



Jerrabomberra Newsletter

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Presidents Report

Jerrabomberra residents are just starting to familiarise themselves with the new look Queanbeyan City Council, following last month's Elections which provided us with four new Councillors and a new Mayor in Tim Overall. Congratulations to all who were elected and to those who stood for office but were not successful.

The JRA was very active during the campaign period and made sure all candidates were aware of our local issues and policies. We are now looking forward to working closely with the new Council over the next four years to progress these and other local community needs.

The JRA played a very public role in the campaign when we hosted a 'Meet the Candidates Night at Jerra' on 10 September. This gave the Jerrabomberra community an opportunity to weigh up and compare candidates side by side, as well as discussing issues and raising questions about matters directly affecting our community. The JRA provided each Council candidate with a questionnaire seeking policy positions and a commitment on how each would represent us on various issues. The responses were published on our website to help inform our members and the broader Jerrabomberra community of their

positions. The evening was a huge success, with more than 80 people attending to put the candidates under the spotlight. Many residents went out of their way to let the JRA Committee know the evening was of great value, and that many had their voting intentions either confirmed or altered once they were able to hear from candidates first hand.

While on the topic of Council, the JRA would like to thank Queanbeyan City Council for a generous \$3,055 grant we received as part of the General Donations scheme. We will use this money to replace the notice boards on Tomsitt Drive, which are around twenty years old and in desperate need of repair. The new notice boards will continue to be used by the JRA to inform you of local community events and contribute to our special community spirit.

I have the very difficult task of concluding my regular report with a tribute to former JRA President and long-time Jerrabomberra resident, Noel Murray. The Jerrabomberra community lost one of its great advocates and leaders on 13 September when Noel passed away. While marking this is a cause for deep sadness, there are so many

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Queanbeyan City Council Mayoral Report

Welcome to my first column for the JRA Newsletter. It is my hope to keep you abreast of issues and initiatives Queanbeyan City Council is undertaking which I trust will be of interest to you as readers.

Election of Deputy Mayor

At Council's Meeting on 1 October Cr Sue Whelan was elected Deputy Mayor. Cr Whelan is an excellent choice for this position as she can draw upon a great deal of experience and knowledge within the local government sector being the most experienced member of the Council. I am delighted that Cr Whelan accepted the nomination and I am pleased that the Council voted for her unanimously.

Graffiti

Many people will have noticed the removal of a lot of graffiti around Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra. This is an initiative I am very keen to see promoted and acted upon. Graffiti is a nation-wide problem which costs our country millions of dollars each year. I congratulate Council's officers on removing the graffiti and would urge members of the public to report it to the police if they see people

defacing public property. Also, if you see graffiti please report it to the Council so that it can be quickly removed.

Council Meeting Frequency

At its first meeting on 1 October, Council reviewed its committee structure and meeting frequency. Council has now put in place a new Planning & Development Review Committee and moved its meetings on to a four weekly cycle. Council will now meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month commencing at 5.30pm and the Planning & Development Review Committee will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. This change will allow all planning and development matters to be given careful consideration at a specifically designated committee made up of all the councillors. In our old committee structure these matters were dealt with at the beginning of each Council meeting. The new process will allow for more detailed analysis of planning and development issues and allow for greater public input. The new meeting cycle commenced as of

Wednesday 22 October. Council will be advertising the new meeting dates in the local newspapers. Council is also in the process of reviewing its Advisory Committees.

Googong New Town

Planning for new town developments for the Googong and South Jerrabomberra areas is progressing. Recently both myself and the General Manager had meetings with the Village Building Company regarding the proposed Tralee South development, the Larkham interests regarding the Poplars lands and the Canberra Airport regarding airport noise issues and the development of lands within the flight path zone. Council's recently established Planning Development & Review Committee at its inaugural meeting on 12 November 2008, will be giving consideration to proposed variations to Council's Residential & Economic Strategy Draft Map prior to forwarding to the Minister for Planning for possible endorsement.

Tim Overall
Mayor
20 October 2008

JRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 20 November 2008
@ 7.30pm

Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Election of Office Bearers

Special Guest: Mayor Tim Overall

Membership table for new or renewal
Of membership

Come along and have your say

WHAT'S ON AT JERRA. COMMUNITY CENTRE

Yoga Classes – Wednesday evenings

Pilates – Tuesday & Wednesday evenings

Dance Classes – Wednesday mornings for 2-4 yr. olds
with Impressions Dance & Fitness

The Centre is also available for hire for functions,
community groups, meetings, etc.

For further details on any of the above, please contact
Centre Co-ordinators on 6299-9229

JERRABOMBERRA 1988 – 2008

Twincity Church Christmas Carols by Candlelight Jerrabomberra

This free community event is held on Saturday, 13 December 2008, at David Madew Ovals, Bayside Circuit, in Jerrabomberra

Free entertainment commences at 5.00pm. This includes free carnival rides, and fairy floss. There will



also be a variety of performers such as a rock band, a choir with over 200 members accompanied by an orchestra, Jerra Public School choir, Queanbeyan City Pipe Band, Dance performances plus much more. Santa will also be there with goodies to give a way.

Hot food, drinks, ice cream, candles and glowsticks will be on sale at a minimal cost.

Carol singing will begin at 8.15pm followed by a grand finale of fireworks at 9.00pm.

For further details, please contact Senior Associate Pastor Tony Aloe on 0417291864 or Church Office 62881697.



JRA WINE TASTING

Friday 28 November 2008
Jerrabomberra Community Centre
7pm – 9pm

Michael Angelo-Sante will present a selection of boutique wines from
DiGiorgio Wines, Coonawarra
and
Forester Estate, Margaret River
as well as **St. Arnou beer**
in conjunction with Local Liquor, Oaks Estate

This will provide an excellent opportunity to fill your cellar prior to the Christmas and New Year Festivities

Admission is **FREE** to all JRA members

Others – by gold coin donation

Special wine prices for this night only

Lucky Door Prizes

Cheese & Biscuits

A wonderful night of community spirit and fun



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people - and I am one of them - who also feel very privileged and proud to have called Noel a colleague and a friend. Noel had a real 'can-do' approach to life and always found ways to make things happen for our community. He was an enthusiastic

tennis player and was instrumental in the formation and development of the Jerrabomberra tennis court complex and the Jerrabomberra Tennis Club. As JRA President, Noel was our representative on the Canberra Airport Aircraft Noise Consultative Committee. With his

unwavering energy, he also led the battle against the ACT government on the location of the prison at Hume. Our condolences and deepest sympathies are extended to his wife Ros and family. We will all miss him dearly and remember him with great fondness.

