## Calderwood Valley News

Keep up to date with the latest community news and events



**Summer Edition 2021** 





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Welcome to the Summer edition of the Calderwood Valley Newsletter.

With Summer upon us and the holiday season about to begin, I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a change in pace and getting out and about with family and friends or traveling to their favourite holiday destination. On the other hand, some of us might just want to stay home and make the most of our own backyard and enjoy the best of the Illawarra.

Whatever you are doing, the team at Calderwood Valley would like to wish everyone in our community a happy and safe holiday season.

Happy reading!

Donna De Jonge Social Sustainability Coordinator



## Village Centre

We are excited to announce the Development Application for the future Village Centre at Calderwood Valley has been lodged to council by REVELOP!

Designed by BN Architects, this state-of-the-art neighbourhood centre will feature a full-line supermarket,

childcare centre, gym, swim school, medical & allied health services and a vet clinic. Residents can also enjoy an array of options in the outdoor dining precinct as well as access to over 10+ specialty retailers.

We look forward to providing you with further updates as development and construction progresses.





## Aspen Release Update

The Aspen Release (Stage 3C1) is progressing and has really taken shape.

Sewer works should be completed soon, road formation is underway with kerb and gutter installation commencing soon. The laying of services including water, electrical, telecommunication and gas also continues.

Registration of lots in the Aspen Release is anticipated to occur in the second quarter of next year (subject to wet weather, authority approvals and supplies of materials).



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## New District Park - It's Open!

#### The fences are down and now is the time for everyone to enjoy the new space.

Creating vibrant green spaces is core to the Lendlease vision to live well and local parks play an important role in providing places for families to learn, play and grow together.

The second District Park to be built in Calderwood Valley.

The Park is situated along the ridgeline of Escarpment Drive, bordered by both Ganya Street and Farmgate Crescent, and is a central meeting place for the new community between the planned Village and Town Centres and the future planned Sports Fields.

A Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) sits below the forecourt and includes an interactive wall where informal games of cricket, soccer and tennis can be played. A basketball net with provision for netball is also incorporated in this space to provide the community with an array of activities to choose from.

An all-accessible carpark is located from Ganya Street to provide direct access into this central area. This central space becomes the 'heart' of the park and includes the following:

- Pavilion with sets of table and chairs below
- Shade structures with additional seating opportunities below
- All accessible BBQ
- Water refill station
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Junior swing and all accessible basket nest swing
- All accessible spinner
- Large Play Tower with a range of climbing activities and a large slide that connects down to the lower terrace.







## What's on at Calderwood Valley



#### Calderwood RFS Santa Run

From midday on 24 December, Santa will travel the streets around Calderwood Valley, dropping Iollies along the way, while keeping his social distance..

Follow the RFS on **www.facebook.com/calderwoodrfs** for details of times and streets being visited. Donations to the RFS will be graciously accepted on the day.



#### **Rotating Art Gallery at Bean Roasted**

Artwork by Dee Kramer, in the gallery until early February 2022.

To ensure everyone's safety, the Sprout Hub community space is currently closed and most 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 events visit www.facebook.com/calderwoodvalley and www.facebook.com/sprouthubcalderwood or visit the notice board outside the Sprout Hub.

For everyone's safety you are required to adhere to NSW Health COVID-19 requirements.

## Exciting initiatives for 2022

\$13,000 has been split between the top two Seedling Fund applicants for this year's grant round. Each finalist received a \$2,000 base grant and the remaining \$9,000 was split between the two based on community voting. We look forward to following each grant recipient roll out their programs in 2022.



#### **Active Holidays by Healthy Cities Illawarra**

Healthy Cities Illawarra are looking forward to running their Active Holidays program for Calderwood for children aged 7-12 in the school holidays! They make 'healthy' shine through activities like cooking, gardening, bike riding, and their famous Bike n Blend!

Healthy Cities staff will also partner with scholarship athletes from the Illawarra Academy of Sport to provide a range of different sports, skills and games to try in a supported and encouraging way.

Program details will be provided on the Calderwood Valley and Sprout Hub pages, Facebook pages as well as facebook.com/healthycitiesillawarra and healthycities.org.au/programs/active-holidays



#### **Movie Nights by Calderwood Christian School**

The Illawarra Association for Christian Parent Controlled Education for Calderwood Christian School is planning to host Community Movie Nights to reignite connections between families in our local area!

Connecting with our community is very important, so what better way than by socialising at family friendly movie nights. The school aims to provide an enjoyable night out where people can relax and reconnect after all the separation and lockdowns we have been through. This may be as a drive-in style movie on the school oval, an outdoor movie with relaxing picnic in our grounds or a more traditional cinema experience in their school hall, depending on the restrictions and weather.

They hope to run a number of movie nights if funding permits, which would provide multiple opportunities for people in our community to come together and watch a variety of movies.

Follow Calderwood Valley, Sprout Hub and **facebook.com/calderwoodcs** to be notified of upcoming movies nights.

# Porch Placemaking Competition

At a time when social interaction was limited, little moments of connection can make all the difference.

During Global Porch Placemaking Week, which ran from late September to early October, some Calderwood Valley residents got creative and decorated their front porch, balcony, front yard and driveways and entered our Porch Placemaking Competition.

Well done to residents on Honeybee Crescent, Farmgate Crescent and Excelsior Drive!







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#### Tell us about yourself and your business

My name is Linda I am a single mother of three beautiful children and am the owner of Queenie & Me Hair studio.

Queenie and Me is located in Calderwood valley and is open to both men, women and their families.

Queenie & Me is a proud member of Sustainable salons ANZ which means all salon waste is turned into a valuable commodity and is sold to companies that recycle and repurpose it then all those proceeds go to Oz harvest which then feeds those in need. Here's a link on how it works www.sustainablesalons.org

Having children it's really important to me to set an example and educate them on how we can live more sustainably to protect our planet and their future so I love that I can now do this whilst giving you your fresh new look.

#### What do you love about Calderwood Valley

I love living in Calderwood valley, waking up to views of the escarpment and being only a short drive to the beach it really is the perfect location for families. Our beautiful gardens, wide open spaces and multiple parks which the kids love to play at after school and on the weekends all within walking distance from my home. But what I have to say I love about Calderwood valley the most is the community spirit. Everyone I have met in the salon or just on a walk or bike ride with the kids have been so warm and friendly and willing to support others in the community.

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

I'm reading 'The Happiest Man on Earth' which is an inspirational memoir of a man called Eddie Jaku who was a Holocaust survivor.

I'm also watching Netflix series called 'The Maid'. I love how film can be used to make people aware of different social issues and does a great job of trying to break the stigma surrounding domestic violence.



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

Being a single mum of three kids and running a busy salon as you can imagine there isn't too much time left for much else but when I do have some time I do enjoy being creative and growing things.

I'm learning how to play the guitar and have started drawing again. I also make my own macrame wall hangings which you will see some of hanging on the salon walls and in my home. As I mentioned above I'm really trying to live more sustainably and am trying to grow as much as I can in my backyard vegetable garden. I am still growing my green thumb, I'm not quite there yet but have managed to grow a number of fruits and vegetables which the bugs are seeming to enjoy. Hopefully I'll find an eco friendly solution to this soon haha.

## You can contact Linda via facebook.com/QueenieandMe

If you have a business in Calderwood Valley and would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please contact Donna De Jonge at donna.dejonge@lendlease.com

## Safety Reminders

It always pays to be vigilant with your belongings but with the holiday period almost upon us it time to be extra vigilant. Read on for some handy tips to help protect your property.





#### Protect your car - Remove it, Lock it or Lose it

By simply removing valuable items from display and locking your vehicle, you can significantly reduce the likelihood of being a victim of crime. Always keep your doors and windows locked when out of your car.

Never leave valuables such as mobile phones, handbags, wallets, laptops, house keys or spare change in your vehicle (even when parked at home).

Remove remote controls to garage doors from vehicle, especially when parked at home.

### Protect your home – You can never be too safe

Even though the weather can be hot during summer, it's a good idea to keep windows closed in empty rooms, especially if you are going out or entertaining at the back of the house.

After Christmas, don't pile up boxes from expensive items outside your home. Potential thieves love seeing that you have a new Xbox, bikes or television to steal. Cut up the boxes and recycle them.

#### Here are some other tips if you're going away over the holidays:

- Arrange for someone you trust to collect your mail and put your bins out
- Let your neighbours know how long you will be away for and leave a contact number if possible.
- Consider using security devices (such as light timers) on your home

- Securely lock sheds, garages and gates
- Think twice before advertising your absence on social media
- Cancel all regular deliveries, especially newspapers

## All creatures great and small

With the warmer weather upon us there has already been an increase in sightings of our slithery friends around the Illawarra.

Snakes like to hang out in long grassy areas so the best way to avoid them is to keep your lawn mowed and your block of land clear and tidy.

So keep an eye out and remember, snakes are NOT out to hurt you! If you have an unwanted visitor around your home just call your local snake catcher for a quick and safe removal.



## Happy Holidays

The Lendlease and Sprout Hub team wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

We'll be taking a little break as well.

Our holiday hours are as follows:

#### Sales office

Closed from 5pm on Thursday 23 December 2021 and will re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2022

#### **Bean Roasted @ Sprout Hub**

Closed Christmas Day only. Open all other days as normal.

Monday to Friday 6am to 2pm, Saturday and Sunday 7am to 3pm



## **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



