



# Jerrabomberra Newsletter

A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. November 2019.

## President's report

As I write this report today, northern NSW is on fire with a Catastrophic Fire Danger alert issued for most of the state. It is hard to believe that this is happening in November – but it is clearly a sign of things to come! Sadly, communities in our state have been devastated by these fires. It sends a strong message to us all on the importance of community and how strong communities rally together to survive in times of need. We don't need a bush fire to bring our community together. Strong communities are built on relationships, and that is what makes living in Jerrabomberra so special.

In the Christmas spirit of goodwill, the JRA is hosting Carols@Jerra on Saturday 14 December from 6pm at the David Madew Oval. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

The Weston Winds, a 40-piece concert band will play your favourite Christmas carols and the Jerra Primary School Choir plus a couple of local entertainers will lead the community in song.

The 1st Jerrabomberra Scout Group will be running a BBQ, so make sure you buy a sausage or two to support them. You'll also be able to buy a candle from the JRA to read the words in your songbook on the night. And take the opportunity to have a chat to representatives from our local community groups before the carols get underway.

Remember to bring along your Christmas spirit, singing voices and a rug to sit on! Chairs are also welcome.

Let's make this a night to remember.

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**Giant, gargantuan, ginormous,  
Googonian Display Village.**

**You'll get more of what you want at Googong.**

The Googong Display Village is open Saturday to Wednesday, visit [googong.net](http://googong.net) for details.



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## Jerra News Update

### Community Fire Units (CFUs)

The devastation of the fires so far affecting a large proportion of NSW brings home the need to prepare for a fire event occurring in Jerrabomberra. With dry open grasslands bordering us on the west and eucalypt forest on the north and eastern areas, there is a need to protect Jerrabomberra houses. Through NSW Fire and Rescue there are six Community Fire Units (CFU) located in Jerrabomberra. These serve to protect the homes of residents local to these units through CFU members who are trained in the use of basic fire-fighting equipment located within a trailer provided by NSW Fire and Rescue.

CFU members are trained in preparing and protecting property. They do not fight bushfires, but with around 80 per cent of homes lost to fires in the two hours after the passing of a fire-front, these members provide a critical service in saving homes and allowing the fires to continue fighting the front. The training also helps members to make informed decisions about whether to leave early or stay to defend homes when bush fires threaten.

The location of the Jerrabomberra CFUs are:

- Myrtle Close
- Aspen Rise
- Camphorwood Close
- Frangipani Place
- Wentworth Court
- Tully Place.

If you would like more information on the CFU program, contact the JRA or visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)

and navigate through the Recruitment & Volunteering section to the Community Fire Units sub section.

At a minimum, all residents who live close to the open grasslands or forest areas should have a bush fire survival plan. A guide to preparing a plan can be found at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan).

### Holcim quarry

The Holcim quarry is located to the east of Jerrabomberra, south of Stringybark Reserve. The quarry has been operating at the site since 1959 and supplies granite and dacite hard rock aggregates to projects around Canberra. It has approval to operate for an additional 20 years.

The quarry operates between 6.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Saturday, excluding public holidays, and truck movements associated with delivery vehicles returning to site are permitted until 8.00pm on these days. Blasting of rock occurs between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

The quarry conducts a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and the JRA regularly attends meetings. The CCC provides an opportunity for the community to discuss issues relating to the mine's operations, environmental performance and community relations.

The CCC has raised several traffic related issues in regard to truck parking at Jerrabomberra and line of sight issues on Old Cooma Road, all of which have been reported to and resolved by the committee.

## JRA 2019/20 Meetings

JRA meetings are 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 outside 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) or contact us through our Facebook page.

**Carols@Jerra Night  
Saturday 14  
December, from 6pm  
David Madew Oval**



Join us on Facebook  
The JRA now has its own Facebook page – just type in "Jerrabomberra Residents Association".

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

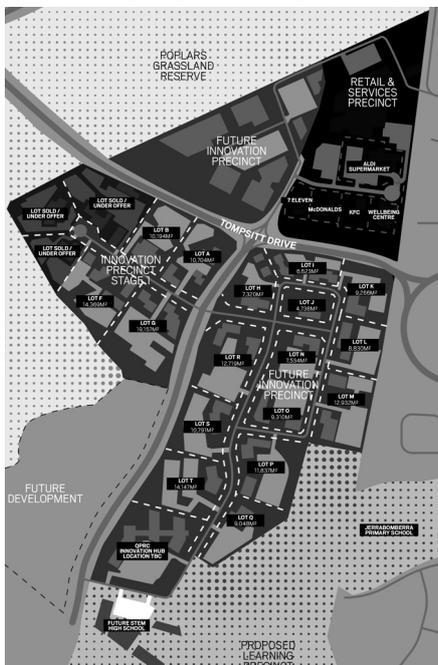
Contact the JRA at [www.jra.asn.au](http://www.jra.asn.au)

## Jerra News cont'd

### Poplars development

The Poplars is divided into three precincts: Retail & Services; Innovation; and Learning. The Retail & Services precinct, also known as the Poplars Marketplace, is on the northern side of Tomsitt Drive, while the Innovation and Learning precincts will be on the southern side of Tomsitt Drive. The Learning precinct will include a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) high school.

Construction of two fast food stores is well underway they expect to be open by the end of this year. Early in the New Year construction of a supermarket and service station in the Poplars Marketplace as well as the road to South Jerrabomberra called Environa Drive will commence.



Planning for the Poplars Innovation precinct is underway and should be finalised in the first half of 2020.

More information can be found on the Poplars website: [www.poplars.com.au](http://www.poplars.com.au)

### Responsible dog ownership

Our pets should not create unwanted issues with our neighbours and the community in general. Some issues that can be cause for concern are dogs barking, escaping yards and being unsociable with other dogs and people. Regular training can lessen or remove many of these problems. .

Within the ACT there are a number of organisations that provide dog obedience training including the Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club (QDDTC) which operates from the Hoover Road grounds (opposite the Queanbeyan lawn cemetery).

The QDDTC aims to promote responsible dog ownership through the teaching of training techniques that, when followed will generally result in a dog that does not cause problems to the community.

Owners also have a responsibility to pick up after their dog in the street or park. If you are a dog owner, do the right thing and take bags with you when walking your dog.

Under the *NSW Companion Animals Act 1998*, your dog needs to be on leash when walked. A fine of \$330 applies if your dog is off lead in a public place. Dog attacks and roaming dogs can be reported at any time on 1300 735 025.

### Roadworks coming to an end in 2020

We shall remember 2019 as the year of the “Big Dig”. The signalised intersections at Lanyon Drive and the Poplars have been completed, although the latter will need to be modified when Environa Drive is completed. The Ellerton Drive Extension is expected to be completed mid-2020 and the duplication of Old Cooma Road in late 2020.

### Airport news

The JRA is a member of the Canberra Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) which meets three times a year. It is through this group the JRA is able to raise concerns directly with the Airport and Airservices Australia.

The Canberra Airport presented their 2020 Preliminary Draft Masterplan at our September meeting and the JRA made a submission through the public consultation process.

Have you seen Qatar’s new plane fly past? Since 1<sup>st</sup> November Qatar has been flying their A350-1000 Airbus into Canberra. This aircraft is considered “the most technically advanced aircraft in the skies” – it is noticeably quieter.

You've joined the Jerrabomberra community, now join the JRA!

The Jerrabomberra Residents Association (JRA) is one of the largest and most active community organisations in the Queanbeyan/Canberra region. We are a democratically elected and self-funded community focused group that represents its members to local, state and federal levels of government. Being a member of the JRA gives you the opportunity to make a significant and positive contribution to your community. If you're a resident of Jerrabomberra (postcode 2619) you can join. Your membership provides the Jerrabomberra community with a strong and unified voice. A voice that is heard!

*Carols@Jerra*  
*Saturday 14 December from 6pm*  
*David Madew Oval*

### JRA Membership Application/Renewal – 2019/2020

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 to this form 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).