



Easter Extravaganza

MERIDIAN

The Meridian community enjoyed the sunshine and Easter festivities at our Easter Extravaganza celebrations at the Meridian Central Stage 25 Park.

Held on March 16, the celebrations included a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, who was a big hit with the local kids. There was also Easter Egg painting, and a chance to get up close with some cute and cuddly farm animals.

The festivities were also an opportunity for the Meridian community to come together, and for residents to connect with their neighbours. Scan to see more of our Easter Extravaganza.



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A milestone for Meridian Green



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The first stage at Meridian Green has now titled! What a huge milestone for our community and an exciting time for our residents. It's exciting to see our new precinct come to life.

The newest addition to the Meridian family, Meridian Green will feature 750 new homesites and is located close to established schools, retail precincts and more.

With a 1.81ha linear park within walking distance to all homes, Meridian Green offers a community made for more space, play and convenience. We can't wait to share more exciting news about Meridian Green in the coming newsletters.

Construction Update

It's been an exciting time at Meridian and Meridian Green with Stage 46 now titled. Stage 47 titles are anticipated shortly after in May!

Works on the Sofra Road Western extension have also commenced, to connect Sofra Road to Bells Road. The works involve working around sensitive State infrastructure, requiring an additional approvals process to ensure that important State infrastructure is not damaged during the construction process. These works will provide direct access for residents to the recently opened Coles supermarket at St Germain Central and direct access to Thompsons Road, via Bells Road. Construction completion of the Sofra Road Western extension is anticipated for Q3 2024.

The construction on the remaining section of Hardys Road between Burlina Boulevard and Bells Road is progressing well. Completed by a neighbouring developer, these integral works will further our community connections



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to the established amenities around us. At this present time, works are anticipated to be completed by mid-2024.

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

Parks

PARK UPDATE

Stage 32 Park underway

Construction on the Stage 32 Park is well underway, with bulk earthworks and drainage completed.

Work has already commenced on some of the exciting facilities on offer at the 2.72 hectare District Park. Pump track shaping is underway and the basketball court slab will be poured soon. The sports courts and shelters are expected to be completed shortly afterwards.

We can't wait to see our community utilising this exciting space for all ages.

Scan for more information about the Stage 32 park update.



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Lanterns serves the local community

When local restaurant Lanterns closed its doors in late-August 2023, many Meridian residents were saddened to see the Vietnamese kitchen close down.

But, Lanterns is still serving the community with a new offering, Little Lanterns located in the Maybloom Wellness Precinct, and a delivery and pick-up service from their brand-new industrial kitchen in Clyde North.

While the team at Lanterns and Little Lanterns is delighted to cater to locals craving the aromatic flavours of Vietnamese cuisine, it is their philanthropic endeavours that truly motivate them.

Established in 2008 in Nha Trang, Vietnam by Melbourne-born businessman Robert Costabile, Lanterns gained a reputation in Vietnam for working alongside ethnic minority villages while also providing food and staples to local orphanages and those less fortunate. The Vietnamese restaurant was also known for providing scholarships to local students who may have struggled to stay in school without it.

The philanthropy continued years later, when Robert and a partnership of family bought the restaurant to Melbourne in 2019. Lanterns Viet Kitchen Berwick epitomised the tradition

of the Vietnamese people's importance in sharing a meal as a way of bringing family and friends together and quickly became a local favourite.

With a switch in business model, today Lanterns allows residents to enjoy their delicious Vietnamese cuisine with a pick-up or delivery service from their premises in Clyde North, while also offering young chefs an opportunity to hone their cooking skills, socialise and gain confidence through a partnership with gre8, The Capable Me School Leaver Supports Employment System.

The kitchen also prepares and delivers frozen meals to the Salvation Army in Pakenham, where once a week a variety of 50 dishes are packed and donated for distribution for those in need.

Rob and the team feel that the secret to their success comes from the passion and belief they pour into doing what they do to help those who might miss out on opportunities in life and by giving back to the community by getting the community involved.

Visit [Lanterns Viet Kitchen](#) or scan the QR code to find out more.



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LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

VFL SPONSORSHIP

Casey Demons Update



The Casey Demons started the year with a home game against the Box Hill Hawks at Casey Fields, followed by a close game against the Footscray Bulldogs.

A large and vocal crowd of fans have flocked to see the first games of the year.

Brown Property Group are proud to have been the match day sponsor and continue our support of the Casey Demons for the 2024 season.



Unfortunately the results haven't quite gone Casey's way just yet with the VFLW team as well as the VFL teams losing to the Box Hill Hawks. Both teams also fought hard against the Footscray Bulldogs with the VFL team just missing out on the win by 14 points, while the VFLW were defeated by 21 points.

It's a long season and plenty of footy to enjoy. You can see the Casey Demons in action at their home ground Casey Fields only a 10-minute drive from Meridian.

We wish both teams the very best for the rest of the 2024 season!



Spiced Roast Pumpkin, Apple & Walnut Salad with Creamy Feta Dressing

This vibrant salad is a celebration of autumn's bounty in Australia, featuring the sweetness of roasted pumpkin and apples balanced with the richness of walnuts and feta cheese. The creamy dressing adds a touch of tang and ties everything together perfectly.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE RECIPE YOU'D LOVE TO SHARE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY?

Send it in and we just might share it in our Winter newsletter! Send your recipe to hello@bpg.com.au

INGREDIENTS

For the salad:

- 1 kg butternut pumpkin, peeled and chopped into 2cm cubes
- 2 apples (such as Granny Smith or Pink Lady), cored and chopped into 2cm cubes
- 1/2 cup walnuts, toasted
- 1 cup baby spinach or rocket leaves
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese

For the dressing:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 200°C (400°F).

Toss pumpkin cubes with 1 tablespoon olive oil, salt, and pepper. Spread on a baking sheet and roast for 20-25 minutes, or until tender and golden brown.

While the pumpkin roasts, prepare the dressing. In a small bowl. Whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, honey, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, and pepper.

In a large bowl, combine the roasted pumpkin, apples, walnuts, and spinach or rocket leaves.

Drizzle the dressing over the salad and toss gently to coat.

Top with crumbled feta cheese and serve immediately.

TIPS

For a vegan option, omit the feta cheese and use a plant-based dressing.

You can add other seasonal ingredients to this salad, such as roasted Brussels sprouts, beetroot, or cranberries.

Leftovers can be stored in the fridge for up to 2 days. Reheat gently before serving.

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.

🔗 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.

🔗 Refer 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!

