



A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. November 2005.

## QANTAS GPS Navigation System Offers Relief for Jerrabomberra Residents

GPS will make it possible for most landings from the North over Majura Valley rather than over Jerrabomberra.

JRA Treasurer Margot Sachse has attended a Qantas briefing on the new technology. Testing of the technology has recently been the subject of media publicity as specially equipped planes have undertaken experimental approaches to Canberra Airport.

The technology is known as 'Required Navigation Performance' (RNP) and is based on a Global Positioning System (GPS).

### JRA Policy on Aircraft Landings

It is JRA policy that all landings at Canberra Airport, should be from the North. This will provide obvious relief to all residents of Jerrabomberra. In the past, this policy has been ridiculed as impossible to achieve. There have been two major objections. First, the prevailing winds at Canberra Airport are from the north west, and it is argued that this requires planes in certain wind velocities to land from the south. The second objection relates to so-called 'terrain constraints' – that is, the hills to the north, including Mt Ainslie, causing

this approach to be dangerous in the absence of an Instrument Landing System (ILS).

These objections have now disappeared.

In relation to the prevailing winds, studies by Canberra Airport of long-term weather patterns, show that on 85% of days, weather conditions are such that planes can land safely either from the north or the south.

But the most dramatic change has come about as a result of the Qantas introduction of the GPS navigation system. This is a major breakthrough for the residents of Jerrabomberra. This system will enable planes to land safely – day or night – from the north.

### GPS System

At the community briefing, Qantas explained that the GPS technology is already installed in the Boeing 737-800 planes.

Qantas is attracted to the system because it improves aircraft efficiency. It allows them to increase the number of passengers and use less fuel, reduces noise emissions, defines the flight paths, and provides for consistent descent approaches.

The system is currently used by four airlines in the world, Alaska

Airlines, WestJet, Qantas (in Queenstown NZ) and Austrian Airlines in Innsbruck. From Qantas' perspective, Queenstown is the highest risk airstrip in their network, because of the hilly terrain.

Canberra is the first place that it has been trialled in Australia. This is because of the unsatisfactory situation with the runway landing from the north. Because there is no ILS, pilots have to manually fly the planes from five miles to touchdown. This is a risky approach. The new RNP system – the GPS system – gives the same capability as an ILS.

The plan is for more planes to land from the north. The system enables the planes to use half the normal thrust and to reduce noise. Landing from the north has the added advantage of saving both fuel and time by avoiding the extra 30 miles required to land from the south over Jerrabomberra.

### Qantas

Qantas is to be congratulated for initiating the introduction of this new GPS system and the airline will win the thanks and appreciation of Jerrabomberra residents as more and more planes land from the north, and landings from the south over Jerrabomberra become a rarity.



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## Queanbeyan City Council

# MAYORAL REPORT

### Education Centre For Mount Jerrabomberra

The Queanbeyan City Council is supporting an initiative from Karabar High School and University of Canberra to develop an Education Centre on Mount Jerrabomberra for Cross Curricula Studies. The project has been successful in gaining a \$41,900 grant funded by the Australian Government's Australian School Innovation in Science, Technology and Mathematics. Classes are planned to commence visits to the centre in November this year. Council's involvement in this project will prove to be a valuable and positive experience for the participating schools and the community in the future. For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Services on 62980268.

### Jerrabomberra Skate Park

The Jerrabomberra Skate Park is progressing well, however, recent

wet weather has delayed the project. It is anticipated the park will be open at the early November. Final landscaping will be completed by the end of November.

### Heated Pool Investigation Jerrabomberra

Council Officers have investigated the possibility of building an indoor heated pool to be located in Jerrabomberra. It is anticipated that the pool could be constructed from Section 94 Contributions payable by developers. In considering a comprehensive report, it was anticipated that if the new areas of the Poplars, Tralee and other possible subdivisions in the Jerrabomberra area proceeded, that that would generate sufficient funds to enable a heated pool to be constructed using Section 94 Contributions. Several sites have been identified as suitable for such a facility. The finalisation of the rezoning applications for Tralee and the Poplars will have to be

completed before any final decision is made on this proposal.

### Graffiti Artists – Jerrabomberra

Jerrabomberra skaters and BMX riders have now become part of a design and painting of a graffiti art mural at the Jerrabomberra Skate Park which is currently under construction at David Madew Oval, Jerrabomberra. Professional Graffiti Artist Chris McCann has provided inspiration and practical expertise by facilitating a series of workshops which culminated with the painting of the wall, which took place on Saturday 8 October.



FRANK PANGALLO MBE

Mayor

Greater Queanbeyan City Council  
12 October 2005

## JRA Annual Wine Tasting

Friday 25th November 7pm – 9pm

A selection of wines from Chalkers Crossing

### COME ALONG AND TALK TO THE WINEMAKER

Proudly presented by Vintage Cellars

This will be an excellent chance to fill your cellar prior to the Christmas festivities

Admission is free to all JRA members

Others – by gold coin donation

Lucky door prize

Cheese & biscuits

A wonderful night of community spirit and fun



## Jerrabomberra Residents Association

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 23rd November 2005

7.30pm

SPECIAL GUEST:  
QUEANBEYAN POLICE  
CHIEF SUPT. GARY  
COMMINS

Election of Office Bearers

Membership Table for new or renewal of membership

Come along and have your say

## Carols by Candlelight



TwinCity Church is pleased to announce that once more we will be presenting Carols by Candlelight.

Come along and enjoy this wonderful event with our Local Community, which has been made possible through the generosity of our many sponsors.

Carols by Candlelight will be held on the grounds of the Jerrabomberra Community Centre on Saturday, 10 December 2005, starting at 5.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy our Music. There will be Jazz Bands, choirs, Bag pipe bands, Dancers, jumping castles and items from the Jerrabomberra Primary School with loads of singing and entertainment.

Santa will be arriving on a fire truck during the festivities. This is sure to be a wonderful event and we look forward to seeing you all there.

## New Hospital On Track - Steve Whan MP

Queanbeyan's new \$44 million hospital will be big news for Jerrabomberra residents and I am pleased to say that planning for the hospital is now proceeding fast with floor plans for the three storey hospital drafted and the completion date of 2008 still right on track.

Our new hospital will be built on the current site – after a full and thorough assessment process it is clearly the best and most appropriate site – it will have three floors with room for expansion inside and out and car parking on



site. The new hospital will be much bigger than the current facility, it will

have 60 beds (up from 36), the new emergency department will be bigger with a six hour paediatric observation capacity, there will be three operating / procedure rooms, new imaging facilities and a range of other services.

The new building is being built bigger and with more services because it will be given the very important task of reversing the flow from the ACT. We currently pay the ACT Government \$50 million a year for health services and we know that we can deliver far more services for the same money in our new hospital.

In the past many Jerrabomberra residents have used Canberra hospital first. Obviously we will

still use Canberra for very serious or specialised problems but our new hospital will be able to deliver far more to locals, with shorter waiting times for surgery and casualty treatment. I know already from personal experience with my kids that Queanbeyan's casualty department provides first class treatment with generally much shorter waits than Canberra!

Already in the short time I have been Jerrabomberra's local member I have delivered my promise to duplicate Tomsitt Drive and seen the Jerrabomberra School completed, I'm looking forward to adding to this record with our new hospital project right on track.

*Steve Whan, MP Member for Monaro*

## Welcome To The Jerrabomberra Community Centre

The ambience of this centre and the facilities it provides make it a perfect venue for Weddings, Christenings, Birthdays, Social groups, Community Groups Educational classes and Business meetings etc. Community and Commercial rates apply.

Your Local Centre is available any day of the week and private functions on Saturday evenings. Free ample parking, disabled access and toilets are provided.

### What's on at the Centre

**Anglican Church Services** phone Rev. David on 0408 184 918

**Australian Breast feeding Association** Phone Kate on 6291 1424

**Bagpipes** join the pipe band or learn to play for only \$2.50 per session, phone 6297 7878

**Bom-Funk** Dance classes contact Danielle on 0412 701 925 or e-mail bomfunked@hotmail.com

**Callisthenics** for 3 to 9 year olds. Phone 6287 1149 (ah)

**Early Childhood Clinic** appointments can be made by phoning 6299 7299.

**Jerra Art Group** \$3.00 per session. Phone Antje on 6299 8723.

**Jerra Dance Group** for ages from 2 years through to primary. Phone 0415 199 232.

**Jerra Residents Association** meet every 4th Wednesday of the month. Phone 6299 9161.

**Jerra Rotary Club** meet every Thursday night at 6.30pm. Phone 6299 8744

**Kids Karate Classes** are on every Tuesday afternoons, phone Mat on 6102 0607.

**Lions Club** Meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, phone 6255 9381.

**Pilates Classes** are held from January 2006 and during school terms, phone 0407 141 648.

**Playgroup** sessions are held during school terms, phone 6255 9434.

**Playschool** caters for children from three years old through to the start of school, phone 6299 9229.

**PROBUS** meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.00am. Phone 6299 9229.

**Rocking Horse Music** - Interactive early child hood music class for babies, toddlers, preschool and their parents/carers. Phone Emma on 0408 552 212 or on [www.rockinghorsemusic.com.au](http://www.rockinghorsemusic.com.au)

**Twin City Church** holds services every Sunday, along with Kids church, phone 6288 1722.

**University of the 3rd Age (U3A)** offer low cost educational opportunities for retired people, phone Ray on 6231 7115.

**X-Treme Youth** meets for church every Sunday and hold monthly functions, phone Dave & Emily on 0402 451 049.

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 to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

# Jerrabomberra Public School

## Working Together In Our Community

Whilst Jerrabomberra Public School continues to grow, we have aimed at nurturing a caring and sharing environment where students K – 6 mix freely. Students help and support each other both in the playground and in the classroom through buddy classes and peer support groups. We also support our school community atmosphere through mixed age assemblies and attendance at shows together.

In this way, students learn to interact and accept a variety of age groups other than just their immediate peers. Staff at the school believe it has had an enormous impact on the atmosphere at Jerra and is mirrored in the happy, well-behaved



students who attend the school. We are so often praised on the quality of our students and the pleasant atmosphere.

In 2006, there will again be a large intake of **Kindergarten** students. **Orientation days** will be run in Term 4, beginning on 22nd November. If you have a child who will be starting next year and have not already informed us, please do so urgently so that we can send you information.

### Gold Creek Art Festival – Vote For Us!

Students from Jerrabomberra have entered some fantastic art work into the Gold Creek Art Festival which coincides with Floriade. If you are out at Federation Square, look for our art and cast a vote. Last year, we were joint winners and received \$700 for our school!

### Singing For Our Supper & Our School!

Jerrabomberra School Choirs are having a great year! Both Senior and Junior Choirs came home with 2nd place trophies (3 in all) from the Canberra Eisteddfod recently. In November, the Senior Choir and Mrs Clifton are off to the Opera House in Sydney to take part in a huge choral festival. They are busy learning all their songs for this special visit.



## Gaol Update - Gary Nairn MP

Jerrabomberra residents will have noticed new roadworks on the Monaro Highway near to where the ACT Government has proposed building a gaol. To everyone's amazement Jon Stanhope has arrogantly allowed these works to commence even though he hasn't lodged a Development Application (DA) for his gaol. When I raised this in the media, Stanhope's response was that "come what may, the gaol will be built at Hume".



Once the DA is lodged, I will be opposing this development on behalf of the residents of Jerrabomberra as it is the wrong place for a gaol. Normal planning processes should determine whether a development is to be built in the most appropriate location so this is one aspect that must be tested. With road works commencing, all people driving along the Monaro Highway are quickly realising the impact additional traffic lights is going to have on traffic

flows. Soon Canberra residents will find out that they will be disadvantaged as well as Jerrabomberra residents.

An alternative site north of the airport has been offered to the ACT Government and I look forward to working with the residents of Jerrabomberra in arguing on good planning principles that the Hume site should not proceed.

Gary Nairn  
Member for Eden-Monaro