WESTBROOK NEWS BITES **AUTUMN 2022**

WESTBROOK ANOTHER DENNIS FAMILY COMMUNITY



AUTUMN HAS FINALLY ARRIVED

Westbrook Construction Update

Residents and visitors to Westbrook will see it's been a busy few months.

Construction in Stages 46A and 47A are nearing completion and authority compliances are currently in the process of being obtained with titles anticipated in June. Stages 61 and 62 are nearing completion and authority compliances are currently being obtained.

Stage 63 is progressing well with water and gas reticulation completed. Statement of compliance is forecast for 3rd quarter of 2022.

In other highlights, Westbrook residents – and especially those with young families, will be excited to know that the construction of Avion Park in Stage 45 has now commenced, and the park is expected to open to the public by September.



Leaves are falling, days are getting cooler, the nights a little longer, but things are definitely heating up at Westbrook.

Here's our round up of all the latest happenings in and around Westbrook.

Morris Road Overpass is now OPEN!



The Morris Road Overpass opened on Wednesday 4th May, which is great news for residents of Tarneit and Truganina. The overpass has taken 18 months to design and build and will make access to Leakes Road and Dohertys Road easy for the Westbrook community.

The overpass is Dennis Family Corporation's first bridge-over-rail project valued at \$16M. The bridge is designed to carry between 16,800 and 21,000 vehicles, it will reduce travel times to both the Tarneit Railway Station and Tarneit Central Shopping Centre. It will also provide residents in Westbrook's North with improved access to Central Park and other amenities in the Estate's southern precinct.

Stay tuned for more updates!

ASPIRE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



Great news for Westbrook families with young children, Aspire Early Education & Kindergarten Truganina is set to open in June this year, providing quality care to children aged 6-weeks to 6-years old.

Conveniently located within Westbrook estate, the Centre's passionate and experienced team will offer Long Day Care and Government funded 3 year old and 4 year old kindergarten programs, with a comprehensive program of engaging daily activities. Plus, tasty, nutritious, and healthy menu options are also provided as part of the all-inclusive offering.

Enrolments at Aspire Early Education & Kindergarten have now opened, and places are becoming limited. So make sure you call the Aspire team on 1800 978 429 or email info@aspireearlyeducation.vic.edu.au to secure your place.

COLLECTING HARD RUBBISH MADE EASY

Time for a season cleaning?

There's nothing like a change of seasons to spur us into cleaning mode. It is always a good idea to clear out any old, redundant, or unused items to help make space for new ones and think about how they can be repurposed.

If you have any broken or unusable items, here is some information to help you plan your next hard waste collection.

The Wyndham City Council provides three free services for hard or green waste collection each financial year. The service needs to be prebooked at least two weeks in advance.

What to do before you book?

Before you book, please check if anything can be recycled or donated. Sometimes scrap pieces

can be a great inspiration for some DIY craft & home décor ideas. If you cannot salvage it, then check the Council's instructions for what type of waste is accepted and the right ways to dispose of them here.

- Request a collection online. If you are a tenant, please make sure to have a current utility bill with your name and current address on it for uploading.
- All items need to be included in your booking and put out for collection a day prior. Items will be collected between 6am-6pm on your booking day.

- For smooth collection please neatly sort/ stack your items in 3 separate piles close together within your property boundary.
- Ensure each item does not weigh more than 55 kgs.
- In case you need to cancel, make sure to do so before 9:30am one business day prior to your collection day by either calling the Council helpline 1300 023 411 or emailing H&G.Inquiry@wyndham.vic.gov.au

WESTBROOK EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY

Over the last two months Westbrook has hosted a number of events, with plenty of residents from the estate's growing community coming together to relax and enjoy themselves.



In late March Westbrook staged its inaugural Kids Day Out 2022 at the estate's Central Park. Featuring non-stop family entertainment throughout the day, the event was deemed a huge success.

Over 550 residents braved overcast skies to try their hand at a fantastic range of activities across four fun zones, including Laser Tag, Mini Golf, Cricket & Soccer Catch 'n Save, and the hugely popular Climb and Slide Obstacle Course.

Those in need of a break were able to kick back from the comfort of a beanbag or a deckchair and enjoy a coffee, ice-cream, slushie and fresh fruit.

On Sunday, 17 April a record 1,900 residents hopped on down to Central Park for Westbrook's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, where they helped search for over 6,000 easter eggs hidden around the Park! DJ Dagogo got the crowd swaying and dancing, ready for the Easter Egg hunts. And with five separate hunts for kids by age group, no one left empty handed!

Plus, there were plenty of other activities on offer to keep the entire family entertained including a chance to have a photo taken with the Easter Bunny, engage in some Easter-inspired craft making and have their faces painted – all while indulging in free hot cross buns, cups of coffee and hot chocolate from the coffee cart.

Photos from these events are available on the Westbrook Facebook page.

INTRODUCING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



At Westbrook, we believe that a connected community is definitely a happier, safer community. That's why we've teamed up with Neighbourhood Watch Victoria as one of their Building Community Together partners.

For more than 35 years, Neighbourhood Watch has been working with communities across Victoria to encourage neighbours to look out for each other, build closer ties and educate people about crime prevention, so everyone can feel safer in their neighbourhood.

Over the coming months, we'll be working with Neighbourhood Watch Victoria to provide Westbrook residents with the tools and support to create a sense of belonging and security within our local community.

Feel free to drop into the Westbrook Sales Office to pick up a Neighbourhood Watch Welcome Pack or follow the <u>Westbrook Neighbourhood Watch</u>
<u>Facebook page</u>.

Also, keep an eye out for more information on upcoming Neighbourhood Watch events!

CREATING A CONNECTED COMMUNITY - WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

So, you've built your new home, in a brand new, modern and stylish estate. The streets are pristine, and the public spaces are wonderful. But maybe there's still something missing, something you can't quite put your finger on?

Well, there's been a lot of research over the years, which shows that creating a community is about more than just building 'nice' houses. Most of us want to live in a safer, more cohesive, connected neighbourhood. And the best way to achieve this is by getting to know our neighbours, or at least recognising them, to enhance our feelings of safety, wellbeing and mental health.

Here are our top suggestions about how to go about connecting with your neighbours and foster a little neighbourhood spirit along the way:

SAY "HELLO" AND WAVE

When you're out and about, why not give your neighbours a wave and a smile and say "hello". If it's a nice day, sit outside in your front yard with a cuppa and wave and say "hi" as your neighbours go by. A small interaction can really brighten someone's day.

LEND A GREEN THUMB

If you're mowing your own lawn or nature strip, why not offer to mow your neighbour's at the same time. You could also help with weeding, or trimming back shrubs, trees and lawn edges, especially around windows and entry ways.

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 plate of home-baked treats. Leave the goodies on their doorstep with a note. You'll definitely put a smile on their face.

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 might also 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.

Make connecting with your neighbours a priority for a happier lifestyle and enhanced wellbeing.



SALES CENTRE

To enquire about current land availability and pricing, or for information about upcoming stage releases, visit the Land Sales Centre at 17 Society Boulevard (just off Leakes Rd).

We are also available via phone, email, Zoom, SMS and WhatsApp.

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