

THE Forum

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OFFICER'S MOST VIBRANT NEW ADDRESS

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Editor's Note

Arena at Officer already boasts 150 residents, a figure that is growing at a steady pace.

We welcomed our first residents earlier this year, as people moved into their homes and townhomes.

Spring time saw more construction and we are expecting more homebuyers to come and make their home at Arena.

We had our official display village opening event and family fun day on Saturday, November 14. There were lots of fun activities for kids and families. It was a great opportunity for families in the area to come and visit Arena while treating themselves to an afternoon of fun and excitement.

We're all looking forward to a great end to 2009, with a flurry of construction and many more residents moving in and enjoying Arena at Officer's parks as the warmer weather settles in.

For the New Year ahead, we will be developing more initiatives to support the emerging community at Arena. We are encouraging residents to form a gardening club and a walking group. The gardening club will be supported by Plantmark Nursery and the walking group by Cardinia Council. Read further for details.



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HUGE FAMILY FUN DAY AT ARENA

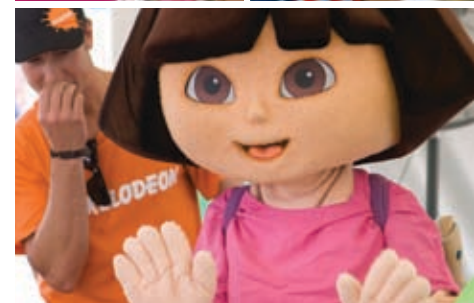
The Arena Display Village Grand Opening attracted hundreds of visitors and residents on Saturday, November 14.

A huge crowd joined in the celebrations to mark the opening of the development's display village. Families enjoyed a barbecue provided by the Rotary Club of Pakenham and Fox FM, cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, as well as DIY workshops by Bunnings Warehouse.

The hungry crowd devoured 1750 sausages, 20 kilograms of onions, 85 loaves of bread, 900 bottles of water and 500 cans of soft drink.

AFL star Tom Hawkins hosted a handball competition, a footy clinic, and an imaginary pack-marking competition, which was won by an overjoyed Joyce Jensen. Hawkins was ably assisted by the Rythdale-Officer-Cardinia Football Club, who helped to coach the swarms of aspiring young footy stars.

A live jazz band played while Fairy Caitlin, Dora the Explorer and Mr Balloonatic the clown enthralled hundreds of children. Many also took the opportunity to enjoy Harley rides and Farmer Darryl's petting zoo. A lucky resident and a future resident won the first and second prizes to the Arena Quiz competition that was organised on the day.





LET'S START A GARDENING CLUB

It's summer. The time is right to get outdoors and do some gardening.

Are you a resident at Arena and love gardening? Would you like to share your love and passion with like-minded people? Why not form a gardening club?

This club will be exclusive to GreenPass members.

If you are interested, please contact Leanne Li at AVJennings on 9210 9876 and we will help you start your club.



WHAT IS A GREEN PASS?

As a resident or future resident, AVJennings is pleased to provide you with a Plantmark GreenPass card. You can get huge savings on plants and gardening goods when you buy from any Plantmark SELECT cash 'n' carry market, paying only wholesale prices. If you don't have one, find out more from your AVJennings sales consultant on 5943 2175.

Development snapshot

- Construction: 28 display homes are now open
- Central Park is complete
- Work is nearing completion on the Arena wetlands
- Titles for Stage 7 were received in October 2009
- Titles for Stage 3 are expected in April 2010.



THE BAXTERS SETTLE IN



Meet Leigh and Kaylene, new residents at Arena.

Leigh and Kaylene Baxter are your typical older Australian couple. Approaching 60 years of age, the Baxters have lived in several homes in several areas, watched their son grow up and are now beginning to prepare for retirement. And they'll do that at Arena at Officer.

Kaylene Baxter said that the opportunity to live at Arena was one that was too good to pass up. "We've built five new homes over our lives, and this is the nicest place we've ever lived," she said. "We're close to all sorts of useful places, and the whole Arena estate just keeps growing and growing."

Leigh Baxter said that their decision to purchase a block in September 2008 has paid dividends. "Our neighbours are great, there's heaps of open space, and we get a nice view from the top of the hill," he said.

IT'S TIME TO GET ACTIVE AT ARENA!

CALLING ALL WALKERS!

The Active Places Project is keen to establish an Arena walking group and is putting a call out to all residents who are interested. Everyone is welcome.

To join the walking group, please contact Margie Conley, Active Places Officer, Cardinia Shire Council. Phone: 5945 4432
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Cardinia Shire Council is excited to announce that the Active Places Project is coming to Arena. This project is supported by the Victorian Government through the "Go for your life" campaign funded by the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Over the next two years, the Active Places Project will aim to provide people living at Arena with the best chance of leading an active and healthy lifestyle and will provide opportunities for residents to both lead and be involved in programs that promote physical activity.

The funded project will work closely with

- New mothers
- People with disabilities
- Senior citizens
- Sole parents and
- Young people/early school leavers





PARKS OPEN FOR FUN

Arena Park and Central Park are now completed and fully landscaped. Residents can enjoy plenty of public open space, wetlands and recreational areas.

Arena Park has existing native trees, a picnic shelter and a playground. Central Park, as its name suggests, is in the middle of the development. Its major features include oak trees, linked paths, seating and gathering areas, as well as children's play equipment.

Construction on an adventure playground at the entry to Arena and the wetlands area in the southeast corner is nearing completion. The area will incorporate a frog sanctuary designed to protect the growling grass frog, which is a vulnerable species in Victoria.

NEW SCHOOL SET TO OPEN

More educational facilities will be available to residents at Arena. In addition to the existing public schools and St Patrick's Primary in Pakenham, a new Catholic primary school is set to open in Officer next year.

St Brigid's Primary, on Bayview Road (2 km from Arena) will cater for families living in Officer and surrounding areas, with about 150 students expected in the initial enrolment. The school's indoor and outdoor environment will offer flexible and adaptable learning spaces.

Information and communication technologies are a central part of the new school's curriculum. Staff and students will benefit from ready access to these technologies in all learning areas.

All enquiries about St. Brigid's Primary should be directed to the Principal, Ken Gale. Phone: (03) 9707 1600



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