt.net.au



Reaching for the stars - Jerrabomberra students enjoyed a visit from AFL team members from the Western Bulldogs recently. Players talked to the students about what makes a good team member and applying that to their own lives.

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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