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Gungahlin Community Council

At last Gungahlin residents will have an ACT Legislative Assembly electorate for their district. This will mean that we are more likely to get local candidates with the knowledge of what happens in, and affect, Gungahlin and have the experience of actually living in Gungahlin. For the next 2016 election residents from 5 Belconnen suburbs will be voting in the new electorate of Yerrabi to make up a quota for 5 members (in an expanded 25 member Assembly).

The new proposals recommend Ginninderra Drive as a natural boundary with the Belconnen suburbs of Lawson, McKellar, Kaleen, Giralang and Evatt to be included in the new electorate. Belconnen is simply too large, and Gungahlin too small, to make up electorates in their own right. A similar situation will occur in Tuggeranong.

But with the expected continued growth of Gungahlin it will not be long before the district moves closer towards its own quota.

In late 2016 voters in Gungahlin will have the chance to elect 5 members of the new ACT Legislative Assembly. Gungahlin will no longer have to share its elected representatives with Central Canberra and Weston Creek. It is expected that the majority of new members will come from (reside in) the Gungahlin district (and perhaps the 5 Belconnen suburbs making up the new electorate of Yerrabi). This should provide true local representation.

Therefore residents of Gungahlin should begin to take a greater interest in what is happening (and NOT happening) in the district as local issues may be important factors in deciding the outcome of the election. GCC expects that local issues will become more prominent and that the major political parties should be required to develop policies and programs that specifically reflect the needs and interests of the local population.

Changes are underway in and around Gungahlin but many immediate and long term interests are still not being met or included in planning statements.

Succession Planning for the GCC **Ewan Brown** President

Every organisation needs refreshing from time to time, mainly to keep up the level of enthusiasm. In the last 2 years the GCC has benefited from good numbers on its Executive Committee. In May support will be sought to amend the GCC Constitution to provide clarity for election of committee members at future AGMs and to place a limit of 10 appointees. In addition there are proposed changes to require those seeking appointment to office bearer or general committee member roles to have a degree of knowledge of how the GCC operates and the issues it deals with. Wherever possible the new appointees should be aware of the operations of the GCC so that effective representation of the local community can be maintained.

It has been suggested that a term for the President should be 4 years so that role will become vacant at the AGM in September 2015. Even though the current committee

numbers 14 it is very likely that there will be significant non-renewal from current members, partly because prospective political candidates are no longer eligible to remain as members of the committee once their nomination to be a candidate is confirmed. This may not occur until early in 2016 and potential candidates are not obliged to publically declare their intentions well in advance but it is preferable for the GCC not to have to seek replacement committee members after only one third of a term.

Those who may be interested in joining the committee should at least plan to attend a number of public meetings before the AGM to meet the 'qualification' standards. The GCC website includes records of past meetings and earlier editions of GunSmoke (the GCC bi-monthly newsletter) so that the background to many local issues can be explored. *Time to get motivated!*



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From the Vice President

Peter Elford

The last few weeks have been exciting for Gungahlin with the release by the ACT government of the proposed new electorate boundaries, the announcement of a series of local road projects and the release of the plans for Stage 3 of the Woolworths site, which will gain a K-Mart and underground carpark. But the highlight has to have been Celebrate Gungahlin.

The Celebrate Gungahlin festival was held on Saturday 11th May at the Gungahlin Town Park (behind the library) and was a rousing success. Organised by Communities@Work, the event attracted a huge crowd across the day who enjoyed a program of live entertainment, activities, information stalls and was a great community get together. We had lots of people come by the GCC stall and were really chuffed by the generally very positive comments and feedback residents and visitors were happy to share with us. My thanks to James Milligan from the GCC for the work he put into the event, and congratulations to Lynne Harwood and her team at Communities@Work for the wonderful job they did. Thanks also to our Champion sponsors the Morgans Group and the Ainslie Group.

On the same day as the festival, the ACT government announced five road projects to be undertaken in the next 12-18 months. The most important of these is the upgrade of Gungahlin Drive between Well Station Road and the Barton highway which will address genuine congestion and safety concerns. Three other projects were “re-announced”, namely the signalisation and improvement of the Barton Highway/Gundaroo Drive roundabout (Canberra’s most accident prone intersection), the upgrade of the Anthony Rolfe/Horse Park Drive intersection (to

support the development of the suburb of Throsby), and the temporary closing of Hibberson St (to build a tunnel between the new Woolworths underground carpark and the carpark under Big W). The fifth project is an “upgrade” to the Gundaroo Drive/Candlebark Close/Nudurr Drive roundabout similar to the one at Gundaroo Drive/Abena Avenue (to improve traffic flow).

Although it is important to keep residents informed of such developments, and we are grateful for the new investments being made, the GCC is concerned that the Gungahlin community’s highest priority road project, the duplication of the Gundaroo Drive, remains unfunded. This was clearly identified by the responses to the Have Your Say survey and highlights the government’s ongoing “one-lane-at-a-time” investment strategy which continues to frustrate residents. The capacity of Gundaroo Drive, particularly between Gungahlin Drive and Mirraabei Drive, is not only a problem for traffic leaving/entering Gungahlin it severely impacts the flow of traffic within Gungahlin. The GCC has written to the Minister for Transport, Mick Gentleman, seeking a commitment from the ACT government to fund this duplication immediately.

On a more positive note, the new boundaries proposed for the ACT electorates which will be used to elect a new 25-seat Legislative Assembly in 2016 includes a new electorate, Yerrabi, that incorporates all suburbs of Gungahlin (and a couple from Belconnen). This is great news as it means we can expect the five Yerrabi MLA’s to be focussed on, and accountable for, the specific and unique needs of Gungahlin (assuming the proposals are accepted, which seems likely).



FROM THE POLLIES

Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Planning

Gungahlin continues to grow with further mixed-use developments planned for the Gungahlin Town Centre, I have been talking to Meegan Fitzharris in relation to the fact that this will only increase traffic through the region. Meegan has made it clear to me that road infrastructure is needed to support this growing area and meet its transport needs which is why we have announced a round of local roadwork's as part of the this year's \$162 million roads program as part of building an integrated transport network

A 1.6 kilometre section of Gungahlin Drive, southbound from north of Sandford Street to the Barton Highway, will be widened to three lanes. An additional signalised left turn lane will also be provided from Well Station Drive onto Gungahlin Drive.

To improve safety and traffic flow, upgrades will also be undertaken on the Barton Highway / Gundaroo Drive / William Slim Drive roundabout. Traffic signals will be introduced to control the traffic according to the time of day and an additional lane will be added to all four approaches.

The Horse Park Drive and Anthony Rolfe Avenue intersection will be upgraded to improve safety and traffic flow. This upgrade will also provide better access to nearby suburbs including Harrison, Gungahlin and the new suburb of Throsby.

Minor works will be undertaken at the intersection of Gundaroo Drive / Candlebark Close / Nudurr Drive to improve safety. The roundabout will be modified to provide exclusive turning lanes which will remove the opportunity for vehicles to overtake and speed through the roundabout.

I am conscious that, while these works will ultimately bring relief to motorists, they will potentially add to traffic congestion during the construction phase. Due to the extra traffic disruption that may be caused, I want to give Gungahlin residents the opportunity to have their say on whether projects should be completed concurrently or staged and completed over a longer period of time. Tell us what you would prefer by completing a short online survey available at www.timetotalk.act.gov.au with consultation open until Friday 15 May 2015.

So far there are around 200 responses and 72% of people want the work to happen at the same time. We are also asking the community for feedback on how they would like to be informed about upcoming road works, with electronic roadside signage the favourite at this stage.

I encourage those who live or travel in Gungahlin to provide their views on how the Gungahlin traffic upgrade projects are delivered. Community input is highly valued.



FROM THE POLLIES

Shane Rattenbury MLA
ACT Minister Assisting on
Transport Reform

The Gungahlin population is rapidly increasing and, as such, so is the demand for public transport. Since the introduction of Network 14 last year, ACTION has been listening to feedback from commuters and monitoring data from the MyWay system, with the aim of ensuring our public transport system meets the ongoing needs of commuters across the city. As a result, ACTION will make a number of changes to the bus timetable from the 18th of May.

Community feedback and MyWay data showed that many Red Rapid services out of Gungahlin in the morning and afternoon peak periods were crowded or full. From May 18th, the number of Red Rapid services out of the Gungahlin Market Place between 9am and 10am on weekdays will be increased from 4 to 7 per hour, and the number of services between 3pm and 4pm will increase from 4 to 8, reducing crowding and passenger wait time from 15 minutes to less than 10 minutes.

Services going through the Gungahlin Market Place during the morning peak will be better spread out to provide more options for commuters and reduce wait times and a number of later services will be added during the peak to take commuters into the City and Parliamentary Triangle. More information about the changes can be found at <http://www.action.act.gov.au/>.

I recently attended the Celebrate Gungahlin Festival. It was great to see so many people coming together and enjoying the activities on offer. I would like to congratulate Communities at Work for putting on such a successful day.

The same Saturday also saw an Open Day at the Common Ground project, which is due for completion next month. Common Ground is a key item in the Labor-Greens Parliamentary Agreement and will be one of Canberra's most significant projects to address homelessness, providing affordable and stable accommodation and support services to the most vulnerable in the community.

While this will be an incredibly important project for Gungahlin and the Canberra community generally, I am saddened that the project's champion, Liz Dawson OAM, will not be there to celebrate the official opening after losing her long battle with cancer.

Her legacy will live on in the project, which will be a permanent reminder of her tireless work advocating for those less fortunate in our community. More information about the project can be found at <http://www.commongroundcanberra.org.au/>



FROM THE POLLIES

Jeremy Hanson MLA
Leader of the Opposition

It's been a busy time for the Canberra Liberals in the past few months. I've been working with Deputy Leader Alistair Coe and the rest of my Canberra Liberals Assembly colleagues, developing our plan for better local government in the ACT.

The ACT Election is in October next year and with around 18 months to go we're keenly developing our way forward for Canberra to be the best place to live, raise a family and get ahead in the years to come.

ACT Labor has its priorities for our city wrong and the government is using its ill-conceived and expensive light rail plan as a distraction from the more pressing and required infrastructure like road upgrades in Gungahlin and better local services in health, education, transport and municipal services.

The Canberra Liberals are working on the new approach that Canberra needs. We will not waste hundreds of millions of dollars building a light rail system based on ideology rather than rationality and common sense.

Our health system is struggling in Canberra. Waiting times are beyond acceptable levels while

patient satisfaction has deteriorated at the Canberra Hospital. Accreditation issues in obstetrics have not been resolved while doctors have threatened industrial action.

It's clear the government is putting all of its effort into light rail and not addressing the ongoing problems in the health system. Similar things could be said for a range of key government services. Over the coming months you will learn more about the

Canberra Liberals' plans for better government in the ACT. It's an exciting time going forward.

I recently called on the ACT government to develop an 'all of government' strategy to combat the growing and insidious problems

caused by crystal meth or ice in the ACT.

Finally, the Centenary of ANZAC is being commemorated and I encourage everyone to take some time over this period to reflect and remember the sacrifice made by Australians in war over the past century. Canberra itself has a proud military history with defence making a huge contribution to the city.

Lest We Forget.

We need a whole of government approach in the ACT encompassing law reform, treatment, rehabilitation, preventative measures and increased community awareness. It's an approach which needs to be coordinated with the federal and NSW governments and I'm glad progress is starting to be made.

“You want to publish your manuscript and you have told a good story, and you want advice on how to get started... or you have an idea you want to float to promote your business, feel free to run by us any idea you have in mind, there is no limit to what we can design”.

So much to Celebrate in Gungahlin

The Gungahlin Town centre was abuzz with energy and entertainment at the inaugural 'Celebrate Gungahlin Festival' boasting 55 stalls, more than 15 live acts and a venerable who's who of local stakeholders. With something for everyone, the thousands of visitors were treated to delectable food, engaging entertainment and a platform to support their local community and its services.

Chief Minister Andrew Barr officially opened the Festival and noted that the vibrancy, talent and diversity so clearly displayed at this festival is yet just another indicator as to why Canberra can become the 'coolest little capital in the world'. Mr Barr mentioned that Gungahlin continues to grow, and that there is a lot of planned investment for the region. "Gungahlin is a special place in Canberra, and Canberra is a special place in a very special country".



Lynne Harwood, CEO of Communities@Work, event convener is a passionate advocate for quality community services of social value and practical benefit. "Events of this nature creates much needed opportunities for tangible community engagement and development. We also believe that this festival is a great example of how working together in partnership and collaboration with like-minded organisations and individuals really can make a difference".

Along with Communities@Work, a broad representative group of local organisations: The Gungahlin Community Council, Gungahlin College, Yonder Beaconhill Consulting and My.Gungahlin formed the event steering committee.

The young ones got creative and entered a creative bunyip themed colouring-in competition. Nick Samaras, Publisher of the Canberra Weekly, Senator Zed Seselja and Andrew Leigh MP had the difficult task of selecting a winner. Three overall winners were selected in the age groups of two to five, six to eight and nine years and above. My Gungahlin, Meegan Fitzharris MLA and Communities@Work teamed up to run a competition to find a photograph that the community believes best represents Gungahlin. The lucky winner is Lachlan Johhstone.

Live entertainment throughout the day included Canberra Children's choir, Fresh Funk, Harrison School Ukulele Band, Gungahlin Dance Academy, Dogue Fashion Parade, Johnny Huckle, Felix Zambezi, Rachel Armstrong, Lavers and West Texas Crude.

Activities included My Gungahlin's Biggest Selfie, Milo the clown, Gungahlin Giants and Gunghalin Wildcats Football Demo, Magical Realm children's entertainment, Michael Salmon Stories and Drawing, Kenny Koala, Sirens Cheerleaders and Communities@Work Children Services activities and a Mix 106.3 presence.

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WALKING TRACKS IN GUNGAHLIN

Kevin Cox
Gungahlin Community Council

Almost every road, cycle, or public transport trip starts and ends with a walk. Infrastructure Australia combines walking and cycling as Active Transport. The 2013 report on Walking Riding and Access to Public Transport says

While Gungahlin has some great walking paths it scores low in walkability. Walkability is a measure of how friendly an area is to walking. Gungahlin scores are low. The best suburb in Gungahlin is the area around the town centre. It has a low walkability score of 43 out of 100 and is the 37th most walkable neighbourhood in Canberra. My own suburb of Ngunnawal has a score of 35 and is the 57th in Canberra. Walk Score calculates both walkability and a transit score. The transit score for Ngunnawal is a low 37.

Walk and Transit Scores are correlated with real estate prices. The more services within walking distance and the higher the Transit scores the higher the real estate prices.

Considering its importance walking receives relatively few funds compared to cars and bicycles. In terms of value for money there is a strong argument for spending more on footpaths. For example 30% of Canberra

streets do not have footpaths. While Canberra now has a policy of a footpath on every street at the current rate of footpath construction it is unlikely the percentage of streets without paths will drop.

Even the road rules favour cars over pedestrians. There is a rule that says "a pedestrian must not cause a traffic hazard by moving into the path of a driver (Rule 236)." It is interesting to compare the USA and Australian

rules where pedestrians are treated with greater respect.

The ACT government is establishing a new active transport office whose remit includes pedestrians. It is hoped it will concentrate more on walking than cycling as more people walk than cycle.

There are few groups anywhere that lobby for

pedestrians. Living Streets in Canberra is a local group and produces an interesting monthly newsletter.

- Communities at Work support a Gungahlin Thursday morning walking group.
- There is a Canberra Meetup Walk Group.
- Walking for Pleasure has the occasional Gungahlin Walk.
- The Canberra BushWalking Club is another group promoting walking.

Walking works best for short distances up 20 minutes (two kilometres) and is more likely to occur in locations with convivial streetscapes; good access to public transport; and a wide range of destinations nearby such as shops, schools, workplaces, recreational activities and services like the post office or library. Most Australians walk at some stage in their day: at least four out of ten people regularly walk for transport purposes other than to work or study.



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Cars are taking over Gungahlin.

Ewan Brown
President - Gungahlin Community Council

Gungahlin seemed to have had a population surge over Christmas 2014/New Year 2015. Once the school holidays had finished chaos reigned on all the roads out of Gungahlin. Traffic seeking to enter Mitchell (via Sandford St or Well Station Dr) or bypass Mitchell (via Well Station Dr) triggered frequent traffic light changes at the respective intersections with Gungahlin Drive causing traffic back-ups to Palmerston & Ngunnawal. Southbound travellers had to endure long delays to get past Mitchell!

There was no point in trying to get out via Gundaroo Drive since the city-bound traffic on the Barton Highway severely limits the number of vehicles seeking a timely exit from Gungahlin on weekday mornings. Horse Park Drive (as a single-lane road) cannot cope with the extra volume of traffic coming out of the newer northern and western suburbs of Gungahlin (Bonner, Forde, Casey, and Jacka). Some are still not finished and in coming years will be joined by traffic from Moncrieff and Throsby. Users of Horse Park Drive will also have to cope with several more sets of traffic signals along its full length.

How much more traffic will be attracted by the Majura Parkway when completed? Undoubtedly traffic from the Barton Highway will be diverted along Clarrie Hermes Drive/Horse Park Drive and Well Station Drive/Horse Park Drive to reach this new fast road to bypass the centre of Canberra.

At last we are seeing some promises of road improvement but the roadworks will in turn add to the traffic problems, particularly if the construction phases are not staggered adequately.

Over the next 12 – 18 months Gungahlin residents will see construction work at:

- The Barton Highway/Gundaroo Drive roundabout with a new approach lane in each (4) direction plus signals (traffic lights) installed,
- 1.6km of the southbound section of Gungahlin Drive from north of Sandford Street to the Barton Highway being widened to three lanes plus an additional signalised left turn lane from Well Station Drive onto Gungahlin Drive,
- An upgrade of the Horse Park Drive/Anthony Rolfe Drive intersection,
- Minor work to provide exclusive turning lanes at the Gundaroo Drive/Nurdurr Drive/Candlebark Close roundabout. (This may replicate the changes made to the Gundaroo Drive/Abena Ave roundabout),

- Hibberson Street to be dug and up closed near the Marketplace entrance to construct an underpass between the existing Big W underground carpark and the new underground car parks to be constructed on the current open car park next to Woolworths. The street will be closed for at least 5-6 weeks because the tunnelling option is no longer available.

GCC will continue to push for the duplication of Gundaroo Drive from the Barton Highway to Mirrabee Drive, the duplication of Horse Park Drive (for its full length) and Clarrie Hermes Drive. The duplication of Gundaroo Drive has been one of the GCC's top 5 priorities for the last 3 years.

The suburb of Crace urgently needs more, and efficient, traffic entry and exit facilities.

Until Gungahlin is provided with sufficient services facilities and attractions (including significant employment opportunities) focus will be placed on adequate road networks to export most of the district' workers every weekday morning and to bring them back in the evening.

Already the by-pass roads (Valley Avenue and Anthony Rolfe Avenue) around the Town Centre are becoming clogged with traffic at peak times. Poor design has contributed significantly to this problem. Valley Avenue will soon be affected by increased traffic flows as a result of the opening on the new office building in May.

Parking

Parking in and around the Gungahlin Town Centre will continue to be a problem. If Gungahlin becomes a transit hub for Light Rail GCC research reveals that most commuters will use private vehicles, rather than bus transport, from the suburbs to access the service terminating in Gungahlin.

Growth

In the interim GCC wants to see significant improvements in all major road facilities. The expenditure will not be wasted as the population growth in Gungahlin will continue for many years with much of this growth involving families with young children – exacerbating the use of private vehicles for transport.

Even now there are proposals to increase the densification in and around the Town Centre. This may help 'attract' more traffic movement into Gungahlin but we still need many more attractors – services, variety of shops, entertainment and employment – to make a substantial dent in the number of trips we need to make out of Gungahlin on a regular basis.



Is your marketing working? If NOT, this may be why

Tony Ozanne
Business Coaching Canberra

As consumers we are exposed to thousands of marketing messages everyday from online ads, radio, TV, billboards etc. Business owners spend thousands of dollars on advertising. Unfortunately many spend this money and never see a return on their investment, and subsequently consider their ads “don’t work”.

You can, however make your business stand out from those who simply throw away their money on advertising because they don’t understand the formula to market their message. There is a formula to create your message and gain impact from your ads – impact to get more leads and ultimately more sales from the money you invest in marketing. This formula is I.E.E.O, or Interrupt, Engage, Educate, Offer. Let me explain.

1. Interrupt

The purpose of marketing is to get someone to pay attention to the message. You need to interrupt the audience to allow them to see what you have. Too many ads simply place their business name and a phone number as the headline, and this simply doesn’t cut it any more. You can’t have a headline, which says “TONY’S ACCOUNTING SERVICE” as the main message and expect to convert!

So how do you interrupt? The headline has to get people to read more and see if you offer a solution to their problem. When looking for an Accountant, you are ideally after a solution to reduce your taxes or your liability. With this in mind a headline such as “78% OF ALL BUSINESSES PAY TOO MUCH TAX” would be more likely to grab my attention to see if I am one of those businesses. Action: Think about the pain point of your target market and create a headline to focus on this in the Interrupt phase.

2. Engage.

Once you have their attention, you need to develop a strategy to get them to continue reading. Most ads simply list a lot of facts such as (using the Accountant again): ‘BAS statements completed, lodgement services, satisfaction guaranteed, CPA member etc.’ Honestly, “Who cares?” We expect these functions of an Accountant. You need to continue to engage the lead into your advert by providing additional information.

Using the Accountant example again, you could go on to state some facts; “the average business paid \$13,587 too much tax last year, however none of those came from XYZ Accountants.” Don’t use your sub heading as a medium to list your basic offerings.

3. Educate.

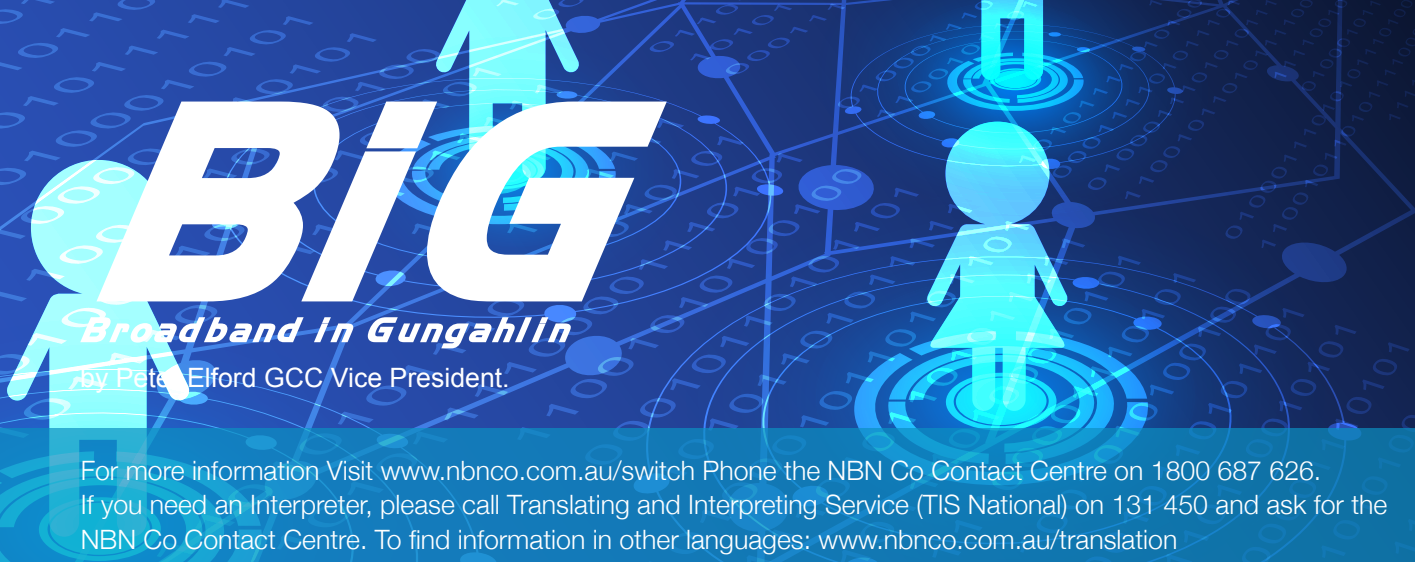
Education is the meat of your advertising. Many leave this element out all together. This is where more facts and figures or possible outcomes can be expanded on from the headline and sub headline. Using the above example, again you would go onto expand what the common missed areas of taxation claims are, how they were discovered, include real life examples etc. Once your audience gets to this phase, they are becoming committed to you and your business.

4. Offer.

This element to your marketing is rarely executed well. Many simply put a “Call us on 123456 today” or “Book your free consultation”. This does not differentiate you in any way, and often is a method people don’t want to take. If you have told me about a problem, how you can remedy it, and what it can do for me in the above processes, I am interested in finding out more. Make an offer in exchange for their name and email via a free report, video series, cheat sheet, fact guide, top tips document etc. This will continue to add value and it allows you to then place the lead into an email funnel to communicate and educate them more in order to convert using your sales processes.

By following the I.E.E.O process with your marketing, you stand a higher chance of conversion and engagement in your business. Business owners are simply wasting their money and not getting traction by simple branding type advertising. Take the time to review your current advertising using this process and see how your competitors execute their marketing.

Tony Ozanne is a Gungahlin based Business Coach and Consultant. If you would like a simple one page Marketing Evaluation tool to assess where you are at (or your competitors) send me an email to tony@tonyozanne.com and put EVALUATION TOOL in the subject line and I’ll send it to you. This tool will allow you to review your material using this formula and provide a score as to whether or not the effectiveness of the material is high or low.



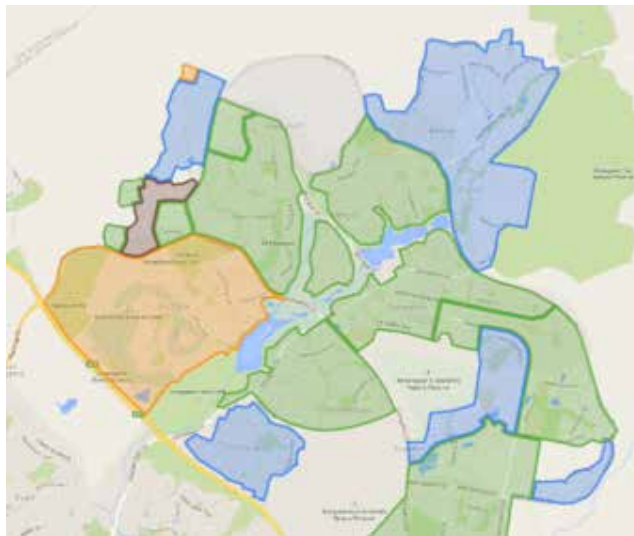
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Broadband in Gungahlin – The Nicholls and Casey Saga

For the majority of Gungahlin residents, the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN) is almost complete, with just a few areas remaining to be fully cut over to the Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) that has been installed. However, the suburb of Nicholls has only just started its NBN migration, and for a portion of the suburb of Casey, their NBN strategy has yet to be announced.

Although Nicholls dropped out of the NBN rollout schedule as a result of the change of strategy introduced by the current government, it was added back into the schedule as part of announcement on December 1st, 2014 and is now shown as being in “build preparation” on the NBNco interactive rollout map (www.nbnco.com.au/rolloutplan). This will mean that FTTH services on the NBN should be available in Nicholls before the end of the year!

But for some early residents of Casey, their NBN future remains unclear. Much of Casey had TransACT FTTH installed during construction which is known as a “greenfield” build. This became part of the NBN when NBNco purchased the FTTH connections from inet (who had in turn purchased TransACT). But the oldest portion of Casey, Casey Stage 1, was constructed with traditional copper wire connections supplied by Telstra and hence should have been included in the same “brownfield” NBN build as the rest of the older Gungahlin suburbs. The map shows which areas are which.



Gungahlin NBN Rollout – Green is Completed FTTH, Blue is FTTH originally built by TransACT (now part of NBN), Orange is Under Construction FTTH and the Dark Brown is Casey Stage 1, where the NBN strategy has not yet been decided (source: Jarrad Chant)

The GCC has been working with NBNco for more than 18 months to clarify how the NBN would be brought to Casey Stage 1, and in March was advised that due to some database inconsistencies the 700 homes in Casey Stage 1 were no longer included in the current plan. Importantly NBNco is aware of the issue and is currently working on a solution to include this area into the roll out. They have assured us, and in turn the people of Casey, that they will get access to high speed broadband.. The ongoing frustration for the affected residents is that the exact solution and the timing for its deployment are yet to be determined. As soon as the GCC is made aware of the revised timeframes and roll out plans we will share them.

Gungahlin used to have the worst broadband services in Canberra, and now every residence has access to the same extremely high quality Internet services – unless you live in Casey Stage 1. GCC’s position is that Casey Stage 1 should receive FTTH like its surrounding areas and suburbs to avoid it becoming Gungahlin’s “broadband pothole”, and will continue to campaign to achieve this.

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