

# Village Connect



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## PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to the first issue of Village Connect for 2010.

It's been a great start to the year at The Village at Wellard, with strong demand for our first land release of 2010 resulting in ten sales on the weekend of release.

In very exciting news for the entire community, we were pleased to welcome Phil Edman, Member for the South Metropolitan Region, to The Village late last year to visit the planned site of the future Wellard Community Centre — a fantastic project being jointly funded by The Village at Wellard project partners Peet Limited and the Department of Housing, the Town of Kwinana and Lotterywest.

There's already been plenty of activity around the estate this year with the first park south of the railway, Maldon Park, nearing completion. This will provide a fabulous amenity for residents and visitors, with a children's playground, BBQ facilities and boardwalks offering something for everyone.

You'll also notice the last of the five public art pieces, a beautiful mosaic by well-known artist Jenny Dawson, has been installed outside the Wellard Train Station. The mosaic depicts three spirit figures going on a journey and features trees and water to represent the beauty and importance of the community's wetland and bushland areas.

The strong demand for homesites at the estate has enabled us to bring forward the construction of new stages, with Stage 16 the latest to get underway. Other works nearing completion include the streetscapes south of the railway adding to the visual appeal of the area.

I'd also like to remind you that The Village at Wellard Community Grants are available to support local groups and clubs — call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028 to find out more.

In other news, our sales team is looking forward to moving into their new home on Ditton Corner, off Wellard Road — so be sure to stop in and check out the new Wellard Sales and Information Office.

**Trevor Finlayson**  
Senior Project Manager  
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India Martin-Cogger receiving her copy of the Town of Kwinana's 2010 calendar from Mayor Carol Adams at the November Council meeting.

## INDIA'S A WINNER!

Peter Carnley Anglican Community School Year 8 student India Martin-Cogger has won the Town of Kwinana's Calendar Photographic Competition.

Her photo of The Village at Wellard's 'Bush Guardian' public art piece graces the month of July in the Town of Kwinana's 2010 calendar, which was posted to all Kwinana residents in December last year. The photo was also used on the Town's Annual Report for 2009.

India's mum, Helen, said her daughter was thrilled to have been chosen. "She has quite a good eye for seeing things differently," she said.

"India and her sister Charmoni are always taking photographs and it's so easy these days with digital cameras."

In fact, photography seems to run in the family. India's sister Charmoni (10) recently received a prize for a photograph she took of the wetlands at The Village at Wellard for an Eastern States-based competition.

So who in the family have the girls inherited their award-winning skills from? "Not me," said Helen. "The closest I've ever got to a photographic career was working at Pixie Photos."



The new mosaic at the entrance to the Wellard Train Station.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to local Neighbourhood Watch Suburb representative Zara Fletcher for winning the Office of Crime Prevention's 'Neighbour of the Quarter' award. Zara was nominated by the Town of Kwinana for her tireless work in the community. Her efforts help make The Village at Wellard a better place to live and her award is very well deserved.

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# SAFETY MATTERS

We use our cars every day and are all well aware of road safety, but what about 'car safety'?

## Vehicle security

Here are a few tips to help make a trip out a safe one.

- When you're heading out, consider storing your handbag or valuables in your car boot while driving, rather than on the passenger seat.
- Where possible, park your vehicle off the street — preferably in your yard or a locked garage. If you need to park in the street at night, ensure the area is well lit.
- Always make sure you've closed all the windows, locked all doors and removed items from view that may entice a thief.
- Keep a spare key in your wallet or purse rather than hidden in or on the car.

## Buckle up

If you have children, make sure you buckle up every child on every trip. Car safety seats must be the right fit for a child's size and weight and each child must have their own seatbelt or child restraint. Child restraints, including bolster seats, must not be fitted

in the front seat of a car and they must never be shared with other children.

Even on short trips, even when driving slowly and even if they do not want to — always make sure your children are buckled up.

## Safety door

Do you know that your car has a 'safety door'? The safety door is the rear door closest to the kerb or footpath and is the safest way for children to enter and exit a car. Before your children get out of the car always encourage them to wait until an adult opens the safety door.

## Accord Security

The Village at Wellard has its own security patrols. If you notice antisocial behaviour or anything you think should be reported you can contact Accord on 0417 925 621. Accord Managing Director Suzanne Murray said her friendly staff are always happy to help but residents should also report the matter to police on 131 444 to ensure it is formally followed up.

# WORKING OUT

The Town of Kwinana has recently installed outdoor fitness equipment on The Village Green near the corner of Wellard Road and Cliveden Avenue. There are four stations that alternate between working the upper and lower body.

It is hoped these stations will be the first instalment in a fitness circuit around The Village Green, with kids play equipment between each station to make the activity fun for the whole family.

The Town of Kwinana would love to know what you think of the new equipment. Visit [www.kwinana.wa.gov.au](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au) and follow the prompts to complete a survey and share your thoughts.



Town of Kwinana Health Promotion Officer Troy Morley tries out the new fitness equipment.

# SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS A BRIGHT FUTURE

'Bright Futures Family Day Care' providers offer small group care for up to seven children in a safe, comfortable and nurturing home environment.

The scheme is managed by a coordination unit staffed by dedicated professionals who support carers in providing a quality service. All carers have met the scheme's selection criteria and are licensed by the Department for Communities' Child Care Licensing and Standards Unit.

Laura Prigmore has operated her Bright Futures Family Day Care at The Village at Wellard since November last year and has a vacancy for a child aged up to 12 years of age. Laura provides expert care and activities based around 'play-based learning'.

If you'd like to contact Laura or find out more about this valuable service, please phone 9439 2476.



# GET INVOLVED!

## New Pavilion User Groups

If your kids can put on a better performance than a Hollywood actor, head down to the Wellard Community Pavilion. There is a new performance school opening that offers the young — and not so young — a chance to shine!

The **Absolute Entertainment Performance School** holds classes at the Pavilion. The school offers professional tuition in all areas of performance including jazz, modern, funk and singing and specialises in 'All Star Cheerleading'. There are classes available for all ages, from three years old to adults. For more information email [absolute\\_entertainment@live.com.au](mailto:absolute_entertainment@live.com.au) or call 0431 863 523.

For something a little more physical, sign up with experienced instructor Nik Shaw at the **Kwinana Karate Do Dojo**. Classes are open to anyone from the age of seven onwards and are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm for juniors and 7pm for adults. If you'd like to know more call Nik on 0416 277 165.

## Stay Active

The Wellard Probus Group meets at the Medina Senior Citizens Centre in Harley Way and is looking for new members. Probus is a community service program of Rotary Clubs and provides regular opportunities for members to expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. For more information call Lyn Mabury on 9528 3508.

## In Your Community

Keep up-to-date with what's happening in your community.

Log on to [www.thevillageatwellard.com.au](http://www.thevillageatwellard.com.au) and click on 'Community Lifestyle' for the latest news.

You can also join the E-Connect database to receive updates in your inbox. Email your details to [erin@creatingcommunities.com.au](mailto:erin@creatingcommunities.com.au) or call her on 9285 8028.

## 'Clean Up Australia Day'

'Clean Up Australia Day' is celebrating its 20th anniversary! Kwinana Neighbourhood Watch will be hosting a community clean up for The Village at Wellard. Be part of this great event and come down to Pimlico Gardens on Sunday 7 March from 8am until 10am to lend a hand. A free BBQ brunch will be provided. Email Zara at [zarafletcher@bigpond.com](mailto:zarafletcher@bigpond.com) for more information.

## Will You Be a Friend?

A small group of local residents have come together to start up a new group — 'The Friends of Wellard Environment'. An information session is scheduled for Wednesday 3 March from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at the Wellard Community Pavilion. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [erin@creatingcommunities.com.au](mailto:erin@creatingcommunities.com.au) or call 9285 8028.

## The Village at Wellard Residents' Group

All residents living in The Village at Wellard are welcome to attend the quarterly Residents' Group meetings held at the Wellard Community Pavilion from 6.30pm to 8pm. If you wish to attend the next meeting contact Sue at Creating Communities by emailing [susan@creatingcommunities.com.au](mailto:susan@creatingcommunities.com.au) or calling the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

Future meetings:

- Monday 10 May
- Monday 9 August
- Monday 8 November