



Jerrabomberra Newsletter

A Community Newsletter for Residents and Friends of Jerrabomberra. Published Periodically. March 2011.

Presidents Report

Welcome to another exciting year for Jerrabomberra. Welcome also to all of the new residents of Jerrabomberra, in particular the new defence families that have joined our community. Whether your stay with us is for a short time or a long time, your participation in our (and now your) community is very welcomed.

The JRA recently hosted a Meet the Candidates Night to help Jerrabomberra residents decide who to vote for in the upcoming NSW State election for the seat of Monaro. The elected representative for Monaro will have the next four years to help shape our community for the future. The JRA believe that with the development opportunities available in the Jerrabomberra Valley, there has never been a greater opportunity for an elected representative to make an impact as right now.

Keep an eye out for the new Community Fire Units located in four vulnerable bushland areas around Jerrabomberra. Each unit will be carrying out training sessions in preparation of a bushfire, so if you haven't yet been trained in how to

use the equipment, please speak to one of your participating CFU-trained neighbours for more details. If you would like a Community Fire Unit in your street, please contact me and I will provide more details on how you can achieve it.

For those people who don't know what the JRA does, the above three paragraphs are a good sample of what we're about. Community spirit, community advocacy, and community safety and interaction are some of the key objectives of the JRA. If you're not yet a member of the JRA or have let your membership lapse, please fill in the application form at the back of this newsletter. With your support the JRA can continue to work in the best interests of the Jerrabomberra community.

If you would like to discuss issues relating to Jerrabomberra, please feel free to contact me directly on 0413 135 310 or kgoiser@optusnet.com.au or go through our website at www.jra.asn.au.

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

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SCHOOL BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS PROGRESSING

Building improvements and upgrades are progressing well at the local Jerra School.

Three new classrooms were occupied at the beginning of the new school year to cater for an increase of two classes for 2011. These classrooms were part of the Building Education Revolution (BER) initiative from the Federal government. The Hall is nearing the completion of a 13 metre extension under the same program. It will be handed over in April and a return to normal usage will be welcomed by many community users.

Work is also nearing completion on a tall security fence. This

will eliminate much of the petty vandalism and theft which occurs nearly every weekend. It will also make our school safer for all.

Further work is also progressing on a new staffroom and office renovation. This will provide much-needed accommodation for the staff. Unfortunately the school was not built to accommodate as many staff and students as are now on site and so the enlargement of our facilities is welcomed. To complete the building work, we are also having two special programs rooms and a new toilet block built as well as

connecting covered walkways. Another project also involves the replacement of our heaters with flued gas heaters. This will need to be completed by winter.

We are all anxiously awaiting the middle of the year when we will at last have our school returned to us with no fences or building sites evident. We look forward to enjoying our new facilities with the wider Jerrabomberra community in the very near future.

Jerrabomberra welcomed 135 new Kindergarten students to the school this year. We welcome them and their parents to our school community.



Jerrabomberra Rotary 2011 Annual Autumn Fair

Saturday March 12th
9am – 2pm
Jerra Community Centre

2011 Fair - Major Sponsor
Sandy Funston



Help us raise to money for
international, national
and local Jerrabomberra
community projects.

Entertainment Music
Art Show & Craft Exhibition

Ray White

Rides by Durkens for
ALL AGES
Food

Who or what is a QHAC???

The Queanbeyan Health Advisory Committee (QHAC) is a group of local residents working in a voluntary capacity to help inform the public and provide community feedback to local health services. Most recently the committee worked with the NSW Department of Health to plan and progress the Queanbeyan Health Service redevelopment (Queanbeyan Hospital) – both the design of the building, and equally important, the services provided.

The Health Advisory Committee's main objectives include:

- To comment on the delivery of local health services and whether or not they are meeting the needs of Queanbeyan and the wider local community in terms of quality, access and equity.

- To facilitate communication and cooperation between the local health services and local communities.

The members cannot do this without your input!

Some interesting facts about your new hospital and local health services:

- Queanbeyan Health Service provides acute care to over 23,000 people and primary care to about 47,000 people in our region each year and employs 156 full time equivalents of staff.

- The Health Service includes emergency, inpatient care, maternity, state of the art operating facilities, community health, dental, allied health, mental health and support services.

- The NSW Government has reached in-principle agreement for Queanbeyan

Health Service to increase usage of its operating theatres in cooperation with the ACT.

- Planning work has commenced in relation to the approved renal service that will begin later this year.

- Birthing numbers are increasing each year and the maternity service is growing.

- It accepts both public and private patients.

- Queanbeyan Health Service is part of the new Southern Local Health Network.

The Health Advisory Committee meets monthly and your feedback and questions are always welcome. Your local representatives are Kevin Grainger (Chair of QHAC) 6297 9684 and here in Jerrabomberra Brian Brown 6299 9613.



JRA Easter Raffle

Tickets will be available from the Rotary Fair on March 12th and at various times at the Jerrabomberra Village Shops until the draw on Thursday 21st of April. The first prize is a \$1200 voucher for 1 week of accommodation @ Thredbo – kindly donated by Village Building Co. Many other prizes are up for grabs, so don't be shy, come and say hello and buy your tickets. Someone has to win – it could be you!

Jerrabomberra only needs \$100K to secure a Community Bank®

Actually, less than \$100K in capital is now needed to ensure the opening of the Jerrabomberra Community Bank branch, an encouraging milestone for the campaign.

A recent Saturday morning information stall for the campaign manned by Local Canberra Raiders star Terry Campese generated much community interest, and inspired a number of locals to invest in the branch bringing the total capital raised to just over \$365K.

The ultimate success of the campaign however is contingent upon Jerrabomberra residents buying at least \$465K in shares in the Bank through the prospectus.

As the prospectus deadline looms, individuals and community groups are encouraged to secure the financial future of Jerrabomberra's community groups by investing in the branch.

Campese commented at the weekend's stall, "My kids are going to grow up here in Jerra. I'm not going to let the opportunity go of having our own community bank fund all sorts of teams and groups they will be involved with. It's not rocket science - Banking makes money! Why not keep the profits here to fund the sort of improvements we want in our community?"

Campese will appear again in support of the Jerrabomberra Community Bank branch campaign on Saturday March 12 from 11am till 1pm at the Jerrabomberra Rotary Fair. Copies of the bank's prospectus will be available for potential investors at the Fair.

A Community Bank branch will not only provide Jerrabomberra residents with access to a full range of personal and business banking products, and jobs for local people, but will also deliver significant social and economic outcomes for the local community.

For residents who cannot attend the stall, copies of the prospectus can also be obtained from Soul Pattison's Chemist or Baker's Delight at the Shopping Village, online at www.jerracb.com.au or contact Brian Brown on 0414 721 291

JRA Inc Membership

A reminder to all residents that membership to your JRA remains the same affordable \$10 for families and \$5 for singles. 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 at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre, or you can send agenda items for discussion. So fill out a membership form now! Mail the 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.

Applicant details Surname/Family name

Given name

Address details House number.....Street Name.....

Home phone Work phone.....

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

Email address.....

(if email not provided, please check the JRA website for Minutes of previous meetings to keep informed)