

Village Connect



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PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

It's been the chilliest winter I can remember in a while but the weather hasn't stopped us from ploughing ahead with a host of new works in The Village at Wellard, not the least being the magnificent new public art works installed in Pimlico Gardens in the Village Centre.

I was fortunate enough to see the installation of Tony Pankiw's 'trio of trees', and had a chance to speak with him about what inspired the creation of such a fantastic piece. Tony was inspired by unique features of The Village at Wellard estate, incorporating images of Wellard Station, Peter Carnley Anglican Community School, the local wetland and fauna and flora into his work.

Peet has put a lot of thought into ensuring the unique environment at the estate harmonises with The Village and its layout and it's nice to have that recognised in such a way.

In other Village news, I'm pleased to announce that construction has commenced on the next stage of development south of the railway, which includes 59 traditional lots and six 'homesteads'. Also on the 'land front', we have recently released six traditional lots overlooking future Maldon Park, as well as 14 cottage lots nearby in Thaxted Street.

Landscaping at the entry to Henley Boulevard is scheduled for completion in August and I'd like to thank you all for your patience as it's running a little behind schedule. You may have also noticed that landscaping works has commenced on Maldon Park, the first public open space south of the railway line.

Remember to check out the estate website at www.thevillageatwellard.com.au to find out about what's happening around the estate in between issues of *Village Connect*.

Regards,

Trevor Finlayson
Senior Project Manager
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A TRIO OF TREES

A trio of trees, created by artist Tony Pankiw, are the second in a series of three spectacular pieces of public art commissioned for The Village at Wellard by joint venture partners Peet Limited and the Department of Housing.

Tony said he designed the structures to give residents and viewers the same feeling he had when walking through some of the 17 hectares of natural bushland at The Village at Wellard.

"The sculpture uses the outline of its leaves as picture frames, which have stainless steel cut-outs representing some of the core elements of The Village at Wellard inside," he explained.

"The images within the sculptures capture some of the estate's best assets, including flying cockatoos, natural bushlands, schools, sports grounds and the train station."

The artist added that the trees symbolise the growth of the Wellard community and have been carefully positioned with views through to the train station.

"The pictures in the leaves will also throw interesting shadows similar to those found on the forest floor," he added.

The final artwork in the series will be created by Jenny Dawson and Nyoongar artist Sandra Hill, who has ancestral links to the local area. To be installed later in the year, it will be a mosaic located outside the Wellard Train Station.



(Above) Artist Tony Pankiw's trio of trees symbolising the growing Wellard community.



(Above L-R) James Trinder and Anthony Clements have a go at mulching.

ENVIRO AFFAIRS

More than 90 students from Peter Carnley Anglican Community School tried their hand at gardening for the first time in a recent community tree planting program in The Village at Wellard's northern wetlands.

Ngulla Community Nursery cultivated the seedlings that were planted on the day, and the hard work by participants was well rewarded with a sausage sizzle provided by the Rotary Club of Kwinana.

Peet Limited Managing Director and CEO Brendan Gore said the program, which is now in its third year, was important because it encouraged young people to get involved in caring for their local environment.

"Last year students planted more than 2,500 seedlings in just one day as part of the program," he said. "This year we had some of them mulching as well, giving them the opportunity to learn different horticultural skills."

"Involving children in initiatives like this gives them an understanding of the work that goes into creating a liveable and sustainable community for generations to come."

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GET INVOLVED!

Community Grants

If you have an idea for a community club or group then you could be eligible for up to \$1,000 through The Village at Wellard Community Grants Program.

Funded by Wellard joint venture partners, Peet Limited and the Department of Housing, the program supports projects and activities that create something positive for your neighbourhood.

If you'd like to discuss your idea or project, contact the Community Info Line on 9285 8028 or visit www.thevillageatwellard.com.au to download guidelines and an application form.

Plant Thieves

Residents, please keep your eyes peeled! Plants are being stolen out of the landscaped gardens in The Village. A lot of resources go into creating attractive, native landscaping throughout the estate. If you see anyone acting suspiciously or in the act of stealing plants from your neighbour, please report it by calling the Community Info Line on 9285 8028.

Kwinana Little Athletics Centre – New Season!

Kwinana Little Athletics Centre's registration day will be held on Saturday, 5 September. For location details and more information, please call Frank Bertoli on 0417 951 239.

'E-Connect' Prize

'E-Connect' and you could win a fabulous prize. Simply send in your email address to join the E-Connect database to be in the running to win a \$100 gift voucher to 'Emma's on the Boardwalk' restaurant in Rockingham. 'E-Connect' keeps the community up-to-date with local news and events in between issues of *Village Connect*.

To register and enter the competition, email Erin at erin@creatingcommunities.com.au or phone the Community Info Line on 9285 8028. Peet takes your privacy seriously – your email address will only be used for the purpose 'E-Connect'.

Summer Sports In Kwinana

The Kwinana Summer Clubs Open Day is being held on 29th August from 10am to 2pm by the Town of Kwinana in line with Kwinana Recquatic Open Day. Come along to find out about local sports clubs and community groups.

Register for a sport on the day and have a go at something you have always wanted to try. Club stalls will be on display at the entry to the Recquatic and entry to the Open Day is \$2. There will be rides, giveaways and more!

SAFETY MATTERS

The Village at Wellard's new Neighbourhood Watch suburb manager, Zara Fletcher, is keen for everyone to get to know each other. "It's the best form of safety," she said.

"Neighbourhood Watch is not about being 'sticky beaks' and looking into each other's business. We have a beautiful new area here and it's about all working together to help keep it that way."

Zara explained that there are plenty of simple things residents can do to help each other.

"Get to know your neighbours for a start," she said. "You don't have to have them over for coffee every weekend, but just a simple smile and hello to each other works wonders in breaking down barriers."

"If you know they're away, pick up their newspaper and maybe take junk mail out of their letterbox; these are tell-tale clues that people aren't home and are the kinds of things burglars look out for," she explained.

"And if you are at home just make sure your car is locked and your windows are up."

Neighbourhood Watch's free sausage sizzle is a great way to get to know your neighbours, and feed the kids at the same time! Ring Zara on 9439 1631 to find out when the next Wellard BBQ is on or if you'd like to get involved in NHW. Alternatively you can ring Julienne Tanner at the Town of Kwinana's Community Safety Office on 9439 4030.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Enve Beauty Studio owner Kylie Paraskevas invites residents to take time out to relax the mind and body in the comfort and warmth of her home-based studio in The Village at Wellard.

With over 20 years experience, Kylie offers facial and body treatments, including wraps, scrubs and Swedish massage. She's an expert in waxing and can give you a gorgeous set of nails with a natural-looking spray tan to boot!



(Above) Kylie Paraskevas offers a full range of beauty treatments, including Swedish massage.

"It's been very chilly this winter so I'd recommend a lovely warm mud wrap using the fantastic Ahava Dead Sea Therapy products which are renowned for their ability to remineralise and detoxify the skin and body," Kylie said. "I have quite a few male clients too, so it's not just for the girls."

Kylie and her family moved to Wellard from Adelaide about five years ago, and her two children, Matthew (9) and Justin (8), attend Leda Primary School. "My two boys love all the parks and open space, and they can walk or ride to school in the warmer months," she said.

"We chose Wellard because we thought the concept of The Village at Wellard was a real winner. We loved the idea of having the train come right into the centre with the Village wrapped around it," she added.

With two young boys, a home-based business gives Kylie the flexibility she needs to run a busy household, as well as a growing business. "It really suits me because I don't have far to go to drop the boys at school and I can work in and around them," she explained.

Kylie is available Monday to Friday and can be contacted on 0408 816 069.

If you have a home-based business in the Village and would like to promote it, email Erin at erin@creatingcommunities.com.au



(Above) New Neighbourhood Watch suburb manager for Wellard, Zara Fletcher.

DOGS ON LEADS

We can all play our part in keeping Wellard clean and helping protect our unique environment. If you're walking your dog in public open space or at the wetlands please keep them on a leash.



A VOICE FOR THE VILLAGE

The Village at Wellard Residents' Group has had some positive outcomes regarding issues recently raised with the Town of Kwinana.

In a letter to the group, Kwinana Town Council listed a number of initiatives it has undertaken relating to the group's concerns.

Chief among them is that Kwinana Council has cracked down on trail bike riders damaging the northern wetlands and boardwalk and consequently has impounded bikes, as well as prosecuted or issued infringement notices to offenders.

The Residents' Group said that it was welcome news from Council and urged residents to contact the ranger with the date, time and a description of any offence they witness.

The letter further announced that after a safety audit of playground equipment at Dilba View Park, Council has allocated funding in its 09/10 budget to renew equipment and install 'sofffall', and that it will seek out additional funding for improvements in other playgrounds that need upgrading.

In other good news Council has agreed to increase maintenance near the Wellard train station and that bins in the park by the lake on Abington Crescent are now cleared weekly.

Rangers can be contacted Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm on 9439 0200 and after hours on 0411 078 264.

If you are interested in joining the Residents' Group, email Sue at susan@creatingcommunities.com.au