

The Forum

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A word from our editor

Welcome to the spring edition of The Forum. We're sure you've noticed the welcome shift in weather, signalling the change in season! Longer hours of sunlight and warmer days make spring the ideal time to get outdoors, in the garden (see our spring planting ideas) or out walking the dog as a part of our dog walking group (see over for details).

Our exciting and thriving community has reached a new milestone as we now exceed 600 residents. This is largely thanks to the completed construction of 230 new homes within Arena, and another 117 currently under construction.

We've also provided some updates about development, landscaping and home offerings around Arena, including great news that several new townhome collections are now available.

Lastly, we're always looking for new content for this newsletter, so if there's something you'd particularly like included, please contact us at mashby@avjennings.com.au



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All Aboard...Cardinia Station!

Pakenham line users can rest easy that the official naming of Cardinia Road Railway Station, Pakenham's second station, suggests the Baillieu Government is committed to opening the station set for completion within the next 12 months, possibly earlier.

The official announcement was made in early June by Parliamentary Secretary for Transport Edward O'Donohue, on behalf of Transport Minister Terry Mulder and with support from Gembrook MP Brad Battin and Bass MP Ken Smith, all of whom are incredibly pleased with both the choice of name, and the station's development.

"The name is simple and clear and will ensure new families and visitors to the area can easily identify where the station is," Mr Battin said.

It is great to see the government recognising the growth of our area taking action to improve our public transport system as our population grows.

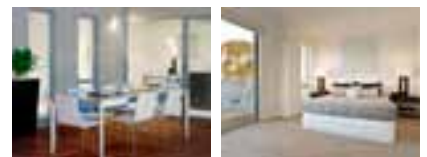
The new station will feature a park & ride facility, over 450 car spaces, pedestrian underpass, pick up bays for buses, a taxi rank, bike shelter & CCTV.

New Townhomes display opening soon

Preparations are now underway for the opening of our latest Arena townhome display. To be located on the corner of Kooyong Close and Flemington Rise, our newest display includes 3 bedrooms, open plan kitchen, living and dining areas, an upstairs study and stunning views across Arena Park.

Keep an eye out in coming editions for further updates and official opening dates.

Our former townhome display located at 2 Lords Lane is now closed.



Development snapshot

With so much happening at Arena, we thought you might like an update on the overall development plans.

- Stages 5 & 10 - now titled, time to start building!
- Stages 5 & 10 landscaping works commenced
- Earthworks commenced on the District Open Space.

Grab a \$4,999* Visa Gift Card!

We have a \$4,999* Visa Gift Card promotion on selected land lots and townhomes until 30th September! So tell all your friends and enquire today!



New Townhome Collections Now Selling

Great news this month for prospective Arena home owners as the Aquavista and Mayfair townhome collections are finally available to the public.

The Aquavista Collection comprises of eight premium townhomes overlooking the Arena Wetlands Sanctuary. Additional upgraded specifications include, stone benchtops and blinds to front and back windows. Alternatively the Mayfair Collection of townhomes boast views across Arena Park.

Don't miss out on these beautiful homes.

To receive further information please call Elaine Rennie on 0400 159 001 or 5943 2175 to arrange an appointment.

Aquavista Collection



Artist Impression

Mayfair Collection



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Dog Walking Group to hit the streets of Arena



Canine lovers of Cardinia Shire are invited to join the new Animal Doctors @ Pakenham dog walking group. Following a successful launch in June, the group will now hold weekly Friday afternoon walks and monthly Sunday morning walks. Residents and their dogs (on a lead) can meet weekly at 4.30pm on Fridays on the lake deck outside the Cardinia Cultural Centre Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham. Monthly walks will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 9am at various locations around Pakenham and Officer.

The group will be walking around Arena Sunday 4 March 2012 at 9 am. They will meet at Arena Park, Arena Parade. Contact Council's Health Promotion Team on 1300 787 624 or the Animal Doctors @ Pakenham on 5941 3822 or visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au for a full list of times, dates and locations. All walks will be approximately 30 - 40 minutes and will be led by staff from The Animal Doctors @ Pakenham. Participation is free.

Spring planting tips



Turn your garden into a source of delight, good health and create your own backyard fitness centre. You don't need a lot of space - your garden can grow in pots, an old wheelbarrow or a couple of fruit boxes from the supermarket.

- Early spring is a good time to plant perennial food plants such as asparagus, Jerusalem artichokes, waterchestnuts, ginger, turmeric, galangal and potatoes.
- In September sow vegetable seeds or seedlings of silverbeet, lettuce, radish, spring onions, carrot, cabbage, herbs and beetroot. And after the danger of frost has passed plant out cucumbers, capsicum, cape gooseberries, eggplant, okra, zucchini and tomatoes.
- Plant native flowering shrubs Alyssum, Lucerne, Queen Anne's Lace and Marigold to attract beneficial insects like ladybeetles for pesticide-free insect control.
- In October plant seed or seedlings for your Christmas dinner: colourful, open-hearted lettuces like Brown Romaine, beans, 'Ronde De Nice' squash and cherry tomatoes.