



WARRALILY COMMUNITY

newsletter

WINTER 2020



10 YEARS
10,000 RESIDENTS

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This year, Warralily celebrates 10 years of people-inspired planning and infrastructure, and Warralily's transformation into a truly modern and liveable community.

Our vibrant, close-knit and inclusive community is nearing 10,000 residents and we're not done yet!

What a year!

What a Milestone!

- 224 lots currently under construction
- 96 stages delivered
- 3,300 lots settled

The **Greenway** is Warralily's newest lifestyle project within the Warralily Central precinct. Designed in response to the growing number of people with active lifestyles who are looking for both space and convenience. The two, three and four bedroom stylish townhomes will provide the space and comfort of a free standing home without the upkeep of a traditional home and are a great way for those eligible for the Homebuilder Scheme and First Home Owner Grant.

We will welcome our first **Grange** residents over the coming weeks. The Mt Duneed location boasts spectacular panoramic views of the ranges, ocean and Armstrong Creek. Everyone will soon enjoy the 300m mountain bike flow track and nature play park which will take advantage of the slope and be seamlessly incorporated down and through the park.

Axis townhomes located adjacent to The Village Warralily community hub, will also see the first residents moving in this season, bringing an abundance of vibrancy to our Central Community. Just in time for Spring!

For any queries on what's happening around us please contact ninabendon@newland.com.au



IMPORTANT UPDATE - Cr Ron Nelson from the City of Greater Geelong

It's been really encouraging seeing community members in and around Armstrong Creek following the COVID-19 restrictions and wearing face coverings. Thanks for your efforts and sacrifices this year, as we work to slow the spread of coronavirus. Council's put together \$10.7 million worth of support measures to help residents, businesses and community groups cope with the effects of the pandemic. I encourage you to visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/covid19 for more information.

The Armstrong Creek growth area is booming and that's because people have caught on that the area offers a fantastic lifestyle and is great for families. As the area grows, I've made it a priority to continue consulting with residents on what social infrastructure, services and facilities they need to make the place even better.

Council's latest budget has quite a few exciting budget allocations in store for Warralily, including \$1.6 million to **install traffic lights at Boundary Road and Baanyip Boulevard**, and align Boundary Road with the new signals. We're delivering a **new footpath for Burvilles Road**, which will link the Geelong Lutheran College to the Surf Coast Highway. I've also been chatting with residents about the possibility for a **community garden**, so watch this space!

It's worth heading to the Geelong Australia website to access council's Social Infrastructure Plan: Generation One 2020-2023. You can check out how we plan to invest in infrastructure and services like kindergartens, sports pavilions, libraries and community centres in your area.

Some of the projects I'm fighting to be brought forward include a needs assessment for an **Armstrong Creek Aquatic and Leisure Facility**, acquiring land for a **regional sports venue** and a business case for an **Armstrong Creek Indoor Sports Stadium**.

As chair of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation, I'm also advocating strongly for detailed designs for a **library service at the new Armstrong Creek Town Centre** can be funded soon. Libraries are an important part of healthy communities, providing equal access for all and a safe space to learn and explore new ideas. **I think you'll agree that there's a lot to look forward to!**

RECONNECT
Get a mentor - Get training - Get a job

DO YOU WANT A JOB BUT ARE STRUGGLING?

Reconnect provides participants with mentoring to help them find the right course that suits their strengths, interests and career aspirations. Our ongoing support is designed to help participants enrol and complete their studies to gain employment, while addressing any other unmet needs. What Reconnect provides participants:

- Weekly to fortnightly mentoring, including outreach
- Assistance to enrol and complete accredited training
- Motivation, confidence and self-esteem building
- Group training, work experience and access to other services
- Up to 18 months support

For more information Phone: (03) 5223 3222 or email reconnect@diversitat.org.au



**ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
FIND OUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN TERMS 2 & 3**

At St Catherine of Siena, we are delighted to report our students have continued the year with wonderful enthusiasm and have been excitedly engaging in their learning.

We feel proud and blessed as a community in the way we have come together in these unprecedented times. After the last restrictions were lifted, it was lovely being back at school to rejoice the simple routines of school life.

We ended term 2 with some very exciting events which included an incredible fundraiser initiative Jump Rope for Heart. This fundraiser which was run by our PE teacher Corey, encouraged students to demonstrate their impressive jump rope skipping skills. Together our whole school community raised \$7 691.20!

We ended the term with our Children Learning Conversations, which enabled parents, students and their teachers to discuss individual progress and set goals for the next term.

Students also ended the term with our Pyjama and Movie Day as a reward for working hard all semester and modelling our school values. It was great to see students in their colourful pyjamas, enjoying their movie session in the afternoon with some popcorn, freshly popped in our kitchen.

We commenced term 3 with onsite teaching and learning. In the first few weeks we launched our inquiry based learning projects all across the school. Prep students began their 'Big Bang' Inquiry with a day dressing up as their favourite insect or minibeast, completing a variety of engaging investigations in costume. Grade 1 /2 students started their inquiry into exploring different continents and countries around the world. Our senior students of Grade 3/4/5 launched into their inquiry theme 'We are Explorers'. They participated in a range of activities including, making totems, creating and learning about maps and making scones.

Recently due to COVID 19, we returned to remote learning, but we feel more prepared and positive about delivering our engaging online & off-site curriculum. We will continue to gather remotely as a whole school community through our weekly assemblies, with an increased focus on our wellbeing through daily themes such as, Mindfulness Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Thriving Thursday and Friday Fun.

Once again we feel privileged to be part of the Armstrong Creek community and thank everyone for their care and support.

'Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire'
St Catherine of Siena



 How safe is my place?



WHERE DO YOU STORE YOUR KEYS?

Do you know where the best spot is to keep your keys? Take the Neighbourhood Watch How Safe Is My Place quiz at www.howsafeismyplace.com.au and learn this and other relatively simple ways to improve your home security and reduce your risk of being burgled.

Do you dump your keys on the entry table as soon as you arrive home or leave them on the kitchen bench or on a key hook on the wall?

Do you hide a spare key under a pot plant or in your utility box? (Please don't tell us your secret hiding spot). The best place for your keys is somewhere out of sight, inside your locked home. And if you want to leave a spare somewhere, give one to a trusted friend, family member or neighbour.



Want to find out more about the Barwon Heads Road Duplication project?

MRPV have marked points of interest on an interactive map, such as new intersections, pedestrian crossings, bridges and other areas of interest. You can enter an address or zoom in to see it in more detail, and click on the icons for more information. View the interactive map on the Engage Victoria website.

You can also visit the website to see artist impressions of the new intersection and the bridge over the railway line, and sign up for project updates.

Visit <https://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/barwon-heads-road-duplication> or phone 1800 105 105 for more information.

STATE MEMBER UPDATE



If you have symptoms of coronavirus, no matter how mild, get tested



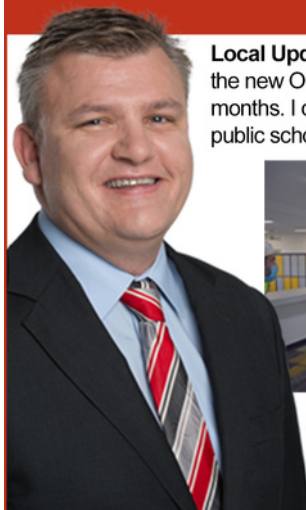
If you are waiting for a test or have tested positive you MUST self-isolate

The Coronavirus crisis has hit our entire state hard. Many Victorians are doing it tough, but we will get through this together. The Victorian Government is supporting businesses to survive the lockdown and workers to be able to isolate safely at home.

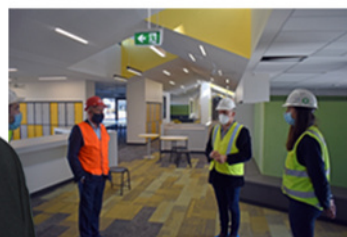
As always, if you have any local or state issues that you need assistance with, please call or email my office with the details at the bottom. If you have specific enquiries about COVID-19 or the Stage 3 restrictions, please refer to the dedicated hotline or the DHHS Website below.

Coronavirus Hotline: 1800 675 398

Website: dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



Local Update: The other week I had the pleasure of touring these fantastic facilities at the new Oberon High School in Armstrong Creek, which will be completed within months. I can't wait to visit again when it is up and running! This is one of three new public schools that the Andrews Government has built in this area since 2018.



Follow my Facebook page at facebook.com/darrencheesemanmp for further updates on the State Government's Coronavirus Response, and the investments we are making in this area.

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DOG SIGNAGE INSTALLATION PROJECT

The City of Greater Geelong has been working hard to roll out an abundance of new dog signage to help convey dog orders in our local reserves.

You will notice these signs continue to pop up over the coming weeks, with 190 already installed.

A key message to revert to when unsure of dog orders when out and about in our region is, that the City of Greater Geelong is a "Dog's on leash municipality unless otherwise signed".



CAT DESEXING MONTH

For the 6th year now, the City, in cooperation with some of our wonderful local vets, has run the discount cat desexing month.

This year, we were happy to welcome Armstrong Creek Veterinary Practice into the program!

In July, 348 cats received their desexing operation, (as required by the local law) but for a heavily reduced price, and the service also included microchipping, council registration, Advocate flea and worm treatment, and a 50% voucher for Royal Canin pet food.

Desexing cats leads to less stray and feral cats, improved wildlife and domesticated cat health and reduced surrenders to Geelong Animal Welfare Society.

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in this program and we intend to run this program again in 2021.



3217 COMMUNITY GROUP

Join us for the next online meeting
Saturdays at 9:30 for around 1 hour
3rd Oct | 31 Oct | 28 Nov 2020

Here's a few of the things we have we been up to:

Light Up Winter

Warralily resident Mary-Ann Gage came up with the idea of lighting up the neighbourhood during Winter.

Big Quiz Night In

Thanks you to all our sponsors who generously contributed prizes and congrats to all the teams for making this evening a great VIRTUAL community event.



Keep an eye on the Community Facebook pages for all the latest events and activities for our area.

If you would like further information please contact
Ninabendon@newland.com.au



HELP US PLAN THE FIRST WARRALILY FUN RUN

We are currently seeking proactive people to get involved in planning and organising our first ever community Fun Run 2021. For more information contact:
ninabendon@newland.com.au

SUPPORT FOR NEW PARENTS STRUGGLING WITH PANDEMIC IMPACTS

While the pandemic has been challenging for all, the restrictions are particularly tough on many new parents. A lack of usual support programs and social opportunities can leave many new parents feeling isolated and unsure about their new roles. The City is working to support parents in a variety of ways, ensuring continuity of care by providing online programs and face to face appointments, with health precautions in place. Supported playgroups continue to run online, with an increase in referrals more than doubling from 10 infants in Term one, to 22 in Term two. These weekly online supported playgroups provide an important opportunity for contact and connection for many families, particularly vulnerable or first-time parents of young babies. Each session offers a chance for parents to chat and ask questions, as well as participate in facilitated small group parenting programs.



The City's Maternal and Child Health service is currently seeing families with babies under 12 months short face to face visits with precautions in place to protect the health and wellbeing of the nurses and families. Telehealth consultations are currently being offered for older children. Through this service all new parents in the region are invited to a virtual New Parent group which has had extremely positive uptake, with 116 new parents participating in groups over the past two months. First time parents who are experiencing complexity are provided additional support from the City's Enhanced Maternal and Child Health team, including home visits. Telephone consultations continue to be offered for families who prefer not to attend an appointment in person. The 24 hour Maternal and Child Health Line (132 229) is an important ongoing supportive service for first time parents. Additional City support measures include partnering with Geelong Regional Libraries to offer a 'rhyme time' sessions, plus virtual sessions on "sleep and settling" techniques. Parenting educators are also continuing to provide telephone consultations for sleep and settling. You can provide feedback by email on Communityrelief@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or by phone on 5272 5272. We look forward to hearing from you.



HARD WASTE COLLECTION

Greater Geelong Residents will have access to two free hard rubbish collections a year after council extended the service for a further 12 months from July. The service will now include mattress collection. By diverting waste from landfill into recycling streams, this program has saved the community the equivalent of \$85,000. For bookings call 0352725444 or visit geelongaustralia.com.au/hardwaste



All Day Long
CHILD CARE and EDUCATION

Now is the time, head into your gardens to connect back to the land.

With the winter days rolling to an end, it is time to start preparing for the coming harvest. Start to pull out those weeds, sow some seeds and replant for this coming spring harvest...

Supporting families who are at home during these times

If you would like see our unique and different program please do not hesitate to book a tour today

Call us on: **03 5264 1446** or visit:
www.alldaylong.com.au | admin@alldaylong.com.au

337 Charlemont Rd, Armstrong Creek 3217

Proudly Independently

HELP CREATE AND PLAN OUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD.

The newly incorporated Warralily Community Garden 3217 Incorporated is on a mission to build a community orchard, located on Central Boulevard.

If you would like to be involved, please get in touch!

You don't have to be an expert gardener. We need positive, action focussed people to support the planning and delivery of this project.

This project will benefit the whole community and have lifelong impacts for all generations.

Join us on facebook
@Community Garden Warralily, Armstrong Creek
Or email
Warralilycommunitygarden@gmail.com

Felix's Tips *Froggy Facts*

One of the surest signs of spring is frogs singing. Here's some fun froggy facts for you:

- There are over 5,000 species of frogs in the world.
- A group of frogs is called an army.
- A frog completely sheds its skin about once a week.
- Each one has a unique call, and some frog calls can be heard a mile away.
- Frogs don't need to drink water as they absorb it through their skin.
- Some frogs can jump over 20 times their own body length; that is like a human jumping 30m.



For more information please visit:
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