

Village Connect



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PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

The ongoing success of The Village at Wellard and the strong foundations of the growing community were recently recognised at the 2008 Urban Development Institute of Australia's (UDIA) Awards.

The Village at Wellard received the Judges' Award which recognises outstanding achievements or innovations in a particular aspect of development. In addition, the judges recognised the innovative community enterprise, the Ngulla Community Nursery, which the joint venture partners, Peet Limited and the Department of Housing and Works initiated with four project partners.

For those of you who don't know, the nursery, launched in 2006, continues to provide much needed native plant stock for the estate.

The nursery provided the 13,000 native plants, which were recently planted in the Wellard wetlands as part of the on-going community planting program. There was a fantastic turnout and demonstration of support throughout this program from the community, local schools and TAFE students, Green Corps and Ngulla Nursery staff. It goes without saying that all their hard work will have a variety of benefits for the community, environment and the local fauna in the wetlands.

In another exciting update, the first phase of the Wellard Public Art Project is well underway. Work has commenced on the proposed five pieces and the selected artists working on the project, Jenny Dawson, Tony Pankiw and Judith Forrest, expect the artworks to be completed early next year.

Finally, I would like to announce that a dedicated Village at Wellard Community Info Line and email are now available and I encourage anyone with questions or comments to take advantage of this interactive service.

The Village at Wellard Community Info Line:
9285 8028

Community Information Email:
villageatwellard@peet.com.au

Trevor Finlayson
Manager Joint Ventures
Peet Limited



Peter Carnley Anglican Community School students proudly showing off their work.

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COMMUNITY ART AT THE VILLAGE AT WELLARD

The local natural environment was the inspiration for The Village at Wellard Community Art project, recently undertaken through a partnership between Peet limited and the Department of Housing and Works.

Coordinated by Creating Communities Australia, the project was facilitated by professional artist, Christine Martin-Hegarty, who worked with the community to design and craft the artworks.

The artworks have been created in two parts. Peter Carnley Anglican Community School students designed and completed the first part of the artworks – four semi-circular path extension mosaics featuring native flora and fauna designs, such as bandicoots and kangaroo paw.

The second part of the project, the installation of creatively designed log seating, was completed by local community members on Sunday afternoons and a group of Green Corps participants. According to Christine, the work was carried out with great enthusiasm.

"Something I noticed was that everyone worked really well together as a team, sharing ideas, experiences and laughs," Christine said.

"Throughout this project we have tried to involve as many different community members as possible, from kindergarten children to adults. The finished product looks amazing and everyone should feel proud of their involvement," she said.

Thanks must also go to assistant artist, Elena Lane from Challenger TAFE and Peter Carnley Anglican Community School's art teacher, Sarah Hannah, for their efforts on the project, as well as the Community Arts Network of WA for their funding support.

The artworks were officially launched at an event held on November 1 and given their contemplative beauty and appeal, will be enjoyed by all of the community.



Arbie Pattiselanno and his daughters, Mia and Eve working at one of the community art workshops.

COMMUNITY GROUP PROFILE

Rotary Club of Kwinana

The Rotary Club of Kwinana, initially chartered in 1972, is a community-minded organisation that endeavours to assist all types of people in need.

In addition to hosting barbeques at many of The Village at Wellard events, organising local community events and completing a range of beautification projects, such as revamping the wildflower reserve, the Rotary Club has also been performing amazing feats on an international level.

Harry Tebbutt, Community Services Director, said the Club recently raised \$12,000 to put eight children through school in Phuket, Thailand.

"This has been one of our biggest projects to date and the fact that we are able to help less privileged communities overseas makes the work we do extremely satisfying," Harry said.

"We are also continuing to organise community events at a local level. In particular, I am really looking forward to the



Harry Tebbutt serving up a delicious sausage sizzle at The Village at Wellard's 2008 Welcome Event.

annual Christmas lolly run. In fact, I think I love it as much as the kids!" he said.

The Kwinana Rotary Club is always looking for new members, so if you are interested in lending a helping hand to the community, contact Harry Tebbutt on 9419 4199.

ENVIRO AFFAIRS

The Community Environmental Reference Group (CERG) was established as a conduit for communication and consultation between stakeholders, community members and The Village at Wellard project team.

Since its inception, the CERG has developed and implemented a number of community environmental initiatives including the production of wildlife care magnets and street signage, as well as initiating seed and hollow log collection programs prior to land clearing.

Kathleen Verrier, a longstanding member of the CERG, said the main objective of the group was to raise community awareness about the environment.

"Compared to other housing estates, the Kwinana area is surrounded by an immense nature reserve, abundant with native flora and fauna. As a result, it is imperative we all work together to preserve as much of it as we can," Kathleen said.

"Peet Limited has been fantastic in doing so by organising and participating in tree planting days, and by hosting Great Gardens Workshops," she said.

For more information, please call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

GET INVOLVED!

A Village Christmas – Saturday 29 November

Your family is invited to an afternoon of fun and Christmas frivolity at the first 'Village Christmas' celebration.

The event will be held at the Wellard Community Pavilion and Oval from 4pm to 6pm. Come along with the family and enjoy a range of activities, food and Christmas cheer. For more information, call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

Kwinana Little Athletics Centre

The athletics season has started and the Kwinana Little Athletics Centre, now located at the Wellard Community Pavilion, is looking for new members aged between six to 17 years.

For more information about how to join, contact Gail Bertoli on 9419 3392.

Residents' Community Advisory Group

The Village at Wellard Residents' Community Advisory Group provides a communication forum between the developer and residents, working together to ensure the Village is a vibrant, connected, safe, social and supportive place to live.

If you would like a copy of the minutes of the first meeting, or would like to get involved in the future, email Saraj at saraj@creatingcommunities.com.au or call 9284 0910.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you are interested in becoming a member of this important community safety initiative ensuring the Village continues to be a safe place to live, or would like to become your street's representative, contact the Kwinana Community Safety Office on 9439 4030.

LOCAL BUSINESS



Kerbside Cafe owners, Sarah McDonald and Simon Hall.

Coffee delivered to your door

If you would like your daily coffee delivered to your workplace, industrial yard or special event, then Kerbside Cafe is just what you need.

Local residents, Sarah McDonald and Simon Hall, provide snacks, rolls, pies and a range of drinks on regular van rounds within Perth and surrounding areas, seven days a week.

In addition, the Kerbside Café van is only too willing to travel to your special event, regardless of the location and provide plenty of delicious treats and drinks.

For more information or to book the van for an event or daily visit, please contact Simon 0401 079 704 or Sarah 0412 328 593, or email info@kerbsidecafe.com.au

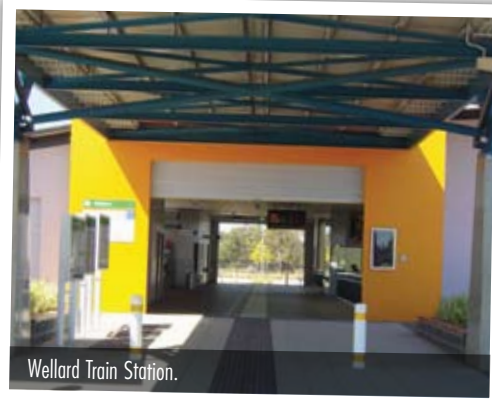
SAFETY MATTERS

Trustworthy trains

The Village at Wellard prides itself on ensuring the community remains a safe place for residents to live and this theme continues to prevail at the local Wellard Train Station, managed by the Public Transport Authority (PTA).

Not only are there CCTV cameras installed at the station, but there is also a security patrol until the last train and a customer service officer at the station during business hours. However, always be aware of your surroundings and avoid potentially unsafe areas and situations.

There are a number of other safety initiatives being undertaken within the Village, including the distribution of safety and security packs featuring an emergency contacts magnet and a range of brochures about Neighbourhood Watch.



Wellard Train Station.

In addition, as you may have noticed, Accord Security patrols the Village daily. To discuss local security matters with an Accord Security team member call 0417 925 621. If anyone has any issues they wish to raise regarding security at the train station, contact the PTA on 136 213.

USEFUL INFO

Are you new to The Village at Wellard or an existing resident that has missed out on important community information? If so, don't panic! We have a range of information on environmental initiatives, wildlife magnets and welcome and safety and security packs. For more information, contact Saraj at saraj@creatingcommunities.com.au or call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

Would you like to have this newsletter delivered straight to your inbox? Simply email saraj@creatingcommunities.com.au to be added to the mailing database.