

# Oran Park Town Newsletter February - March 2021



## EVENTS

### Community Update Meeting

Our next Community Update meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 March at 7pm. The meeting will be held online due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

Further details will be provided closer to the date.

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### Development Update

**Doohan Reserve** - Both clubhouses have now been completed. Fields have been completely turfed and the cricket pitches have been installed. Cricket nets are also completed, including fencing, shelter and retaining walls.

The AC layer was recently laid on the multi-courts and the carpark has also been sealed.

All light poles have been installed and are operational. Soft landscaping and planting are well underway to the entire reserve.

The substructure and drainage at the tennis courts and the all abilities playground is near completion. Fencing is being installed to tennis courts with the slabs to be poured in the coming weeks.



*Cricket nets at Doohan Reserve*

The focus for the coming month will be completion of the soft landscaping and balustrades as well as the slabs for the tennis courts and the playground.

The reserve is anticipated to be completed in April 2021 as the recent run of wet weather has affected the works.

**Dawson Damer Park** - the park was opened to the public on 4 December 2020 with the splash park open every day from 10am to 7pm.

The park has a number of facilities including a splash park with 30 water features, BBQ facilities, picnic shelters and a junior and youth play space, including a half basketball court and Ninja Warrior Course.

The splash park also has wet play wheelchairs available to hire for free to improve access to the water play area for people living with a disability. Disability organisations, day activity groups and service providers are also welcome to hire the chairs at no cost.

Three chairs are available at the park in small, medium and large to suit children and adults and these can be booked out for the day. The wheelchairs need to be pre-booked and at the time of hire, hirers will be provided with safety procedures and instructions for use. For more information visit the Council website [www.camden.nsw.gov.au/parks-and-recreation/parks-and-playgrounds/view/dawson-damer-park-oran-park](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au/parks-and-recreation/parks-and-playgrounds/view/dawson-damer-park-oran-park)

## Dawson Damer Park



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Dawson Damer Park also has an accredited Changing Places Australia public toilet facility. The change facility is wheelchair accessible and includes a tracking adult hoist system, full-sized adjustable change table, toilet, shower and change room. Its accreditation means the facility is certified to cater for users with high support needs and their carers, where additional space, assistance and specialised equipment are required to enable them to safely and comfortably use the facilities.

Camden Council provides temporary and permanent access codes for people with disability to access the Changing Places facilities. The facility can also be accessed by a Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK) which Council provides for free to eligible Camden residents. MLAK key holders will have 24/7 access to MLAK keyed accessible public toilets across the Camden Local Government Area.

**Oran Park Tavern** - Bulk earthworks commenced on site in December 2020 in preparation for building



*New Barramurra Public School*

works. The operators, Momento, continue to work through applications for their licences.

**Service station** (corner Peter Brock and Oran Park Drives) - EG, the service station operator, lodged a DA with Council in August 2020. GDC is working together with EG and Council to achieve development approval.

**Employment Zone** (corner Dick Johnson Drive and The Northern Road) - Stage 1 bulk earthworks are now complete with civil works due to commence soon.

The rezoning application to expand the Employment Zone was adopted by Camden Council in September 2020 and received favourable Gateway determination by the Department of Planning in December 2020. The proposal will again go on public exhibition early this year with final approval anticipated mid 2021.

## Roads

**Connection to Springfield Road** - all work has been completed and the road is now open.

## Registrations

Updates on all land registration dates can be found on our website [www.oranparktown.com.au](http://www.oranparktown.com.au)

## Barramurra Public School

The new Oran Park school opened at the beginning of the year, and as such new school zones have been introduced near the school. Affected roads are sections of

## Do the right thing!



Over the past few weeks Camden Council have had to shut down the splash park to deal with water quality and contamination incidents due to food waste and other rubbish getting caught in the system which has affected water quality.

In order for this facility to remain open for people's enjoyment, we remind park users to follow these simple guidelines when using the park:

- ✓ Sign in using the QR code on entry
- ✓ Toddlers must wear swim nappies at all times
- ✓ No food or drinks allowed in the water play area
- ✓ No dogs allowed within the playground and water play areas
- ✓ Rubbish is to be placed into bins provided

We thank everyone already doing the right thing and encourage others to do the same.

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O'Keefe Drive, Banfield Drive and Battersby Avenue. The new 40km/h school zones will operate from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school days.

To help keep our community safe, residents are reminded to always drive to the signposted speed limits in Oran Park Town.

For student enrolment enquiries contact the school on 4634 7700 or [barramurra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:barramurra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au), or visit the school website [www.barramurra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.barramurra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)

The school offers before and after school care for students provided by Wesley Mission. To find out more about this service, email [oosh@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:oosh@wesleymission.org.au) or call Wesley OOSH office on 9626 6620.

## Supported Playgroup is back!

Free Supported Playgroups are available for parents and carers who have a child aged 0 to 6 years.

The Benevolent Society's Supported Playgroups provide a fun and friendly environment where you and your child can engage with qualified Early Childhood Educators in a safe environment.

Through weekly sessions held during school terms, the playgroups provide a variety of play activities designed to support the development of your child's early learning and social skills, all at their own pace. Playgroups meet in Perich Park, opposite Oran Park Library and Ascot Grove Park.

Your child will also have the chance to play with other children - parents have reported that their children who have attended these groups have built friendships that have continued throughout their school years.

Parents and carers will have the opportunity to learn more about their child's developmental milestones and the benefits of play. They also offer information and connection to relevant community supports that can assist you with your parenting or caring role.

Registrations are essential. For more information about the playgroups, please call 4633 3777. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to access the group's Facebook page.



## Top Marks for Little Giants

*Provided by Little Giants Oran Park*

My name is Lana and I am the Centre Manager at Little Giants Oran Park. We are an innovative Early Education Centre which opened late 2019 welcoming many new families and children from our Oran Park community and beyond!

Our first year was one to remember with so many highlights, achievements and celebrations shared along the way, but the biggest by far would be when we were contacted by the Department of Education to notify us that Little Giants was due to go through the process of "Assessment and Rating", after only 12 months of being open and operational.

The Assessment and Rating Process is when education and care services are assessed and rated by their regulatory authority - a chance to



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show how well services compare to the benchmarks set by the National Quality Standard (NQS). We knew from day one that this was going to be our time to shine and with the hard work, dedication and support from all involved - we strived for excellence!

We are beyond excited to share the incredible news with our community that Little Giants Oran Park has now been assessed and is rated as an 'Exceeding service'. A rating of Exceeding NQS means that our centre is performing above and beyond the requirements of the National Quality Standard and to the Highest Quality.

To receive this rating after only 12 months is a sensational achievement and one that we are so incredibly proud of. From our dedicated and passionate educators to our incredible Oxanda Management, we say a huge THANK YOU to our Oran Park community for allowing us the privilege to care and educate your children each day.

To the families we have not met yet, please feel free to give our enquiries team a call on 1300 692 632 to add your child's name to our waitlist or to book in for a tour to see for yourself what sets Little Giants apart from the rest.

## Return of Scouting

Scouts, the world's leading youth development movement, will be restarting in the first week of February 2021 for all Oran Park and nearby suburbs.

Parents anxious to get their kids out from behind their screens are discovering the benefits their children can get from joining Scouts such as being more resilient and less likely to suffer from mental illnesses. It has also led to improvements in learning at school.

The youth get to participate safely in a wide variety of activities including camping, hiking, canoeing, abseiling, scuba diving, sailing and even flying. They also get to learn a variety of life skills including responsible bush care, leadership and resilience and meet a whole lot of new friends outside of school.

All youth get opportunities in leadership not just the brightest and the best at sports.

There are even benefits through the Scout learning program that the youth participate in that can increase their ATAR at selected local Universities.

The Oran Park Scout Group is now meeting on:

- Thursdays at 5.30pm for Joeys 5 to 8 years old and 6.30pm for Cubs 8 to 11 years old
- Fridays at 6.30pm for Scouts 11 to 14 years old

All meetings are currently held at the Scout Hall at 170 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field.

For more information, contact Hume Region Scouts on 4628 4994 or go to [www.joinscouts.com.au](http://www.joinscouts.com.au) to register your interest.

## A HEALTHY OPT

### Headspace Campbelltown in OPT *Provided by Headspace Campbelltown*

Headspace Campbelltown in Oran Park is back in 2021 to support young people, families, and our broader community!

We supported young people experiencing problems with school, family or relationships, young people feeling stressed, anxious or depressed, and their families, as well as local schools in 2020. We were able to provide services by phone or



*Disability is no barrier to enjoying Scouting*

video in response to COVID-19 restrictions.

We know that young people can often avoid seeking help because they may not be able to physically access services, so we're really excited to expand our partnership with Camden Council, One Door Mental Health, the Salvo's headfirst Program and Beyond Blue's NewAccess program to help young people in the Camden area.

In 2021 we will be providing services at Oran Park Library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Young people can access a Youth Access Clinician (YAC), psychologist and other headspace services on site, or via telehealth by calling 4627 9089 or [headspace.campbelltown@onedoor.org.au](mailto:headspace.campbelltown@onedoor.org.au).

Headspace Campbelltown in Oran Park will also be doing outreach and

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capacity building with schools and community groups in the area. Email us to find out more.

## Suicide Bereavement Support *Provided by Lifeline Macarthur & Western Sydney*

Whether the suicide was a recent experience or one that happened many years ago, the Suicide Bereavement Support Group can help.

Our Support Group will assist you to break down the silence that locks away the guilt, shame, anger, intense pain and the "Why".

The group is a safe place to share your thoughts, ideas and feelings with others who understand the enormity of your loss. The group meets weekly and is a closed group.

The group is structured so that those bereaved can share their experience as well as be supported in managing and moving through their grief.

For more information or to register for a group, please contact Jenny Holmes on 4645 7200 or email [holmesj@lifelinemacarthur.org.au](mailto:holmesj@lifelinemacarthur.org.au)

### Group details:

Tuesday Night Group once a week for 8 weeks:  
Face to Face  
19/1/2021 - 9/3/2021  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Lifeline Macarthur Office

Wednesday Day Group once a week for 8 weeks:  
Face to Face  
27/1/2021 - 17/3/2021  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
Lifeline Macarthur Office

Wednesday Night Group once a week for 8 weeks:  
27/1/2021 - 17/3/2021  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Via Zoom



## Suicide Bereavement Support Group

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### Friday Night Open Groups Face to Face

1st Friday of the month  
Starting Friday 5th March 2021  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Note: groups are subject to adequate numbers.

## NEWS FROM CAMDEN

### Centre for Women's, Children's and Family Health

*Provided by The Benevolent Society*

The Benevolent Society's Centre for Women's, Children's and Family Health located in Campbelltown provides services to promote the health, wellbeing and welfare of women and children, with a focus on supporting women and children affected by domestic and family violence and Aboriginal women.

We provide free services such as crisis counselling and support as well as counselling for women to recover and heal from the effects of violence, child sexual assault, social isolation, women's health concerns across the life span, grief and loss and more.

Other services provided include:

- Therapeutic and wellbeing groups held during the school term.
- Case management support for women who have left a violent

relationship and wish to remain safely in their own home.

- Support for parent/s under the age of 25 with child/ren under 18 months.
- Child, Adolescent and Family Counselling to support children, young people and their families to strengthen relationships and improve mental health outcomes.
- Families in Focus (targeted support) - community-based programs delivering case management support to families.
- Safe and accessible services including free therapeutic childcare and interpreter if required.
- Access to free services such as ante-natal clinics, free legal advice from Marsden's Law Group and Macarthur Legal Centre.
- Training, education and health promotion activities.

If you are experiencing domestic and family violence or want to talk about how you are feeling in your relationship, we can help. Whether you are preparing to leave violence, have already left but need help to get back on your feet or are now safe and wish to heal from the long-term negative effects of this abuse.

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Please phone 1800 077 760 or email [CFWH.Intake@benevolent.org.au](mailto:CFWH.Intake@benevolent.org.au)

The Benevolent Society is a not for profit and non-religious organisation and we've helped people, families and communities achieve positive change since 1813.

## See Something? Say Something!

If you are a victim of a crime that is not life threatening or an emergency, you should contact the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Calling this number allows you to report crime over the phone. Once your report is completed by a customer service representative, your information is immediately available to your local police.

If the crime you are reporting is of a serious nature and details cannot be

taken over the phone, the customer service representative can assist you by advising where you can go to make the report, or by arranging for police to come and see you.

The Police Assistance Line can provide you with a number known as a COPS event number as a receipt of your report. Often you will need to provide the event number to insurance companies if you make a claim against your insurance policy for loss or damage to property.

The types of crime you can report to the Police Assistance Line include:

- Break and Enter
- Motor Vehicle/Vessel theft
- Stealing
- Malicious Damage, including graffiti

If criminal or suspicious behaviour or activity is not occurring right now

you can report it confidentially by phoning Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Crime Stoppers operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A reminder that crime should not be reported via Police Facebook or Twitter pages.

In a life or property threatening situation call Triple Zero (000).

Let's all be a part of keeping our community a safe place to live.



## neighbour day Last Sunday in March

*Relationships Australia*

Relationships Australia is the home of Neighbour Day  
Australia's annual celebration of community

### What is Neighbour Day?

Neighbour Day is an annual celebration that encourages people to connect with their communities; bringing together the people next door, across the street or on the next farm.

It is the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour, connect with new neighbours, and feel part of your community.

Neighbour Day is held on the last Sunday in March every year.

You can make your Neighbour Day as big or small as you'd like; whether a casual cuppa, a picnic in the park or a message of support; it's the perfect day to say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you most.

Visit the Neighbour Day website to register your event and download a FREE kit to help celebrate Neighbour Day.

### How to celebrate ideas

- Host a BBQ with neighbours
- Plan a 'bring a plate' street party
- Organise a game of anything on the local oval
- Have a party on your front lawn
- Meet for afternoon tea in the back paddock
- Enjoy a neighbourhood picnic in your favourite park
- Or simply have a cup of tea or a chat with a new or old neighbour.

**The community you want starts at your front door!™**

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