

Oran Park Town Newsletter

February - March 2020



EVENTS

Community BBQ

Come along to our first Community BBQ for 2020! The event will be held in Hollywood Park located off Lillywhite Circuit on Saturday 21 March from 11am to 1pm.

Free activities will include BBQ, archery and jumping castle.

For more information, contact the Oran Park Town Community Facilitator karren.kapitanow@greenfields.net.au.

ORAN PARK TOWN NEWS

Development Update

Julia Reserve & Skate Park - We are very close to completing works on Julia Reserve. Although parts of the park have been completed, some elements are still under construction and therefore the site remains a construction site.

The official opening event will be held on Saturday 7 March from 10am to 2pm. See event flyer on the back page of this newsletter.

Julia Reserve offers a number of attractions for young people and sitting at the centrepiece is an integrated multi-dimensional skate park with skateable elements featured throughout the park. The reserve also includes a basketball court, ping pong tables, kickabout space, shelters and seating, all of which are now complete.

Please bear with us as work continues on parts of the park that are not complete. For the next few weeks works will continue on completing the parkour area, paths to the north of the site and installing the artwork on the mural wall adjacent to the basketball



Julia Reserve Youth Precinct

court. Work will also continue on the completion of the youth and recreation building which includes amenities.

The area will continue to be fenced off for the safety of workers and members of the public until such time as work is complete.

Youth & Recreation Centre - Hutchinson have completed all external works to the building, with the focus moving to the internal fit out and painting. Installation of the kitchen equipment has taken place as well as flooring to the performance rooms.

Landscaping to the external areas, including the car park and surrounding garden areas has commenced and will be completed shortly.

Opening of the Youth and Recreation Centre will coincide with Julia Reserve on 7 March 2020.

Doohan Reserve - Landscaping Works - Our contractor Landscape Solutions commenced works to Doohan Reserve in late 2019. The program for completion of the reserve (including the two clubhouses) is 16-18

months, weather permitting.

Landscape Solutions have so far completed detailed earthworks, drainage and sewer to the site. Kerb and concrete edging is partially completed to the carpark and the multi-use courts. Works happening in the next few weeks include electrical, concrete piling, retaining walls, irrigation tanks and footpaths installation.

Commercial Building - The building to be known as TRN House is nearing completion. Final internal works are underway along with external works such as landscaping and car parking.

The building will be an A-grade office building, the first of its type and size in Camden. It will be the headquarters for TRN, a major civil works contractor that has a long history in the local area. On the ground floor will be medical imaging including state of the art MRI and cat scan services with many more commercial offices to be set up on other levels.

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All work will be completed soon in time for the officially opening on 27 March.

Parks

Rons Creek / Splash Park - the Ron's creek open space area will be an exciting addition to the recreational facilities in Oran Park Town. It will be home to Camden's largest splash park and only Ninja Warrior Course. The park also features play equipment for both younger children as well as youth, a half basketball court, dynamic exercise equipment, amenities block and car parking. A formal civic plaza, riparian corridor and bio retention basin offer passive spaces where people can relax and enjoy the open spaces. Share paths and shelters are provided in the park as well as BBQ facilities within the riparian corridor.

The whole park will be officially opened on Wednesday 15 April at Council's much-loved Bounce Town event. Event details will be provided in the next newsletter.

Roads

Harrington Parkway & Oran Park Drive intersection - Service relocation of an existing water main is now complete, allowing remaining Banfield Drive pavements works to continue. We expect that the intersection will be fully operational by June 2020.

Dick Johnson Drive - The section of Dick Johnson Drive between Jack Brabham Reserve and South Circuit to the east of Camden Council's administration building is now open.

This new section of road will provide a major connection from Steward Drive to Madden Street and will help circulate traffic around Oran Park Primary School and the new High School.

We have achieved the major approvals for the connection of Dick Johnson



Construction of Rons Creek

Drive to The Northern Road however we are still waiting on a final approval which has been further delayed by a few months with the RMS recently introducing another process. We expect to commence construction by the middle of this year.

South Circuit / Podium Way Signalised Intersection - Work is progressing well with intersection and traffic signal upgrade with most of the carriageway works completed prior to the commencement of school. Traffic signal installation will continue well into Term 1 but interruptions will be kept to a minimum.

Registration

Updates on all land registration dates can be found on our website www.oranparktown.com.au

Preschool Program

Little Giants Oran Park have received a high volume of enquiries regarding Preschool for 2020. Parents have outlined how challenging it is becoming to find placement and have shared the concern they feel in ensuring that their children are prepared and ready for school.

Little Giants want to ensure that they are supporting the Oran Park Community as best they can, so they have come up with a short-term solution, to ensure children are benefiting from a quality learning environment and that they are prepared and confident to start school.

Little Giants will be offering a sessional preschool program for all children aged 3 – 5 where children can engage and learn until a position becomes available in their permanent preschool studios.

This program will align with the school terms, meaning that during school holidays parents will need to make alternative arrangements for their children.

Term dates:

Term 1 - 29 January to 9 April
Term 2 - 27 April to 3 July
Term 3 - 20 July to 25 September
Term 4 - 12 October to 18 December

Sessions will run from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday. These times will need to be adhered to very strictly and parents will not be able to drop off any earlier than 9am or pick up any later than 3pm.

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Fees will be \$100 per day, before Child Care Subsidy entitlements, and will include morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

If you feel your child may benefit from this educational program, please contact Little Giants as soon as possible as there are only limited positions available.

Call 4647 1603 to book in a time to meet with Samantha, the Centre Manager, and to pick up an enrolment pack with further information about this opportunity.

New Scouts Group in OPT

Scouts the world's leading youth development movement has been experiencing huge growth in the Oran park region. So much so they are opening a new group in Oran Park in the second term of school in 2020.

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 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.

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

For more information, contact Hume Region Scouts on Ph 4628 4994 or hume.region@nsw.scouts.com.au



Commercial Building nearing completion

A HEALTHY OPT

Mental Health Support

South Western Sydney Primary Health Network (SWSPHN) have compiled South West Stories, a series of 12 videos that look at mental health in our region and the services SWSPHN funds to support those affected.

Episode 6, Doug's Story, is about a Leppington father of two who lost his

son Tom to suicide on New Year's Day in 2018.

Doug talks about feeling "a huge sense of failure" and says "everyone else is going on with their life but there's no way you can move forward. Then you realise you have to talk about it, keep talking about it, so that's what we did".

Doug and his wife found support through Lifeline Macarthur's Suicide Bereavement Support Group.

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Doug has shared his experience to let others know that there are people out there who care.

Six South West Stories are now available. View at <http://bit.ly/2Svhp4Z>

For more about local mental health services and other health related information visit www.swsphn.com.au/

NEWS FROM CAMDEN

Code Club

Coding is coming back to Oran Park! Camden Libraries will be running an after-school Code Club throughout the school term which will be held upstairs at Oran Park Library. Code Club is designed to be a fun environment giving students the opportunity to create and code simple programs and games. Invent, imagine, create and collaborate as part of this weekly technology club.

Classes are for ages 9 to 14 and will run weekly at 4pm during the school term beginning Tuesday 4 February through to Tuesday 31 March.

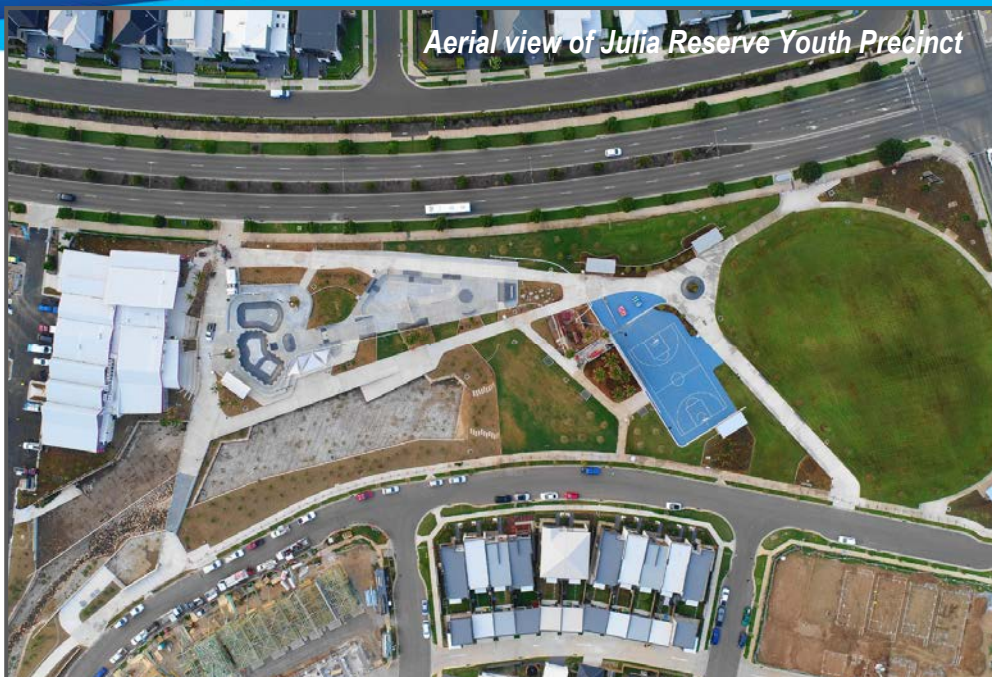
For more information contact Oran Park Library on 4645 5645.

Free Legal Services

Macarthur Legal Centre, located at 317 Queen Street in Campbelltown, provides free legal advice, referrals and assistance to people living in the Macarthur region.

They provide a range of services, including free legal advice, South West Sydney Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service (SWSTAAS) and the Macarthur Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (MWDVCAS).

They can help with most non-criminal legal matters, such as family law, credit



and debt, wills, powers-of-attorney and guardianship.

Their solicitors run legal advice sessions twice weekly:

Tuesday evening 6pm – 8pm

Thursday afternoon 2.30pm - 5pm

You can also call their office on 4628 2042 during these times for telephone advice.

If you can't make it to their office, you can obtain face-to-face legal advice at one of their outreach clinics. The closest to Oran Park is at Big Yellow Umbrella, 19 Queen Street, Narellan which they run on the first Wednesday of each month. Call 4647 1283 to make an appointment.

Macarthur Legal Centre believe an informed community is a strong community. They can provide free legal education workshops to community groups and schools. Call their office on 4628 2042 to discuss how they can tailor sessions to suit the needs of your group.

Mission Australia

Mission Australia is a national Christian charity that has been helping vulnerable Australians move towards independence for 160 years. Every day they support people by combatting homelessness, assisting disadvantaged families and children, addressing mental health issues, fighting substance dependencies and much more.

Mission Australia has services available in the South West Sydney region. If you would like further information on any of their services, feel free to contact them on the numbers below. Their staff are always willing to help.

Services they offer include:

Gambling Counselling

Face to face gambling counselling for those struggling as well as those impacted by the struggles of a friend or family member. Available to Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly residents aged 14 years

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and over. No referral form needed. Self-referrals, agency/service and gambling helpline accepted. WDO approved provider.

Contact Monica Cochrane, Gambling Counsellor on 4621 7413 or 0439 260 721 or cochrane@missionaustralia.com.au.

South West Peer Education Program

For adolescents aged 12 to 18 years old living in Macarthur and the Liverpool LGA. Holistic case management and life skills groups.

FACS, School, Self-referrals, agency/services accepted. WDO approved provider

For more information, contact Richard Kahotea kahotea@missionaustralia.com.au or call 9607 0468 or 0417 765 609.

Opportunities for Young People

Some great volunteering opportunities for local young people.

Camden Council are looking for young people aged 12 to 25 years who would like to join their Youth Council. The Youth Council provides young people of Camden with an opportunity to have their say, be heard and get involved in local projects and events. To find out more contact Council's Youth Project Officer on 4645 5021 or email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au

Headspace Campbelltown are also looking for volunteers to be part of their



New Oran Park High School

Youth Reference Group (YRG). As a member of the YRG, young people develop and facilitate programs and plan and organise events and so much more. For more information, contact Charishma Kaliyanda on 4627 9089 or headspace.campbelltown@onedoor.org.au

Youth Solutions is currently looking for passionate young people between the ages of 16 and 25 years to join their Youth Advisory Group (YAG). The group meets monthly to discuss issues facing local young people and identifying ways to address these. To find out more email Sam at sam@youthsolutions.com.au

Youth Solutions are also looking for young people from the Camden local government area to take part in a research project on drug and alcohol issues which is being funded by Camden Council.

Participants must be aged 12 to 25 years and must be available for a 30 to 45 minute phone interview or focus group discussion about drug and alcohol issues and their needs with regard to prevention and treatment services.

All participants will receive a \$30 JB Hi Fi voucher in appreciation for their time and catering will be provided at Focus groups.

For more details, contact Emily at emily@youthsolutions.com.au or call 4628 2319.

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JULIA RESERVE YOUTH PRECINCT OPENING

7 MARCH

10AM-2PM

WHAT'S ON

**SKATE/SCOOTER/BMX
COMPETITIONS & PRIZES**

**DJ, PROFESSIONAL DEMOS &
FREE WORKSHOPS**

**BYO EQUIPMENT
HELMETS ARE COOL!**

**MERCHANDISE STALL &
GIVEAWAYS**

FREE BBQ & SLUSHIES

**PING PONG, BASKETBALL COURT &
PARKOUR ZONE**



Julia Reserve, Peter Brock Drive, Oran Park Town



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