

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



The year that was

2024 has arrived, so it's a great time to look back on the exciting milestones and achievements our community reached in 2023. Some highlights include:



STAGES



LOTS DELIVERED



200

RESIDENTS MOVED IN

PLUS

THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEWEST PRECINCT, MERIDIAN GREEN.

THE OPENING OF **OUR NEW LAND SALES** OFFICE & OUR NEW DISPLAY VILLAGE.

On behalf of everyone at Meridian, we'd like to thank all of our residents for their ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming more families to the community.



Look back on the vear that was in 2023 via the QR/link.

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Construction **Update**

It's been a big few months of exciting construction progress, with Stages 43 & 45 now titled.

Kerb and asphalt have been installed in Stage 46, with titles on track for April. Road bases are in progress for Stage 47, with titles expected in July.

Works on Hardys Road are now complete from Zagros Street to Burlina Boulevard. Burlina Boulevard and Hardys Road will provide a signalised intersection, ensuring smooth traffic flow and resident safety for years to come. The intersection at Berwick-Cranbourne Road/ Hardys Road delivered by the City of Casey is now open, providing access for residents from Berwick-Cranbourne Road to the intersection of Hardys Road and Burlina Boulevard.

BPG Civil in partnership with the City of Casey has delivered the important transport link from Berwick-Cranbourne Road to Burlina Boulevard. These works included over 2.5km of road, four signalised intersections and four left in, left out intersections.

The final upgrades of Hardys Road connecting Burlina Boulevard with Bells Road is being delivered by others and is set to take place in



early 2024. Bells Road is currently open from Thompsons Road to allow safe access to Meridian Green.

In other exciting news, works on Meridian's largest District Park in Stage 32 has commenced.

The park will include a fenced-off dog park, a pump track, a kick-about area with goal

posts, a basketball court, public toilets, exercise equipment and a playground. Bulk earthworks are nearing completion, with drainage works now underway. We expect the park to be open by summer 2024/25.

Please keep up-to-date with the Meridian Construction Portal for all of the latest developments in your stage.

Stage 25 Park Now Open!

In perfect timing for summer, we are pleased to announce that Meridian Central's Stage 25 Park is now open to the public!

With a clear vision to create a shared recreational space for all to enjoy, the reserve is divided into clear sections a section for all ages to enjoy as well as shared spaces for relaxation.

The park has been a wonderful addition to the flourishing Meridian community, providing a haven for leisure, recreation, and social gatherings. It has been wonderful to see residents enjoying this space, and to watch the vision of the park truly coming to fruition.

The park's opening event was a great success, with plenty of families coming down to enjoy the day.





It's Okay Not To Be Okay

On a mission to advocate positive, sustained changes for mental health awareness and support, Georgia, Maddi and Hayleigh started It's Okay Not To Be Okay, a local registered charity determined to make

Hailing from Sommerville on the Mornington Peninsula, with one of the sisters now living in the Meridian community, they were inspired to start the charity while grieving the loss of their brother Ben, who tragically passed away by suicide in 2016.

It's Okay Not To Be Okay champions mental health advocacy, grief awareness and suicide prevention. They run community events, workshops at schools and workplaces, and deliver gift packs to those bereaved by suicide and much more.

As a non-government funded organisation, It's Okay Not To Be Okay relies solely on funding, donations and merchandise sales. With everything from bumper stickers to

beanies, clothing and accessories available, the community has nicknamed it the 'Courage Uniform'.

"WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO WEAR OUR MESSAGE TO REDUCE STIGMA, TO START A CONVERSATION AND NORMALISE SEEKING HELP FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH."

"Our merchandise starts conversations, breaks stiama and creates a community where people can feel welcome and supported. When you see someone wearing a beanie or driving around with a bumper sticker, you know you're not alone."

If you'd like to support It's Okay Not To Be Okay, join the online community!

Follow them on $\underline{\text{Instagram}}$ and $\underline{\text{Facebook}}$ and visit their website via the QR/Link adjacent.

If you or anyone you know is struggling with mental health issues. please call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for 24-hour, confidential telephone





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Melbourne Stars Family Day



With summer comes cricket, and this year Brown Property Group have once again teamed up as Major Partner with the Melbourne Stars Men's and Women's Big Bash League for the 23/24 season.



The Stars are a fantastic organisation who are dedicated to giving back to the community. They foster a positive and healthy environment for anyone wanting to achieve their goals. These shared principles make the Melbourne Stars an ideal partner of Brown Property Group, who are committed to building engaging, active and family-friendly communities in Melbourne's south-east.

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Recently, Brown Property Group was proud to be the official presenting partner of the Melbourne Stars Family Day.

Held at Casey Fields on Sunday the 10th of December, it was a wonderful day filled with meet and greets, family fun and a highlyanticipated open training session. Whilst finals are not on the cards this year, the Stars have provided their fans with plenty of highlights for the season.



Your guide to summer in the City of Casey

Whether you're looking to beat the heat, enjoy the outdoors or just have fun, get out and about this summer in the City of Casey!

WESTFIELD FOUNTAIN GATE

If the heat becomes too much to bear, head to Westfield Fountain Gate, your one-stop-shop for all things recreation, entertainment and leisure!

Catch a movie at Village Cinemas, shop to your heart's content, or enjoy some delicious food.

Westfield Fountain Gate is open 7 days a week at 25-55 Overland Dr, Narre Warren.

CASEY RECREATION AND AQUATIC CENTRE (RACE)

Beat the heat at Casey RACE, the perfect place to cool off! With lap pools, a leisure pool and a splash park for the little ones, there's something for the whole family to enjoy!

Casey RACE is also home to a gym, and offers group fitness classes, personal training and nutrition workshops.

Casey RACE is open 7 days a week at <u>65 Berwick-</u> <u>Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East.</u> Find out more at <u>caseyrace.ymca.org.au</u>

WILSON BOTANIC PARK - BERWICK

With over 39 hectares to explore, Wilson Botanic Park is home to 1000 different plant species and over 80 species of birds, frogs, turtles and lizards.

It's the ideal destination for a summer day out, with picnic and barbecue facilities readily available for all to enjoy.

So pack a picnic basket, rug and some outdoor chairs, and make the most of the warmer days and longer nights.

Wilson Botanic Park is open 7 days a week from 7:30am - 9:00pm at 668 Princes Hwy, Berwick.

DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF BEE KEEPING AT THE OLD CHEESE FACTORY IN BERWICK

Introduction to Bee Keeping, presented by the City of Casey, will run across two sessions; the first on Thursday the 1st of February from 6pm - 7pm and the second on Saturday the 10th of February from 10am - 11am. Each session costs \$20.

The first workshop will explore how a colony functions, how bees make a hive and the role each bee plays in honey production, while the second will delve into how to safely enter an apiary, how to check a beehive and more!

Book now via the QR code below, or visit trybooking.com



TRYBOOKING &

Resident Information

LANDSCAPE INCENTIVE

In order to be eligible for the landscaping incentive, you must have your front garden, including the driveway, nature strip and side fences completed within 90 days from the date of your Occupancy Permit. Please refer to your Contract of Sale and your Developer Approval drawings for the specific requirements for your lot.

- Refer to our Landscaping Incentive Flyer for a helpful checklist and more information.
- Refer to our Design Guidelines before you lodge your application to ensure your designs comply.

SHARED FENCING

All shared fencing should be arranged in collaboration with your neighbour.

2 Refer to our Fencing Info Form for the process.

PERIMETER FENCING

If you aren't planning on building straight away, it is still important to secure your property. Please organise temporary fencing for your property to prevent the dumping of rubbish. It is a costly exercise for you as the home owner if clearing is needed prior to construction.

OPTICOMM

Opticomm provides an alternative to the NBN, by providing fibre right to your home, rather than relying on existing older services.

- PRefer to our Opticomm Flyer on how to connect.
- Refer to the Builders Portal to download the information mentioned.

HAVE YOU SEEN SOMETHING IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT?

Help make Meridian a safer, more enjoyable community via the **Snap Send Solve app**, an app which allows you to easily report issues in your neighbourhood.

Whether it's a pothole, damaged property or overgrown vegetation, simply snap a picture, upload it, and it will be sent directly to



local authorities for immediate action!



