

# Calderwood Valley News

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Keep up to date with the latest community news and events



Spring Edition 2021







# Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of the Calderwood Valley Newsletter.

Early Spring brings us a promise of warm sunny days and the beautiful smells of flowering garden beds and freshly mown lawns. Getting outdoors to stretch our legs and meet up with a friend (or maybe more) is going to be much more enjoyable.

In this edition of the newsletter we have our usual construction updates from the development team as well as other interesting information for our community.

Read on to find out more.

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## Construction Update

### New District Park

The new district park off Farmgate Crescent is on track for completion toward the end of this year.

### Tavern

Construction is underway and on schedule for opening next year.

### Aspen Update

Even with Covid restrictions limiting the number of workers on site, the Aspen release area (Stage 3C1) is making progress.

We have been able to substantially complete earthworks, with sewer and retaining walls now well underway. Drainage and electrical works are expected to commence in the coming weeks.



Aspen



New District Park



Tavern



We are excited to announce that the future Village Centre at Calderwood Valley has been acquired by Revelop Property.

The Village Centre will be the first retail offering to be delivered at Calderwood Valley, providing residents with a supermarket in the community! Other proposed facilities include a medical centre, childcare centre and speciality retail, all subject to Council approval.

We look forward to providing you with further updates as the design, development and construction of the Village Centre progresses.

## Community Grants - Vote for your favourite project

Grant applications for the Calderwood Valley Seedling Fund have been lodged and the top three applications have been chosen by the Seedling Fund Committee.

The Seedling Fund will distribute \$15,000 worth of grants in this round. The three finalists, who we can't announce just yet, will each receive \$2,000 to support their projects. The remaining \$9,000 will be dispersed to the finalists based on community votes.

Is it nearly time for our community to have its say in distributing funds to projects that will make a difference locally?

Voting is open from 15 October until 5 November. Each time you make a purchase from Bean Roasted at Sprout Hub you can scan a QR code and vote for your favorite initiative (maximum of one vote per day). You can also vote online via Facebook @sprouthubcalderwood (see voting button next to the Home button).



Kids Cooking Class - Healthy Cities 2019

## RUOK Day - A conversation can change a life

The official R U O K? Day was on Thursday, 9 September but as we know, every day should be RUOK? Day.

This year's theme is 'Are they *Really* OK?' and now more than ever, staying connected and having meaningful conversations is something we can all do.

You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener. A conversation can change a life and all you need to do is Ask R U OK?, Listen, Encourage action and Check in.

You can learn more about what to say at [www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)





## Supporting our local community

A big shout out goes to Christian Lovatt, Director of Bean Roasted at Calderwood Valley and Shellharbour. Bean Roasted has been supporting members of our community by giving away coffees to front line workers and those who are out of work as a result of the lockdown.

Each week Christian has selected a group to be at the receiving end of a free coffee. It started with front line workers like nurses and police, then tradies and teachers. Others who have also benefited from a freebie have been hairdressers and barbers.

Local business also jumped on board, donating funds to help pay for the coffees.

We are proud to have Bean Roasted in the heart of our community at the Sprout Hub, Calderwood Valley.



## Albion Park Public School benefits from Calderwood Valley Seedling Fund



Dymocks Children's Charities, Seedling Fund recipients from last year's grant round, provided brand-new books of choice to the students at Albion Park Public School through their Library Regeneration program.

Dymocks matched the grant amount of just over \$3,000 so the school received books to the value of over \$6,000. The school was provided an extensive list of over 2,000 age-appropriate titles to choose from. The list included new releases, best-sellers, and award-winning classics.

The aim of the program is to promote a love of reading and improve literacy outcomes for the school. Literacy is a fundamental life skill that allows you to learn how to drive, comprehend medical directions, participate in democratic processes, and have the confidence to contribute to society in a positive way.



# In the Spotlight

## Tell us about yourself and your business

I am Renee and I am the Principal architect at MAAD Studio. We are an emerging South Coast architecture practice that runs out of my front office, at home, here in Calderwood. MAAD Studio is a multi-disciplinary practice with a decade of working in both the residential and education sectors with a passion for working with and for the community. We love to work with south coast families to design their forever home. We believe that it's your home and that we can help make your vision possible. We also offer interior design and landscape design to create a holistic approach to home.

Outside of the office I have a caring partner that makes all of my garden dreams come true. He fashions bench seat from rocks, edges our vast lawn and clips our hedges. I am also privileged to be the step mum to three wonderful girls.

## What do you love about Calderwood Valley

I love the wide-open spaces and that big blue sky. Our back-yard overlooks both farmland and the ever-present escarpment. It's the place where we actually know our neighbours' names, swap home grown vegetables and our homebrews. I love that our Baristas at Bean Roasted know our names and that we know theirs, shout out to Tammy, Zac, Ben, Camelia and Nakita. I also love how we can walk to the parks with the kids and you can ride your bike around the whole Village, we cannot wait for the new 'super' park to open in the very near future.

## What are you reading/watching/listening to at the moment

I am a big Podcaster! I have been focussing on mental toughness to help get through this ongoing lockdown we have all been experiencing. 'The Ed Mylett' show is great for those that run businesses and need help keeping focused. 'The School of Greatness' by Lewis Howes looks at athletes, businesspeople and motivators at the peak of their game asking them what makes them great and finally 'Ctrl Alt Delete' with Emma Gannon that takes a look at work, wellbeing and creativity.

## What's your favourite thing you do in your spare time?

Being in my garden! I spend time in the garden every day, either pulling weeds, watering vegetables, rounding up chickens, mowing, clipping, mulching, you name it. We are very fortunate that we were able to maximise our unique property to incorporate so many wonderful things in our garden. We look after our five-bed vegetable garden, four chickens, three mature trees, two formal box hedges and one greenhouse.

Renee

MAAD  
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## Starting school in 2022?

It might seem a little early, but it's time to start contacting your local schools to enrol for next year.

Not sure which public school you should send your children to? The Department of Education has a school finder where you can find your designated public school based on your address.  
[my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder](http://my.education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder)

We've also included below a list of schools with contact details that are close to Calderwood Valley

### **Albion Park High School**

[albionpk-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://albionpk-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)  
Ph: 02 4257 1744

### **Albion Park Public School**

[albionpk-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://albionpk-p.schools.nsw.gov.au)  
Ph: 02 4256 1244

### **Tullimbar Public School**

[tullimbar.nsw.edu.au](http://tullimbar.nsw.edu.au)  
Ph: 02 4257 7261

### **Calderwood Christian School**

[calderwoodcs.nsw.edu.au](http://calderwoodcs.nsw.edu.au)  
Ph: 02 4230 3700

### **St Joseph Catholic High School**

[sjchsdow.catholic.edu.au](http://sjchsdow.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph: 02 4230 8500

### **St Paul's Catholic Primary School**

[spapdow.catholic.edu.au](http://spapdow.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph: 02 42 562 772

## What's on at Calderwood Valley

Due to the current lockdown the Sprout Hub community space is currently closed and outdoor activities are on hold.

We look forward to opening up and reigniting our activities as soon as we can.



To keep up to date with activities and events visit [facebook.com/calderwoodvalley](https://facebook.com/calderwoodvalley)  
[facebook.com/sprouthubcalderwood](https://facebook.com/sprouthubcalderwood)  
or see the notice board outside the Sprout Hub.

# Calderwood Valley

## SALES & INFORMATION CENTRE

Corner of Escarpment Drive and  
Brushgrove Circuit  
Calderwood NSW 2527

## OPENING HOURS

Mon: 1pm – 5pm  
Tue – Fri: 9am – 5pm  
Sat & Sun: 10am – 5pm

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