



Jerrabomberra Newsletter

A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. March 2013.

President's report

Last year saw a major milestone being achieved for the residents of Jerrabomberra - the approval of South Tralee. This is a small but necessary step towards the provision of facilities for the community such as a high school, indoor sporting complex, sports fields and community buildings. The approval of South Tralee by the NSW Planning Minister does not automatically result in the delivery of these facilities. There are a number of issues that must be addressed before we see any further progress, the community support that made South Tralee happen will again be required.

While the approval of South Tralee is only a small step, it has been an arduous task with a number of JRA representatives putting in many hours to make this happen, their efforts must be applauded. The only benefit that these people will get out of the effort they have put in is to see the much needed community facilities for Jerrabomberra being built and used.

Jerrabomberra was voted as Canberra's best suburb by 2CC listeners. This is no surprise as Jerra has a lot going for it and a

population that is genuine in their community involvement. There are a number of active community organisations in Jerra that reflects on the desire to make this the best place to live. There are many other aspects that make Jerra what it is today; the low crime rate, the surrounding bushlands, well-maintained houses, proximity to Canberra and the neighbourly support. To improve on this is not easy, but with commitment there is no reason why we cannot make Jerra even more appealing than what it is. There are many ways you can help achieve this, joining one of the many community organisations is probably top of the list. To find a community group operating in Jerra go to the JRA web site which has a list of the Jerrabomberra community groups.

With the Federal election looming this year the JRA will be inviting the candidates to come to our meetings. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss with the candidates the issues at a Federal level that affect you. Keep watching the notice boards for information on when these will happen.

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It's Googong. A whole new township around 4km
south-east of Jerrabomberra.

For more information see www.googong.net

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Responsible Dog Ownership

Owning a dog brings with it responsibility. A dog is a living creature that demands and needs attention. It also needs training to be incorporated as a companion animal to a family or individual and able to be acceptable to the wider community.

Laws are in place to penalise the owners of dogs that do not meet defined behaviours when out in the community. However the laws do not tell you how to have an obedient dog that is able to adhere to the defined behaviours. This job is left to organisations such as the Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club who run weekly dog obedience classes at the clubs grounds in Hoover road.

Below are examples of what you can learn through dog obedience classes.

- Few behaviour problems are solved in 10 minutes, and constantly changing your response to try something new is only going to confuse your dog, give it some time to work.
- If your dog lunges at other dogs. You say No. What do you mean? Are you telling your dog he hasn't lunged hard enough or hasn't barked loudly. You may know what you want - but does your dog know? A better solution is to give your dog a positive request immediately. Tell your dog to Sit the moment he sees another dog and before he starts to lunge. You can then reward the dog for Sitting.



Contact the JRA at
www.jra.asn.au

Having a well trained dog will result in a better life for the dog, for the owners and for the community it is living in.

Off Lead Areas

There are a number of designated off lead areas in Queanbeyan. Two in or near Jerrabomberra are Kinlyside Avenue (in the Heights) and Southbar Road – the area is known as the “Scar”.

Collar & Tag

In New South Wales, under the Companion Animal Act 1998, all dogs must be micro-chipped and life-time registered. It is also necessary for your dog to wear a suitable collar and ID tag with his name and telephone number or name and address on it. Dog owners who allow their dog in a public place without a collar & tag are guilty of an offence and risk a fine.

Dog droppings - Bend and Scoop

If your dog defecates in a public place it is a requirement for you to remove their faeces. Failure to do so could result in a fine. It is therefore a good idea when walking your dog to take along some plastic bags with you for this task. Designated off-lead areas provide bins for you to dispose of your dog's droppings.

You can get more information about responsible dog ownership from:
<http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au/>



JRA – working for your
community since 1990

JRA 2013 meetings

January 16th

February 20th

March 20th

April 10th

May 8th

June 19th

July 17th

August 21st

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th
(AGM)

Meetings are usually 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 welcome – you don't need to be a member to attend meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to raise an issue, feel free to go to the JRA website and send an email through 'contact us': www.jra.asn.au

Advertise your business
for free on the JRA
website:

www.jra.asn.au

The Jerrabomberra Fair is on again and the weatherman has promised a sunny day! Preparations are well advanced for what is shaping up to be another great fair at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre. The date is locked in for Saturday 23 March and many vendors and stalls have already booked their sites. So what is on for offer to the local community?

As with past years, activities commence on the evening of Friday 22 March, with an invitation-only cocktail party to open the Jerrabomberra Rotary and Bendigo Bank Art Show and unveil the work by many local artists. The art show will then be open to all comers on the day of the fair, Saturday, 23 March, and the artworks can be purchased at that time. Other activities occurring on the Saturday include the usual great entertainment and fun that Jerrabomberra Rotary and their supporters provide at their Annual Autumn Fair. This year will see the customary assortment of rides for the children, great local and interstate entertainers, the infamous fishing competition to find *that* fish, an all-day BBQ, home bakes, vendors selling a variety of goods, and an enormous collection of pre-loved books to buy and while away a Sunday afternoon.

So come along, enjoy the day with your family, neighbours

and friends, wandering around the various stalls, entertaining the children, or buying art for that empty wall at home. Alternatively, just sit by the water to munch a meal and watch the fun while being entertained. Better still, lie back and read a book purchased from one of the stalls.

The fair will run from 9am through to 2pm with a full program of events

and activities. So whether you drop in for breakfast, morning tea or lunch, don't miss a great day to enjoy yourself and be involved with this community event.

Further information on the fair and Rotary can be obtained by contacting Lynne McPherson on (M) 0409 195 454 or (E) Lynne369@westnet.com.au

2013 Jerrabomberra Rotary



Autumn Fair

Jerrabomberra
Community Centre
Saturday, 23rd March
9am until 2pm

rides, stalls,
art shows,
food, books,
entertainment,
games and fun!

The Rotary Club of Jerrabomberra Inc. PO Box 8, Jerrabomberra NSW 2619

About the Jerrabomberra Residents' Association (JRA)

The JRA represents the interests of the Jerrabomberra community at the local, state and federal level in relation to issues directly affecting the Jerrabomberra community, within the postcode of 2619. The JRA was formed by volunteers from the newly-established Jerrabomberra community in 1990, to help foster community spirit and develop caring relationships between local families. Over time, the JRA has become increasingly involved with advocacy and lobbying for the particular needs of our community, at a Local, State and Federal level.

While we maintain our community

focus and desire to make Jerrabomberra a special place to live, we also draw on the collective experience, and skills of our JRA members to ensure infrastructure, resourcing and other concerns are addressed by all levels of governments.

Your involvement in the JRA is important and your participation in the JRA can be as little as reading the Minutes to our monthly meetings or becoming elected to the committee or somewhere in between. It would be great to see you at our meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month

(excluding December) at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre, or you can send agenda items by email for discussion. A reminder to all residents that membership to your JRA remains the same affordable \$10 for families and \$5 for singles. Mail the membership form, with your payment, to PO Box 132, Jerrabomberra or drop it into the JRA mailbox located next to the JRA noticeboard outside Woolies. Your support will be assisting the continuing commitment of the JRA in strengthening Jerrabomberra's community. For more information, go to www.jra.asn.au

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JRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL – 2013/2014

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.....

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

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

Email 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) to let him know you have made the payment. In your email, please provide the information of other family members if appropriate (as above).