

Wellard welcomes its 2000th purchasers



May, Liam and Preston are excited about their future at The Village at Wellard.

The Village at Wellard FAST FACTS

Did you know...

- The first pre-release of 47 lots in May 2004 sold out in the first weekend
- The Village at Wellard has earned 21 awards for planning, design, environmental management and community development
- More than 1000 native mature trees have been retained in parks and streetscapes
- There are 28 hectares of landscaped parks, 17 hectares of natural bushland and 10 hectares of wetlands
- Blocks range from compact 220sqm townhouse lots to massive 1800sqm homestead lots
- Around 8000 residents will eventually call The Village at Wellard 'home'

When May Barker and Liam Worsley signed up to build their dream home at The Village at Wellard, they never imagined they would become part of the estate's history.

As the 2000th purchasers, the young couple is excited about moving into the community with their son Preston – and their milestone status!

"Truthfully, May and I didn't even realise how big it is," said Liam of the 3075-lot community.

"It really confirms we've made the right decision. After all, 2000 buyers can't be wrong!"

The future residents said they are really looking forward to exploring the nearby parks and nature reserves and settling in close to family.

"Liam's parents live just a kilometre away from where we're building," May explained.

Seven-year-old Preston said he is most looking forward to attending the local primary school, just minutes from his doorstep, while his parents will take advantage of the easy access to the train line for travel to and from work.



Nominate your Neighbour of the Year

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community – bringing together the people next door, across the street or around the corner for a beer, barbie or just a cuppa.

Another new year and plenty to look forward to

It's the start of another busy year at The Village at Wellard, with plenty to look forward to for residents.

The community celebrated a major milestone at the end of last year, welcoming its 2000th purchasers, May and Liam (see Page 1 for their story).

Elsewhere in the estate, there are three new parks either completed or scheduled for completion by the middle of the year (see Page 3 for details) while activity at the new Display Village is well underway, with the first display home now open and more to follow in the coming months.

Keep your eye out for the next stunning piece of public art, commissioned early in 2016 and due to be installed later in the year.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Village Connect. If you have any questions about development at The Village at Wellard, please contact the Peet Community Information Line at community@peet.com.au or 1800 819 912.

Peter Dockett
Development Manager

To celebrate Neighbour Day on Sunday 27 March, The Village at Wellard Residents Association is taking nominations for its inaugural Neighbour of the Year Award.

Association President Matthew Rowse said the idea for the award came from hearing residents' stories about the good turns their neighbours were doing for them.

"The committee, via our meetings and feedback on social media, was hearing many examples of how close-knit and friendly our community is," Mr Rowse said.

"We thought, what better way to celebrate Neighbour Day than to hear from

residents about the awesome things their neighbours have been doing for them."

Nominations for the Neighbour of the Year Award close on 20 March 2016. Email Matt at matthewrowse@bigpond.com, providing a brief description of the neighbour you're nominating and why they deserve to win.

The Neighbour of the Year Award will be presented at a special barbecue breakfast on Sunday 3 April 2016. Keep an eye on [The Village at Wellard Residents Association](#) Facebook Page for time and location details closer to the date.



Last year's Neighbour Day picnic was a hit with residents!

New residents meet and mingle

Thanks to everyone who took up the opportunity to meet future neighbours, fellow residents and local representatives at the latest Welcome Sundowner.

The event was organised by the Residents Association to give estate residents and residents-in-waiting new opportunities to get to know each other and learn more about what's going on around them.

State and Local Government leaders including local member and Deputy Opposition Leader, Roger Cook (who is also a very active member of The Village at Wellard community), South Metropolitan MLC, Hon. Sheila Mills, City of Kwinana Mayor, Carol Adams and Deputy Mayor, Peter Feasey, were also on hand to welcome new residents.



Roger Cook (local MP for Kwinana and resident) Peter Feasey (City of Kwinana Deputy Mayor) Carly Lane (Residents Association member) and Sheila Mills (MLC).



Artist's render of the new park at Stage 39.

Wellard's first childcare centre

Life is about to become a whole lot easier for young families in The Village at Wellard!

Construction of the new Maragon Early Learning Centre, on the corner of Lambeth Circle and Charing Cross right next to the train station, is now underway and expected to open its doors later this year.

The new centre will cater for up to 90 babies and children aged eight weeks to five years of age, and is set to feature a nature playground, science and discovery centre and six different age group rooms from babies to five year olds.



Maragon's Chief Operating Officer, Leanda Visagie, said she was particularly excited about the new science and discovery centre: "It will be a space where kids can create and discover in areas such as art, science and music and will also be used to facilitate parent workshops and also relevant talks for parents from the wider community."

Enrolments are now open, and families are encouraged to register their children early to avoid missing out. Contact wellard@maragon.com.au.

New spaces to play and explore

Wellard residents will soon be enjoying an even bigger choice of places to relax, meet, exercise and play.

From nature play areas, BMX bike tracks, picnic facilities and adventure playgrounds, the community's three new parks, either recently completed or underway, are sure to keep the young and young-at-heart entertained.

The new park on Ryhill Crescent is now open to families, with new shade sails and a specially commissioned public art piece ready to be installed by the middle of this year.

In Stage 33, in the south-west corner of the estate, construction of a second new park featuring nature play areas and barbecue facilities is taking shape, and due for completion in March this year.

The park in Stage 39, just a five-minute walk from the Wellard Train Station, will soon become a popular destination for active residents of all ages with goal posts, a large play area, a BMX bike track, skating facilities and lots of green open space.

Construction of the Stage 39 park is underway and should be ready to welcome its first biking and skating enthusiasts before the cooler weather sets in.

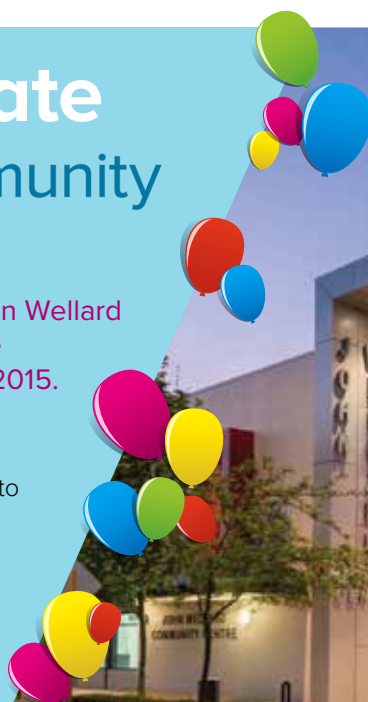
Residents celebrate as John Wellard Community Centre turns two!

Village residents came together to mark the John Wellard Community Centre's second birthday with a free celebratory barbecue and kids activities in late 2015.

As well as hosting yoga classes, sewing groups, tai chi and computer classes, the Centre is also home to the community's Over 60s Ladies' Group, who came along to join in the birthday festivities.

The John Wellard Community Centre is open from 9am to 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9am to 12pm Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information about the activities on offer, or about hiring the Centre, call 9439 4992 or email community.bookings@kwinana.wa.gov.au.



Happy second birthday!



New Year and a new day for Residents Association meetings

The start of a New Year will see a change of day for Residents Associations meetings in 2016 with a new calendar now in place.

Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every second month at the John Wellard Community Centre. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13 April and thereafter on Wednesday 8 June.

To find out more about The Village at Wellard Residents Association, contact Alicia Kelly at aliciakelly@westnet.com.au or join "The Village at Wellard Residents Association" group on Facebook.

Want to help out?

The Residents Association is looking for a new secretary to take over the reins. If you think this could be the job for you, contact Alicia today!

Summer DIY – Sponge Water Bombs

It's been a hot one this summer! Try this easy, fun and water-wise project on a hot summer day and you're sure to be popular with the kids.

Materials:

- Four brightly coloured thick sponges
- Scissors
- String

How to:

Cut each sponge in quarters lengthways, ending up with four pieces per sponge. Line the strips up on top of each other, four pieces to a layer. Tie them tightly in the middle with some string, and fluff out into a ball. Then just soak in some cold water and head outside to play!



The Village at Wellard has been named a finalist in both the Urban Development Institute of Australia's National Awards for Excellence, and the Property Council of Australia's

Innovation and Excellence Awards in the masterplanned development and community categories.

The awards ceremonies will take place in March and June 2016 respectively, and we hope to share some good news with you in the coming months.



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WHAT'S ON

Act- Belong-Commit Sunset Fiesta

Date: 19 March 2016

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Where: Centennial Park, Bertram, Western Australia

Celebrate Harmony Week with an evening of international food and entertainment on the grassy knoll at Centennial Park.

Harmony Week is an opportunity for all Western Australians to celebrate our vibrant multicultural State and to experience WA's wealth of ethnic and cultural diversity.

Rockingham Kwinana 2016 Relay for Life

Date: 14 May 2016 to 15 May 2016

Time: 11am Saturday to 11am Sunday

Where: The Village Green, Rockingham

Relay for Life is a fun but moving experience to raise funds for the Cancer Council's research, prevention and support services. It's a chance for communities to recognise those who have overcome cancer or who are undergoing treatment and to honour the memory of loved ones lost to cancer. For more contact relayforliferockinghamkwinana@gmail.com.



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