



# Jerrabomberra Newsletter

A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. June 2016.

## President's report

A key election issue for Jerrabomberra residents is the roll-out of the National Broadband Network (NBN) in Jerrabomberra.

The rollout contract for Queanbeyan, that covers the northern part of Jerrabomberra, was signed by the previous Labor government. The contract for the remainder of Jerrabomberra was not signed until after the 2013 election when the Abbott government was elected.

These two contracts have created a 'digital divide' in Jerrabomberra. Out of the 3,270 dwellings in Jerrabomberra, around 1,170 (36%) are to be connected to Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) and 2,100 (64%) of will be connected with Fibre to the Node (FTTN).

In the simplest terms, if you live on the north side of the Edwin Land Parkway, you get the faster FTTP. If you live south side, you get the slower FTTN. We think that this is unfair.

Initial advice from NBN Co is that residents south of Edwin Land Parkway who wish to avail themselves of the faster FTTP connections may face an additional cost of up to \$5,000. Residents in surrounding suburbs (Googong, Tralee and Queanbeyan) will receive FTTP without any extra cost.

The NBN rollout is happening now around Jerrabomberra. NBN CO advise that the area to north of Edwin Land Parkway will be complete from mid-July. South of Edwin Land Parkway should ready from mid-October.

High speed internet will be an essential service in the future and Jerrabomberra residents want the same service as those in surrounding suburbs. The JRA believes that 64% of residents receiving a slower service than the rest of the community is unacceptable. We ask the candidates standing in the 2 July Federal election what are their plans to rectify this inequality?

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The Ellerton Drive Extension  
NBN  
Aircraft Noise  
Jerrabomberra Parks  
Pedestrian and Bicycle paths

Jerra Circle Roundabout  
Council Rates  
The Poplars  
Elections  
Shopping Centre

## Jerra News Update

### Lanyon/Tomsitt Drive Roundabout

As you sit in traffic on Tomsitt Drive, you might be wondering what is happening with John Barilaro's election promise to deal with the ever increasing congestion with this intersection coming from Googong?

The NSW Roads and Maritime Services Department got \$5 Million at the last State election to signalise this intersection. They have advised that they are committed to build it by Dec 2018. The project is still at the options stage. Utility surveys are complete and technical investigations will commence in early June. Treatment options will be ready by the end of the year.

The JRA believe that this timeframe is unacceptable and that an interim solution is required ASAP. An option like the traffic lights that you see at the roundabout at Brindabella Park have shown to allow better traffic flow in peak times.

### Jerra Circle Roundabout

After a lengthy consultation process, Council have decided not to proceed with signalisation of the Jerra Circle roundabout. The consultation process made it clear that more was required to address pedestrian safety in this area. Council are now considering options of a signalised pedestrian crossing on Edwin Land Parkway as well as additional fencing to direct pedestrian movements in this area.

### Ellerton Drive Extension

We continue to work with an Alliance of Queanbeyan Community Groups to get Council to develop a proper Queanbeyan transport strategy that looks at all facets – social, economic, environmental, health, services before deciding to commit to the significant debt to build the Ellerton Drive Extension (est \$100mill+) and destroying the escarpment.

It is the JRA's position that Dunns Creek Road (DCR) should be completed before the 7th year of development at Googong. The Edwin Land Parkway should remain as a community road only, not a 4 lane Queanbeyan bypass. The DCR will take traffic from Googong directly to the Monaro Highway, rather than through Jerrabomberra.

### Tomsitt Drive/South Jerrabomberra intersection

The planned intersection on Tomsitt drive to South Jerrabomberra (called the Northern Entry Road) is being finalised. This road will provide access to the community facilities land as well as the future residential area of South Jerrabomberra. Work is about to commence on the bridge over Jerrabomberra Creek and the part of the road within North Tralee. The part of the road in the Poplars and its intersection with Tomsitt Drive is still in the design approval stage but it is expected that construction would begin within the next 12 months.

## JRA 2016 meetings

JRA meetings are usually held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre. Occasionally meetings may change to suit a special guest speaker, so keep an eye out on the notice boards on Tomsitt Drive and at the shops just outside of Woolworths. All are welcome – you don't need to be a member to attend meetings.

Can't attend a meeting but would like to raise an issue? Go to the JRA website and send an email through 'contact us': [www.jra.asn.au](http://www.jra.asn.au)

### Next meeting June 15th

### Guest Dr Mike Kelly - Labor Candidate for Eden-Monaro.



Join us on Facebook  
The JRA now has its own Facebook page – just type “Jerrabomberra Residents Association”

Please feel free to contribute to the conversation about issues affecting Jerrabomberra.

Contact the JRA at [www.jra.asn.au](http://www.jra.asn.au)

## Jerra News cont

### Bicentennial Drive traffic calming measures

In late April, Council installed traffic slow points on Bicentennial Drive. This along with the new line marking that occurred in late 2015 are in aid to reduce traffic speeds on this road and improve driver behavior thus making Jerra a safer community. Council will be conducting an education campaign this month to highlight the 50km speed limit for our suburb and to encourage drivers to slow down.

### New Clubhouse for the Jerra Tennis Club

Jerrabomberra Tennis Club's new clubhouse was officially opened by Queanbeyan Mayor Tim Overall on Sunday 14 February. The facility has a large viewing area and kitchen,

conference room, several storerooms, male, female and disabled toilets and two outdoor areas. It was built using volunteer labour, industry labour and generous industry contributions and a Council grant. It is hard to believe, but it took just 8 months to complete. The JTC services nearly 300 members.

[www.jerrabomberratennisclub.com.au](http://www.jerrabomberratennisclub.com.au)

### International flights at last

The many years of hard work by Canberra Airport has finally paid off with Singapore Airlines announcing that they will be the first international airline to operate regularly scheduled international flights from Canberra from September 2016. We will now be able to fly direct to Singapore and Wellington in New Zealand.

### Who is CACCG?

Canberra Airport Community Consultation Group is a group of airport stakeholders (e.g. the airport operator, government agencies of various levels, community representatives, aviation and business representatives, etc.). The objective of this group is that it allows the flow of information from the airport operator and its tenants to the community and vice versa provides a forum where the community has an opportunity to make comments and suggestions regarding the operation and development of its airport. The JRA is a member of the Canberra Airport Community Consultation Group. This group meets 2-3 times a year.

## Googong News

Have you been out to Googong lately? Well the Googong community is growing fast, so you should make the trip and check Googong out.

Did you know that there is a 25m indoor pool at Googong? Be sure to check out Club Googong. These facilities are available to the public for a fee. It is less than 15 minutes from Jerra.

Last month the Googong North Village Centre development application was approved by Council for 1000m<sup>2</sup> supermarket, allied health, gym, childcare, specialty shops and more. Build to start July 2016 for completion late 2017.

In late May, Lovegrove Park was opened. Lovegrove Park is a

beautiful new all-abilities playground catering for children with disability. It includes custom designed equipment to accommodate children with a range of abilities. A wonderful feature is the park is surrounded by totem poles that were painted by the children from the Googong Anglican School.

The Anglican School Googong is taking enrolments for students in 2017 from Early Learning to year 4. The school will be built progressively over the coming years through to year twelve. The principal, Ian Hewitt is happy to answer questions or organise a visit for interested parties.

Flying High in the Googong Sky is a wonderful free community kite flying event at Rockley Oval Googong, with

kites of all shapes and sizes. There are enormous kites on display which are breathtaking. Bring a picnic or enjoy the Lions BBQ. Date Sunday 14 August

## Poplars Development

The developers of the land north and south of Tomsitt Drive, known as the Poplars - are preparing their applications for the development of this area. This area comprises landed zoned for community purposes plus a small lot for commercial/retail development.

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### South Jerrabomberra (Tralee)

The South Jerrabomberra development has an anticipated 1221 lots with approximately 150 lots so far sold with the first residents expected to move into the new estate in 2017/18.

The Northern Access Road is Council’s preferred option for access to South Jerrabomberra, this will result in a new intersection on Tomsitt Drive in the next 18 months. Positive discussions are being held with the ACT government regarding access to the Monaro Highway through Sheppard Street. This would be the first section of Dunns Creek Road.

Insert Googong ad in here please

## JRA Membership Application/Renewal – 2016/2017

Family Membership \$10                  Individuals \$5

Member ID No: ..... Amount Enclosed (or Paid by EFT): \$.....  
(if known)

Given Name .....Surname .....

Address.....

For a Family Membership - provide details of other adults (18yrs or over) residing at the same address – if more people reside at the same address than space provided, please attach further information to this form.

Given Name .....Surname .....

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E-mail address/s\*: .....

\*If an e-mail address is not available, please check the JRA website for information and updates including the JRA minutes.

#### Payment details

If paying by cash or cheque: attach this form with payment and place in the JRA Mailbox next to the JRA Notice Board outside Woolies or post to – JRA, PO Box 132, Jerrabomberra NSW 2619

If paying electronically: transfer appropriate payment amount to:

**Account Name:** Jerrabomberra Residents Association

**BSB:** 633-000    **Account No:** 146026729

Please clearly identify your name/address in the payment details and send an email to the Treasurer ([greg@schmidt.net](mailto:greg@schmidt.net)) to let him know you have made the payment. In your email, please provide the information of other family members if appropriate (as above).