

“Hello Harpley” Newsletter

SUMMER 2018



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the "Hello Harpley" Newsletter!

The past few months have been a busy time at Harpley. Key milestones have included settling the Catholic Primary School site, forecast for construction in 2020; opening of our newest park, the beautiful Carinya Village Park; and receiving planning approval for the balance of Ison & Bulban Roads.

Harpley also achieved our 1,500th sale in December!

Another big milestone has been the establishment of the Harpley Residents Association, and the commencement of group fitness classes in the beautiful parklands of Harpley! You can read more about this in this newsletter.



What's on at Harpley

Neighbour Day

Sunday 25th March 2018

Resident-led activities to get to know your neighbours.

www.neighbourday.org

Harpley Twilight Markets

4pm – 9pm, Saturdays 17th February, 17th March, 21st April

Harpley Adventure Park, corner Billeroy Way &

Terama Chase, Werribee

Carinya Village Park Celebrations (Rescheduled)

1pm – 4pm, Saturday 17th March

Carinya Village Park, corner Morialta Circuit &
Jindalee Way, Werribee.

Harpley Community Grants Program

Open 1st March. Applications close 29th March.

www.bendigobank.com.au/foundation

Harpley Discovery Trail walks with the Wadawurrung elders

Harpley Adventure Park, corner Billeroy Way &
Terama Chase, Werribee

For available dates contact viccommunities@lendlease.com



What's happening in my community

Harpley Residents Association

The Residents Association meets monthly 7:30pm in summer and 7pm in winter. The date is set for the next at each meeting and pinned to the Residents Association Facebook page for all residents to see.

The Harpley Residents Association began to form in September 2017, with a small group of residents who were interested in shaping the future of the Harpley community and being actively involved in key issues like safety, community activities etc. By November, the group had grown in size with more residents interested in participating in the Association. At this time, it was decided that the group needed to formalise a governance framework to operate under. Residents were elected into key roles to run the Residents Association.

Since this meeting the Association has been very busy! Over the past few months the key activities of the Residents Association have included:

- Finalising a logo for the group;
- Meeting with Council officers about accessing community grants to run activities for the Harpley community;
- Speaking with local Neighbourhood Watch groups;
- Co-ordinating responses from the Police community representatives to questions raised by the community.
- Organising a resident Christmas party in the park which over 150 people attended – they even had a visit from Santa!
- In January, the Mayor of Wyndham attended the Residents Association meeting and discussed a range of matters including community safety following the incident pre-Christmas.



Harpley Residents Association Elected Members

President - Veronika Prskalo
Vice President - Christopher Matthews
Secretary - Kate Mitchell
Treasurer - Veena Venugopal
Social Media Officer - Not yet appointed

Want to get involved? Please send a message to the residents Facebook page or email Veronika on veronikamoni@hotmail.com



Veronika Prskalo - President

My family was one of the first to move in to Harpley and watch the community grow - Stage 5 slab pour, August 2015. I am a mother and wife but also play a part in removing the Level Crossings around the metropolitan suburbs for Metro Trains Melbourne.

Protecting our home, family and community to have a safe, well-kept estate is important to me. I am motivated to be part of shaping the future infrastructure of Harpley through consultation, surveys and exerting resident influence.

What I love about Harpley is the design and integration of nature and determination to increase the local fauna and flora, while controlling the excess water into amazing lakes and creeks and having the family enjoy the parks and our puppy who loves swimming in the lake.



Christopher Matthews - Vice President

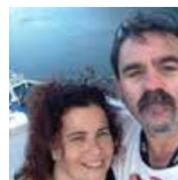
I moved to Harpley with my wife, Stephanie, and our now seven month old son, Sebastian, in late November 2017. We chose Harpley because of its community-centric ethos and I wanted to get involved to be a part of building and promoting a safe, shared & prosperous community that can make a positive impact on local families.

Growing up my neighbours were like family. We all looked out for one another and had a collective sense of pride in our community and I'd like to help foster a similar environment. I look forward to meeting my fellow neighbours and actively working with them to create a community we can all be proud of.



Veena Venugopal - Treasurer

Myself and my husband have been living at Harpley since August 2017. We live in such a beautiful estate and I am very passionate to help make this community a safer place to live. Being involved in the Residents Association also gives me an opportunity to meet new people and build new relationships.



Kate Mitchell - Secretary

My husband Andrew and I have lived in Werribee for 14 years now, we moved into our new home in Harpley just over a year ago. When we first moved in every one was so welcoming. We felt at home instantly. Both my husband and I wanted to be a part of the residents committee to play a part in keeping this community friendly, welcoming and one in which Neighbours look out for each other.

My community - Community Profile

Mercia Pretorius

Tell us a bit about yourself?

My name is Mercia and I'm a mum of a 4 year old pre-schooler and 6 month old, and wife to a great husband. I'm originally from South Africa and moved to Australia in 2010.

I've been a personal trainer for five years now and group fitness instructor for one year now. I've always loved exercising and the power it has on your body and your mind. I'm a big believer in the quote "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."

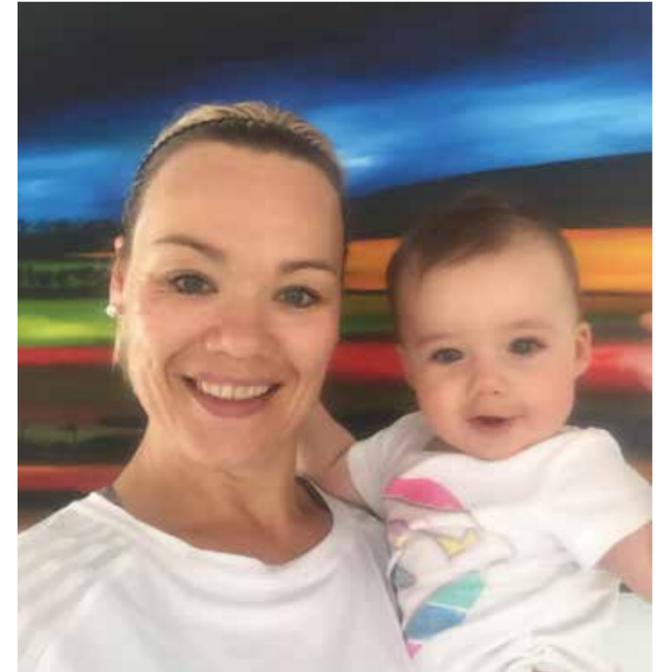
My biggest personal achievement was in 2012 when I did Tough Mudder (a 20km obstacle course). It was a tough race, mentally and physically but I did it in three hours. This was a massive accomplishment for me on so many levels.

How long have you lived at Harpley?

I've been in Harpley since August 2017 and I've fallen head over heels in love with this community. The way they help and stand by each other in good and bad times.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I'm a social butterfly, so I love spending time with my family and friends. Typical South African, we BBQ - ALL THE TIME. I love the outdoors and camping, discovering new places in Australia, meeting new people and recently started getting into gardening. So, any gardening tips are welcome.



New Year, New You! Harpley, Getting Fit Together

Mercia runs group fitness sessions at Harpley - open to everyone! Mercia uses a variety of training styles (weight training, HIIT, cardio and boxing) which means participants will never get bored doing the same thing over and over.

When: Monday & Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 7:30pm;
Saturday mornings, 7:00 – 8:00am.

Where: In the park opposite the Harpley Sales Office (under the shelters, if it rains).

Cost: \$10 (Payment can be done via cash or EFT before or after the session).

Booking: Bookings are essential and can be made at 0458 903 251 or Mercia.pretorius@gmail.com



Community Initiatives

Neighbour Day 2018 is fast approaching!

It's time to start organising activities at Harpley!

Neighbour Day is fast approaching and we'd love to have you onboard again. Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with people who live in their neighbourhood.

This year's event is Sunday 25th March 2018. Join in the annual celebration to make new friends and connect with people in your neighbourhood!

How do I get involved?

1. Pick a time and place: it might be a cuppa with a few people, a barbeque for the whole block, or even just introducing yourself – Neighbour Day can be as big or small as you like.
2. Register your event through the Neighbour Day website: www.neighbourday.org We're offering the first 10 Neighbour Day registrations in Harpley a \$100 Coles Voucher* to support your event.
3. Once you've received email confirmation, pick up your voucher and a Neighbour Day 'selfie' sign from the Harpley Sales & Information Centre.
4. Invite your neighbours to your event.
5. Snap a photo of your neighbours holding the 'selfie' sign live from your event, and send to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/myharpley

*Vouchers are available for purchasing food and drinks and other bits and pieces to support your event. Vouchers are available to Harpley residents only.



Harpley Discovery Trail

Late last year, the Iramoo Walking Club enjoyed a guided tour of the Harpley Discovery Trail with Uncle Bryon Powell, Wadawurrung Elder. The group learnt about the unique stories of Harpley including plant and bird life, and past uses of the land by the Wadawurrung people.

I would like to thank Harpley for giving our walking group a tour of your estate which was used by Aboriginal people in earlier times. Our walking group from Iramoo community centre, were amazed; they loved learning many of their cultures, and saw many things that we did not know existed. We were taken along a track in Harpley around the waterway in Harpley Park playground, which we have walked weekly for a long time, only to learn, that there is food to eat from the plants, wild bees in the trees and wild animals living in them, we also loved learning how Lendlease work together to protect our heritage and hats off to Harpley for sharing their views on how important it is to protect our environment, these issues are very important to us all.

The people who took us on this walk were amazing! We would all love to do this walk again, Uncle Bryon, Stephanie and Aunty Corrina did a wonderful job, we cannot thank them enough, for an amazing day.

Thanks again, Lynn Harsley (walking group leader)



Harpley Community Grants is launching - 1st March, 2018!

The Harpley Community Grants program is a new initiative of the Harpley Community Enterprise Foundation. The Foundation recognises the importance of building communities from the ground up, which is why we've created the Harpley Community Grants program. We want to ensure our contributions are responsive and relevant and that you, the residents and groups of Harpley and surrounds, have an active role in shaping our community together.

This is your opportunity to make a positive and lasting impact within Harpley. Let's make your community initiative happen!

We're looking to fund:

Programs, projects or events that benefit the community, including (but not limited to) arts & culture, recreation, education, welfare, environment and health.

More specifically, those which:

1. Share residents' / local groups' skills and knowledge within the community.
2. Connect and engage residents.
3. Assist the start-up and longevity of community groups and programs.
4. Celebrate the story of Harpleys' people and its land.
5. Promote creativity and innovation.

Some examples of things that can be funded include: festivals, events, safety initiatives, community workshops and educational programs... provided it contributes to a stronger, more vibrant and connected community in and around Harpley.

For more information, please attend a community information session at 6-8pm on Wednesday 28th February at Iramoo Community Centre, or contact viccommunities@lendlease.com





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