



WARRALILY COMMUNITY

newsletter

WINTER 2020



**8000+ STRONG COMMUNITY
CONTINUES TO GROW**



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Now into our tenth year the 8,000+ strong community of Warralily continues to go from strength to strength:

- 420 lots currently under construction
- 91 stages delivered
- 3,250 lots settled
- 216 lots titled within the last 4 weeks!

The Axis townhouses adjacent to The Village Warralily community hub comprise 26 town-homes ranging in size from 181.08 to 190.79sqm. Set for completion in July this year the 4 bedroom townhouses on Carter Road are in walking distance to supermarkets, schools and parks.

The first new homes of **The Grange** are now under construction and stages 1 through to 5 have now titled. The power lines are currently being removed on Whites Road to make way for a wider more accessible road leading to The Grange entrance which is now well and truly taking shape. If you continue up to the the viewing platform off Williams Rd, you will see the completed streetscapes of the future community. Take some time to soak up the spectacular panoramic views of the ranges, ocean and Armstrong Creek that The Grange has to offer. Read more about the landscaping of the park, bike track and play spaces on page 3.

The **Native Grassland Reestablishment** project has commenced along Stewarts Rd Greenway and at its completion will make up the largest broad-acre reestablishment of native grasslands in Victoria. Read more on page 3.

For any queries on what's happening around us please contact ninabendon@newland.com.au



TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE PANDEMIC.

We know this is a very challenging time for everybody in our community. We want to understand how the pandemic has impacted people across our community so we know the type of support which is most helpful for you. Your insights will help us in planning and refining our ongoing response efforts. We know that successful recoveries are community-led - you know your needs better than anyone. While we provide some direct services, we can also help connect you to other organisations that can help across many different areas. Please get in touch and tell us about your experience and what you need most. If there is an existing support available, we will connect you. If you identify a gap in the service system, it will help us in our response planning. We want to try and ensure everyone in our community has the help and support that they need.

You can provide feedback by email on Communityrelief@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or by phone on 5272 5272.

We look forward to hearing from you. www.geelongaustralia.com.au



3217 COMMUNITY GROUP

A community member who attended the meeting in February had a great idea to start an Online Easter Hat Parade.

We wrote a letter to Woolworths and asked them to sponsor our event - THEY DID! Warralily supported with promoting and creating an event on social media where we hosted the online event. Well done to everyone who entered! We enjoyed seeing your amazing creations.

JOIN US AT THE NEXT ONLINE MEETING.

Saturday 30th May 2020

9:30am - 10:30am

Everyone is Welcome!

Contact: ninabendon@newland.com.au

STATE MEMBER UPDATE

Coronavirus has created unprecedented challenges for South Barwon, and I'd like to thank all Victorians for the sacrifices we have made over the past few months. We've had to give up many of the things we love doing, and our way of life has changed dramatically.

Our hard work is paying off, and we have flattened the curve, but now is not the time for complacency. This disease can still easily get away from us and all our hard work will be for nothing.

We know that this crisis has hit many Victorians hard.

For information on the economic support packages that the State Government is providing, please go to vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you have any local or state issues that you need assistance with, you are always welcome to call or email my office.

Follow my Facebook page for further updates on the State Government's Coronavirus Response.



Darren Cheeseman MP

Labor Member for South Barwon

P: 03 5243 5222 E: Darren.Cheeseman@Parliament.vic.gov.au

Virtual

ARMSTRONG CREEK

YOUTH SPACE

If you are a young person aged between 12 and 25 living locally drop in to our online sessions and say hi. Activities include virtual cooking, music, art and socialising. Every Wednesday, from 4 during school term.

For more info text Jarrod on 0419504329 or email JZdrzalka@geelongcity.vic.gov.au



THE GRANGE VILLAGE PARK

The new park will provide a range of play and open space experiences for all ages and abilities. Elements found in this park will feel familiar as are based around our award winning Mirambeena Play Park features. However, the sloping parkland provides us with a whole new range of exciting design opportunities to create special places for our residents and for those living nearby.

An exhilarating elevated play structure - *tall and not for the faint hearted* - will be based around the shapes and forms of native grasses and have interconnecting slides and basket platforms.

A 300m long mountain bike flow track will cater for a range of ages and abilities and provide some fantastic challenges. With one of Victoria's most experienced mountain bike track designers on this project, the track will take advantage of the slope and be seamlessly incorporated down and through the park.

Play spaces will include sound and music play, swings, slides and the extensive sandpit and construction play area with diggers, specialised sand play tables for all abilities, balance logs and nature play opportunities will keep the younger children engaged.

A water play area will also utilise the sloping nature of the park with opportunities to get wet and muddy and cool down on a hot day.

For the older kids there will be a basketball and netball ¼ court with skateable elements.

HELP US PLAN THE WARRALILY FUN RUN

We are currently seeking proactive people to get involved in planning and organising our first ever community Fun Run 2021.

For more information contact:
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AN UPDATE FROM ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

We have had a terrific start to our first year at St Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School welcoming 135 students and their families to our learning community.

Our families have been an integral part of the creation of our school and we thank them for the role they have played in establishing St Catherine's.

In the seven short weeks of term 1, it was delightful to have our many months of planning and preparing enacted. We have been creating a positive, safe school of learners with particular focus on enriching each child's wellbeing through regular exercise and mindfulness. Our buddy program echoes the enhancement of individual and collective wellbeing. All students have been energised with quality and innovative learning through high expectations to pursue excellence with the explicit teaching of English and Mathematics in the classroom as well as through our specialist programs of Literary Appreciation, Performing and Visual Arts, Physical Education and Spanish.



Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program has further enabled us to create an eco-friendly environment, with students learning positive food habits through fun, hands-on learning, planting and caring for their produce and cooking the food they grow.



Our school choir, bike education, and external optional programs of Kelly Sports and the Music Bus have allowed students to explore their particular passions.

We believe in promoting students' voices and have established a grade 5 student leadership team, who run

our weekly assemblies and continue to support us in creating a positive culture at our school.

Recently due to COVID 19, our staff have been working tirelessly to develop an engaging online & off-site curriculum. We have even managed to gather remotely as a whole school community through our weekly assemblies, commemorating Anzac Day and celebrating St Catherine's feast day as well as mother's day.

We feel privileged to be part of the Armstrong Creek community and we look forward to growing together in the future.

"Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire' St. Catherine of Siena.

We are Respectful. We are Learners. We are our Best Selves.
ENGAGE- EMPOWER - EXCEL



For the past three years Warralily and Flora Victoria have been cultivating and harvesting native grass seeds from our very own conservation reserves to restore the native vegetation in our neighbourhood. These seeds are now being sown along Warralily's Stewarts Rd Greenway and will make up the largest broad-acre reestablishment of native grasslands in Victoria.

Since the inception of the project, the team have been dedicated to the vision of creating a place where the community feels connected to nature by restoring and subtly celebrating the natural assets of the landscape.

"In partnership with the City of Greater Geelong it has taken 5 years of planning and 3 years of exotic weed control to get the project to this point. It is an exciting time for the environment at Warralily with the establishment of 3.36 Ha of native grassland areas. The ongoing creek and environmental restoration works tie all of our landscape projects together with history of the site,....A huge thank you to the community of Warralily for being so supportive and patient throughout this initiative"
 Jeremy Minter, Warralily Project Manager, Urban Design.

Warralily's Native Landscape Warralily is located within the Victorian Volcanic Plains Bioregion where grassy woodland vegetation once occurred west from Melbourne to near the South Australian border. Stewart's Reserve on Warralily Boulevard is among one of the best remaining examples of Grassy Woodland in the Geelong region. With eucalyptus trees like Manna Gum, Swamp Gum, large old River Red Gums and a variety of native grasses, wildflowers and sedges.

Grassy woodlands like this are classified as endangered vegetation in Victoria.

The direct seeding program that is being carried out will cover 3.36 ha native grassland re-establishments and include native grass species such as red leg, spear, kangaroo and silky blue grasses. These types of Australian native grasses maintain an ornamental look throughout every season, are stress tolerant of intermittent droughts and fires and have huge biodiversity values. A vast number of beneficial insect species and wildlife call grasslands home including finches and parrots (attracted by seeding plants), native butterflies', lizards and their natural predators such as kookaburras.



Harvesting Native Warralily Seeds

There are three dedicated conservation zones within Warralily which are set out to protect the existing native vegetation. Over the past 3 years we have worked with Flora Victoria who specialise in native grass seed production and direct seeding to collect the seeds of native grass from these reserves and areas within a 50km radius.

Through a mixture of hand and vacuum collection techniques and exhaustive sorting and identification processes, the seeds were broadcasted onto the ground recently using a machine developed and built by Flora Victoria specifically for this task

Over the next 12 months we will start to see all the different species germinate throughout the seasons. Once these grasses start to establish, we will add in another layer of red gums, acacias and mixed understory scrubs to bring the landscape character of the creek corridor closer to the road. Stage 2 of this initiative will be a similar revegetation exercise along the banks of Armstrong Creek from the Surf Coast Hwy to Horseshoe Bend Rd.

CORONA KINDNESS: 7 WAYS TO BE AN AWESOME NEIGHBOUR

While social distancing is essential during the coronavirus emergency, so too is watching out for our neighbours, especially those who are elderly, have disabilities or live alone.

Here are some of our suggestions for ways to help those who live next door. If you are helping your neighbours, it is essential that you practice safe social distancing - keep 1.5 metres away, do no-contact deliveries by leaving items on the doorstep and leave messages in their letterboxes. And remember to regularly wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and cough or sneeze into a tissue or crook of your elbow.

1. Say "hi" and wave.

Exercise is one of the 4 legitimate reasons you can be outdoors during the current restrictions. So when you're out and about, give your neighbours a wave and a smile and say "hi". If it's a nice day, sit outside in your front yard with a cuppa and wave and say "hello" as your neighbours go by. A small interaction can really brighten someone's day.

2. Offer to help with their gardening.

Bit of a green thumb, or just want another reason to get out of your house? You could offer to mow your neighbour's lawn or nature strip while you're doing your own. You could also help with weeding or trimming back shrubs, trees and lawn edges, especially around windows and entry ways.

3. Brighten their day with a homemade surprise.

It could be a bouquet of flowers or a potted cutting from your garden, some home grown veggies or fruit, a jar of homemade preserves, a plate of home-baked treats or perhaps some fresh eggs, if you have chooks. Maybe when you're cooking your own meal, make an extra serve for your neighbour and drop it around. Leave the goodies on their door step with a note. You will definitely put a smile on their face.

4. Leave a note in their mailbox offering to help.

Cut out the "Happy to help" cards on the other side of this page, fill them in and drop them in your neighbours' letterboxes. You can offer to pick up groceries, prescriptions or other essentials, run an errand, take their dog for a walk, or anything else. It's a great way to reach out.

5. Offer a regular "check-in and chat".

If you have neighbours who are elderly, live alone, have disabilities or are immunocompromised, offer to call them every few days to make sure they are doing okay. If they don't have friends or family, they may appreciate the chance to chat with someone. However, always check to see what their preferred way to communicate is - phone call, text message, notes in the mailbox, email or something else. And don't be offended if they turn down your offer - they may already have someone looking out for them.

6. Organise a driveway happy hour.

Grab a chair, your beverage of choice, your sandwich or even your barbecue and sit in your front yard or driveway. Encourage your neighbours to do the same and chat to each other at a safe social distance. If you're musically-inclined you could add instruments and singing to the mix and start your very own neighbourhood band.

7. Start a neighbourhood chat group.

Start a chat group for your street or neighbourhood on WhatsApp or Messenger. Residents can post requests for assistance or make offers to help. It's also a great "no contact" way to check in with your neighbours and make sure they're doing okay.



hi I'm happy to help out
neighbour

My name is: _____
I live at: _____
You can reach me on: _____

If you need a hand with anything or someone to chat with, please call or message me and I'll do my best to help, for free. For example, I can:

- Take you shopping
- Pick up groceries
- Get your medication
- Call for a friendly chat
- Provide a cooked meal
- Take your pet for a walk
- Run errands for you
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Neighbourhood Watch
Let's watch out for each other

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Oberon High School

Construction of the new Oberon High School is moving fast and on track to relocate from Belmont to its new site in the heart of Warralily on day one, term one, 2021.

Established in 1963, Oberon High School's vision is to provide a positive, inspiring, safe and respectful learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to challenge themselves and achieve success.

The new facility is located within the Education Precinct at 155-175 Batten Road, Armstrong Creek next to the Armstrong Creek School and will accommodate 1,100 students. For more information visit:

<https://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au/site/>



EAT SHOP VISIT
3217



At Village Warralily many retailers have been impacted by the current pandemic. The local food retailers have had to make significant changes to their business over the past several weeks to shift from dining to exclusively take away and deliveries. Fortunately, many have innovated quickly to meet customer demand allowing consumers to continue to support their local cafés and restaurants by ordering online and some providing deliveries. Supporting your local now is more important than ever so they can continue to operate and provide a quality product and service to the community.

Online ordering & takeaway options available from the following:

Sullies Kiosk offers all-day breakfast and lunch. As an award-winning cafe, they source their coffee from a family-owned and operated business in the area.

Torquay-based Surf Coast Coffee Roasters have been roasting for many years and sources from the best coffee growing regions to produce their much loved coffee.

Open from 7:00am to 3:30pm

0424 528 176. Download the "Skip" app from App or Play store to order.



Warralily Cockatoo is your neighborhood café and pizza bar serving you from breakfast to dinner. They are a lifestyle restaurant that seeks out local, seasonal and fresh farm products daily. Cockatoo also serves pastries, sweet treats, raw bars & donuts sourced from local artisans. They recently won first place for "Best Coffee" award by Geelong Advertiser.

Open from 7:00am to 9:00pm

03 5264 1992 - www.warralilycockatoo.com



CHILDCARE AND KINDER AS *unique* AS YOUR LITTLE ONE!

If you want your child to develop a true love of learning and excitement for life, come to Armstrong Creek East Children's Centre.

Famous for its state-of-the-art facilities, diverse educational program, and onsite Chef and Nutritionist, Armstrong Creek offers quality care and education that stands out from the rest.

Come and see for yourself!

DROP IN FOR A VISIT OR CALL 1300 224 644

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ARMSTRONG CREEK
Ph: 1300 224 644

The Slippery Mackerel Fish & Grill

offers you burgers, fish and chips and much more. Must-try on their menu is their fish and chips which was awarded "Best Fish and Chips" by the Geelong Advertiser. This didn't come as a surprise as one of the owners, Mark and his mum, have been making fish and chips for over 90 years collectively.

Open from 11:00am to 8:00pm (Closed Mondays)

03 5264 1146 - www.theslipperymackerel.com.au



Town & Country Pizza & Pasta serves you traditional Italian pizza and pasta. With recipes passed down from generation to generation, you're sure you're getting a taste of only the best.

Open from 11:00 to 9:00pm

03 5264 1858 - www.townandcountrypizza.com.au



THE WARRALILY COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

are currently seeking members to help create and plan our community orchard.

The community orchard will be located on Central Boulevard and we are at the very beginning of planning the project.

We are seeking anyone who will help form our small team of enthusiasts.

For more information about our future discussion group please contact warralilycgarden@gmail.com or join the facebook group @Community Garden Warralily, Armstrong Creek

JULY HERITAGE WINDOW WALK

The 3217 Community Group invite you to brighten up our streets this July with a festive window display of your family heritage.

#3217WindowWalk

BRING THE OUTDOORS IN THIS WINTER AND BREATHE THE BENEFITS

By adding just one indoor plant you can start to purify the air inside your home.

You may not realise it, but air-borne toxins can be created by several everyday items like paints, detergents, pesticides, carpet cleaner or fabrics which can cause headaches, irritations and allergies. Indoor plants remove pollutants like this from the air by absorbing these gases through pores on the surface of their leaves and through their roots. If you are looking for plants that have air leaning benefits The Peace Lily, Aloe vera, Devils Ivy, Spider Plant or Parlour Palm are a great place to start.



Felix's Tips

Warralily's Stag-ering Habitat Trees



Next time you are walking along the creek check out the tree stags.

If you look closely you might see some animals who have made the Cracks, crevices, notches and hollows their homes - that's why these trees are also called Habitat Trees.

A habitat is the home of an animal or a plant. Almost every place on Earth—from the hottest desert to the coldest ice pack—is a habitat for some kinds of animals and plants. Most habitats include a community of animals and plants along with water, oxygen, soil or sand, and rocks.



HARD WASTE COLLECTION

Greater Geelong Residents will have access to two free hard rubbish collections a year after council extended the service for a further 12 months from July. The service will now include mattress collection.

By diverting waste from landfill into recycling streams, this program has saved the community the equivalent of \$85,000. For bookings call 0352725444 or visit geelongaustralia.com.au/hardwaste



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