



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

President's Report

The JRA has again been able to flex its muscles and get a great win for our community.

You will recall concerns were raised about the Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry (QLRI) proposal to zone land adjacent to Jerrabomberra as commercial and industrial. This would have resulted in the loss of community facilities and the high school, and instead seen factories encroaching on our neighbourhood.

The JRA's public meeting about this on 3 October saw 200 people pack into the Community Centre and unanimously pass a motion calling on the NSW Government and Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) to:

1. Ensure that if Googong proceeds, Edwin Land Parkway is preserved as a local suburban road, and that Dunns Creek Road is constructed as a development condition;
2. Commit that Jerrabomberra will not be surrounded by industrial development on Poplars and Tralee;
3. Ensure that any development on Poplars, Tralee and Environa is compatible with the existing residential development at Jerrabomberra;

4. Commit to supporting and facilitating the construction of the Anglican High School, and the provision of recreational and community facilities (including the indoor swimming centre) in a new development on Poplars, Tralee and Environa.

Our community sent a clear message to our Member for Monaro Steve Whan, NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor and QCC that we were unhappy, and that with elections looming, they needed to take action.

Minister Sartor requested QCC provide him with a plan to accommodate residential and employment growth in the region for the next 25 years, and they have now done so.

And after continuously pushing our message to QCC Councilors, I was also able to secure a personal meeting with NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor and our State Member for Monaro Steve Whan on Saturday 28 October to discuss the matter. I put the Jerrabomberra community's strong opposition to the QLRI proposal to them in no uncertain terms.

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Sincere thanks to Steve Whan for providing the JRA with the meeting opportunity.

It is clear that from the meeting with Minister Sartor and the draft QCC strategy that our elected representatives in both Queanbeyan and Sydney have clearly heard the views of the Jerrabomberra community.

Lets hope now that commonsense will prevail and our request is delivered.

The JRA has also been making sure that the worries of local residents about the marked increase in vandalism in Jerrabomberra are being acted on. Personal and community facilities have been

damaged and destroyed recently, and anecdotal evidence suggests the teenagers responsible are primarily Jerrabomberra residents. This is clearly disappointing, but we are working closely with QCC and NSW Police to find solutions to this problem.

Margot Sachse
President

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SECTION 94 MEETING

Council will be holding a public meeting at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre on 15 November, 2006 to discuss the community facilities proposed to be provided from Section 94 Contributions. Council wants to specifically discuss the proposed Youth Centre and extensions to the Community Centre. Other expenditure includes formalising and sealing the carpark area near the Community Centre. All relevant information regarding Section 94 Contributions collected and expended will be provided at the meeting.

You are invited to the meeting on Wednesday, 15 November, 2006 at 7pm in the Jerrabomberra Community Centre to discuss these projects and for Council to receive submissions on any other projects involving community facilities you would like the Council to consider.

JUNIOR CRICKET PITCH - ALLAN MCGRATH OVAL - SILKY OAK CIRCLE

Council has recently made a decision

to install a cricket pitch at Allan McGrath Oval off Silky Oak Circle. Unfortunately the proposal has met with some opposition from residents, Council met with residents on 17 October to discuss the proposal. The area under consideration is a retention basin and is identified in Council's Plan of Management for passive recreation. Following the meeting, Council will now be writing to the residents adjoining this oval seeking their support or opposition to the proposal prior to the matter being further considered by Council. If Council decides to proceed with amending the Plan of Management for this area, the Council will undertake extensive consultation and include a Public Hearing prior to the Plan of Management being amended.

LAND INQUIRY

Council and Council staff held a workshop on Tuesday, 17 October to consider several proposals in the preparation of a submission to the Minister of Planning regarding Council's response to the Land Inquiry Report, which was handed down on 1 September, 2006.

Councillors considered broad principles for the future supply of residential and employment zones in the Tralee, Poplars and Googong areas. Council also considered submissions from the owners of Tralee Station and other properties within the City. Council officers prepared a report for Council's final consideration and determination on 1 November. Following Council's approval of a strategy, it has been submitted to the Minister for Planning outlining Council's proposal for development in our City during the next 25 years. It is anticipated that the Minister will respond to Council's submission prior to the end of this calendar year.



FRANK PANGALLO MBE
MAYOR

QUEANBEYAN CITY COUNCIL
26 OCTOBER 2006

JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd November, 2006 7.30pm

Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Election of Office Bearers

Membership Table for new, or renewal of, membership

Come Along and Have Your Say

ROTARY MEET'S AT JERRABOMBERRA.



For the past 8 years since its inauguration, the Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra Inc. has been meeting weekly within Jerrabomberra. This thriving Club has 35 active members, and is part of the network of Rotary Clubs world-wide, undertaking community service projects locally, and around the World.

Membership of the Jerrabomberra Rotary Club includes men, women and couples from Jerrabomberra and the local area. They range in age from mid-thirties through to age seventy. This active and social group of individuals enjoy working together to achieve Club objectives, and also for friendship, social gatherings and outings.

The Club's community service program supports Jerr'a School, Bernados, ARAFME; the St Benedict's Refuge and other local charities. The Club initiated the Jerrabomberra Probus Club and the Autumn Fair, featuring the Art

Show and Scarecrow Competition. Additionally the Club supports Southcare, and Heritage Week and runs the Jerrabomberra Australia Day Breakfast celebrations.

The Club has a burgeoning International Program with some members travelling to Thailand to do hands-on work, building an orphanage and education centre for the Children of the Golden Triangle. In a direct life-saving campaign, the Jerrabomberra Rotary Club purchased and distributed treated mosquito nets to every person in the village of Tave, Papua New Guinea, against the ravages of Malaria. It also funded Refuge kits following the Tsunami.

Jerrabomberra Rotary Club supports many of Rotary's ongoing projects, particularly the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and the Youth Extension and Exchange Programs, currently hosting a young woman from Mexico.

If you are new to Jerrabomberra and want to meet new friends, or a long-term resident just keen to do something out of the ordinary, why not come along and sample your local Rotary Club? Perhaps you are a past-Rotarian that hasn't reconnected to the benefits of a local Club?

We are open to prospective members that are keen to contribute to their community and interested in making a difference. You will be welcomed by a fun-loving group of caring people, who are keen to share their Rotary experience. So, if you are inclined to Service-Above-Self and are looking for friendship, fellowship and social interface come along and check us out.

For further information check our website www.d9710.rotary.org.au/Jerrabomberra/Membership or phone membership enquiries on 0437 558 153.

JERRABOMBERRA'S GOLDEN GLORY

The 1st September was Wattle Day and Jerrabomberra had a good reason to celebrate. The slopes of Mount Jerrabomberra were ablaze with the golden hues of a very special wattle. This is the home of the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*). It is the actual wattle which appears on the Australian National Emblem and is easily identifiable by the large fluffy yellow balls for flowers and the elongated leaf. As you drive along Caroline Jackson Drive, the wattle is easy to see and sometimes presents more as a small tree rather than a bush.

Students in Class 5J at Jerrabomberra Public School met with Mr Neil Hancock from the Queanbeyan City Council Nursery to plant seeds collected from Mt Jerra over the past years. The students are hoping to propagate the seeds and plant them back into the environs of the suburb. The students were interested to learn that the local area is home to this very special shrub, a true Australian icon.



Picture on the mount: Aaron Perrett, Conor Bentley, Jasmin Coady and Georgia Allen enjoy a visit to the slopes of Mount Jerrabomberra to see the Golden Wattle.

JRA ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Friday 24th November 2006

Jerrabomberra Community Centre

7pm – 9pm

Michael Angelo-Sante will present a selection of boutique wines

On behalf of Ballast Stone in South Australia

In conjunction with Local Liquor, Oaks Estate

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

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 **Madew Oval** on **Saturday 9th December**

Starting from **5.30pm**

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the Music. There will be Jazz Bands, Choirs, Bagpipe Band, Elvis, Dancers

Jumping Castle and items from Jerra Primary School. Santa will make an appearance and there will also be a Grand fireworks finale

This is sure to be a wonderful event and we look forward

To seeing you all there.

Jerrabomberra Tennis Club Inc

This local amenity continues to thrive and improve going from strength to strength. Our Coach David Horsfall tel. 0405495648 has record coaching numbers but continues to take more. The Jerra Gym tel. 62558520 is our booking and new member agent. General Enquiries, 62999161. Membership Fees are \$90.00 for a family and single \$75.00. till 30TH June 2007. Concessions apply. We have social tennis for members, Thursday Night and Sunday morning, and prospective members are most welcome. This is a great opportunity to meet locals and make new friends. The club is a member of the ACT Tennis Association and this means that we can enter teams in the various competitions. Currently we have two teams playing pennant. We have four courts and a hitup wall as well as a Clubhouse. Two hard courts and two synthetic grass courts cater for the old and the young.

N R Murray President

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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Signature of applicant.....Date.....

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