

Village Connect



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PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to the first 'Village Connect' of the year. We're only into the first few months and already I have much to share with you all.

Landscaping works continue to improve the appearance of the estate, with the village centre streetscapes and parklands almost complete, while works have commenced on the Henley Boulevard streetscape and entry statement.

We've had strong sales also, particularly from first homebuyers who are taking advantage of the \$21,000 First Home Owners' Boost. This is very pleasing as I believe it is recognition that The Village at Wellard is an affordable and quality master planned community.

In other news, works have commenced on the next stage of development in the estate – south of the railway line. Stay tuned for more information next issue.

I'm also very happy to tell you that Bird Man, Possum Girl and Goanna Lady will soon be making an appearance at the Village! If you're wondering what I'm talking about, these are our 'bush guardian' artworks commissioned by the Wellard Joint Venture Partners. They are very impressive artworks and even manage to include The Village at Wellard Banksia symbol.

Finally, I'm very proud to say that our Ngulla Community Nursery project recently won accolades for Partnership of the Year for the Australian & New Zealand Not-For-Profit Awards and was recognised with a Premier's Australia Day Award for "Best Community Initiative".

The Nursery provides much-needed plant stock for The Village at Wellard, as well as horticulture and natural resource management education and training for local youth and the community.

Thank you to everyone who has made this project such a success. It's a testament to what can be achieved if we all pull together.

If you have any queries I would encourage you to contact villageatwellard@peet.com.au or make use of our dedicated Community Info Line number, **9285 8028**.

Trevor Finlayson
Senior Project Manager
Peet Limited



(Above) 2009 community grants are available for community projects, including environmental initiatives.

(Right) Award winning Ngulla Community Nursery. Project Manager Trevor Finlayson with 2009 Green Corps participants.



ROLLING FUND FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

Would you like to start up a walking group or social club, kick start your idea for a community activity or expand your existing group to The Village at Wellard?

Community grants worth up to \$1,000 each are now available on an ongoing basis, and anyone can apply.

FEATURES

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Funded by Wellard Joint Venture partners, Peet Limited and the Department of Housing, priority will be given to projects and activities that involve The Village at Wellard residents, demonstrate local community support or have partnerships or involvement with other local groups.

Peet Limited Managing Director Brendan Gore said that the ongoing funding recognised the community's growth over the past 12 months and future evolution.

"It's really pleasing to see the number of new groups starting up and it's important that support is available to them when they need it," he said.

If you'd like to know more contact Erin at Creating Communities Australia at erin@creatingcommunities.com.au or 9284 0910 to discuss your project or idea and obtain an application form.

ENVIRO AFFAIRS

Everyone loves the great outdoors, especially our pets. Let's make it a fun place for all at The Village at Wellard by keeping our dogs on leads, especially if you're exercising them on the Wellard Community Pavilion Oval.

Here are some steps you can take to ensure you're being a responsible dog owner:

- Sterilise your pet
- Make sure your pooch has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks and vaccinations

- Give the family pet a tag with its name, address and contact number on its collar and a micro-chip in case it gets lost
- Puppy school is cool!
- Always use a lead (no more than two metres)
- Carry — and use — a pooper scooper bag



NEED SPACE?

Located right on your doorstep, the Wellard Community Pavilion is a great space for social and formal activities. There are a limited number of time slots still available for hire on weeknights or on weekends. But get in quick as they won't last!

If you'd like more information or would like to make a booking, call the Town of Kwinana on 9439 0200.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

The Key to Good Health

Local Massage Therapist Nicky Hill says everybody can benefit from a regular massage and it's a great way to stay healthy.

"Massage has been shown to improve a number of conditions including arthritis, asthma, and pregnancy associated problems," she said. "And it can also increase your wellbeing, as it relaxes the body and mind."

Nicky currently holds a certificate IV in massage therapy and will soon be completing her Diploma of Remedial Massage. She is also a member of the Australian Association of Massage Therapists.

Nicky can be contacted by email at rr_message@hotmail.com or via phone on 0430 339 673. Bookings are by appointment only, and her studio is open from Monday to Friday from 7am till 7pm, and Saturday from 9am till 2pm.

Nicky is listed with a number of health benefit funds. Log on to www.rrmassage.com for more information.



GET INVOLVED!

Attention residents! Register on our residents' database and you'll receive regular updates about a variety of matters relevant to The Village at Wellard. Be the first to know about upcoming events, new initiatives, safety and security information and more.

To join, please email your contact details, including your email address, to erin@creatingcommunities.com.au or call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

The Village at Wellard Residents' Group

This group aims to ensure the Village is a vibrant, safe, and supportive place to live. If you would like a copy of the minutes of their second meeting held in February, email Erin at erin@creatingcommunities.com.au or call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

Neighbourhood Watch

Help make a difference and ensure the Village continues to be a safe place to live. If you'd like to get involved in Neighbourhood Watch, contact the Kwinana Community Safety Office on 9439 4030.

Coming Events

Keep an eye on your letterbox this coming March for our flyer advertising a range of fantastic free community events we've got in store for 2009. Alternatively, log on to the Community Lifestyle page at www.thevillageatwellard.com.au for event updates and details or call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.



SAFETY MATTERS

Give Graffiti the Boot

The information provided by The Village at Wellard residents to local police and Accord Security is vital to efforts to catch graffiti artists around the estate. Now there is an added bonus, with a chance to receive a \$1,000 reward for your assistance.

The Office of Crime Prevention is working in partnership with Crime Stoppers WA to help stamp out graffiti, and you could be entitled to the reward if the information you provide leads to the arrest or caution of an offender.

When reporting an incident make sure you note descriptions of the offenders or suspicious people and, if possible, any vehicle registration numbers. Reports can be made anonymously, and you can even remain anonymous when claiming the reward. If you can help, please phone the Goodbye Graffiti Hotline on 1800 44 22 55.

For any other suspicious behaviour you see around the community please make use of the phone numbers provided on the fridge magnet that has been distributed to all residents. If you did not receive your magnet, call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

Senior Sergeant Trevor Troy from Kwinana Police is pleased to report that burglary was down 32% and car theft down 12% in Kwinana for the quarter of November to February.

NEW ESTATE WEBSITE

A revamped The Village at Wellard website was launched on February 4, 2009. As well as providing information on the estate for potential purchasers, the site also includes a dedicated community page for residents.

This community page will be a fantastic avenue for communicating estate related matters and will cover topics including upcoming events and activities, important contact details, local environmental issues and the community grants program.

Local community groups are encouraged to have a presence on the site. If you have an important message to share or would like your group's details posted on the website, please email erin@creatingcommunities.com.au or call the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

Take a look at this new community asset by logging onto www.thevillageatwellard.com.au and clicking on the 'Community Lifestyle' page.

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

If you've got something to tell your community, why not use 'Village Connect'? This is your newsletter so make the most of it! Contact Erin at erin@creatingcommunities.com.au or phone the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

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