

# WESTBROOK NEWS BITES SUMMER 2022

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# WESTBROOK SUMMER NEWSLETTER

With the days long and the sun shining, it has been a wonderful Summer across Westbrook. Here's our round up of all the latest happenings at Westbrook across the holiday period and beyond.

## 2021 Westbrook Community Fund Presentation Evening.

**First up, we want to extend our warmest congratulation to the 28 happy community and not-for-profit groups from Tarneit and surrounding areas who recently received grants totalling \$35,000 at the 2021 Westbrook Community Fund presentation evening.**

Hosting the virtual event in early December, Marketing Executive Nicole Kernick, from the Dennis Family Corporation, the developer of the Westbrook estate was delighted with the outcome.

"A vibrant healthy community takes more than bricks and mortar. It requires a range of services delivered by community groups and associations which often goes unrecognised," she said.

"The annual Community Fund concept was introduced by the Dennis Family Corporation in 2002 as a way of giving back to the communities we create. Since we first established the initiative, we've distributed more than \$950,000 in grants across our residential estates in Victoria and Southeast Queensland."

"This is the third year the Westbrook Community Fund has been up and running and it's been fantastic for us to be able to provide financial support for so many worthy organisations in and around the local area where the estate is located – especially given the extent to which COVID had impacted on the ability of community groups to support those in need."

Eligibility for funding extended to not-for-profit groups operating in the Truganina, Tarneit and Williams Landing areas, with an independent judging panel allocating grants to the organisations which were successful in their applications, including the Be Happy Foundation, Truganina Fire Brigade, Tarneit Scout Group, African–Australian Family and Parenting Support Services, the Suns Netball Team and various other local sporting clubs.

One organisation that was successful this time round was the not-for-profit Wyndham Little Buddies Toy Library. Representing Little Buddies at the presentation, President, Kirsten Mannan, was thrilled to accept a cheque for \$1,500, which will be put towards the library's toy delivery program.

"As the Toy Library is run completely by member volunteers and funded solely by memberships and fundraising, one of the biggest challenges we have is ensuring that we have enough toys to meet the growing demand of the local community. This money means we can now replace many of our older and most popular toys with new ones, and we can't thank the Dennis Family Corporation enough for helping us make this a reality," she said.

The 2021 Westbrook Community Fund independent judging committee comprised Graeme Clark, Anik Kapoor, and Tania Orum, who all gave up their time to review each application and help select the final list of recipients.

A huge thank you to each one of them for their participation and invaluable contribution.



# WESTBROOK CHRISTMAS EVENT 2021



**Later in December Westbrook staged its inaugural Christmas event at the estate's Central Park.**

Featuring non-stop family entertainment right across the afternoon, the event attended by well over 450 local residents including the Santa Train, petting zoo and face painters was a huge success.

And, given perfect weather, nor was it any surprise that free ice creams and donuts were also highly popular!

But the highlight of the event was undoubtedly a visit from Santa Claus, who patiently posed for photos with over 100 children over a three-hour period, each of whom received a 'decorate your own Santa Claus gingerbread cookie' along with their Santa photo.



## WESTBROOK MOVIE NIGHT



Also strongly supported by Westbrook's growing community, the estate's recent Tom & Jerry movie night was a fabulous opportunity for residents to come together and enjoy a relaxing family evening in the estate's Central Park.

Held on Saturday, 12 February and attended by 550 locals, the first 200 lucky movie-goers to arrive were able to watch the film from the comfort of a beanbag, while others set up their picnic rugs and deck chairs.

And of course, everyone definitely made the most of those movie essentials – free choc tops, popcorn and slushies!

# STAY SNAKE SAFE AT WESTBROOK THIS SUMMER

You don't have to be the Bush Tucker Man to know that with warm summer days upon us, snakes are more active – especially in the vegetation, wetlands, and open areas around Westbrook. We advise all residents to be aware of their surroundings and proceed with caution if they see a snake.

The City of Wyndham has a free professional snake removal service available, and we strongly recommend residents use the service if they spot a snake anywhere within Westbrook. If you come across a snake on Council land or at your residential property, it's best to leave it alone and immediately contact Council on 1300 023 411 and they'll arrange for the snake to be removed by a professional catcher and/or place warning signs in the area to warn others.

Just follow these four simple rules and stay snake safe:

- Be aware, alert and do not approach a snake
- Safely remove any people or pets from the area where the snake was sighted
- Do not try to capture the snake
- Call the Council or a local snake catcher to remove the snake



# LOVE LOCAL. MEET MEENU BABBAR.

## What made you choose Westbrook?

I work long hours in a demanding, but rewarding, job, so I was really keen to build a house that would provide me with my own personal oasis. While I was super excited about taking the plunge and entering the housing market, I was also anxious about whether I would find something that would meet all my needs and didn't want to compromise on any details.

I needn't have worried. Westbrook ticks all the boxes, and there's so much to love about the estate. But one of the things which most attracted me is its great location, so close to both the freeway and the Tarneit train station, which is literally just down the road. I also love the fact it's beautifully designed, with stunning landscaping. Plus, it's hard to go past all the fantastic facilities proposed, not to mention Tarneit Central Shopping Centre conveniently located right next door.

## The sales process can sometimes be pretty overwhelming and daunting. What have been your biggest challenges so far?

Being a first-home buyer, the whole process was entirely new to me and I had no idea where to begin. However, Cheryl from the Westbrook Land Sales Centre guided me expertly through every step of the sales process and went out of her way to keep me up to date about where everything was at and ensure I had all the information I needed for a successful settlement.

## When do you expect to move into your new home?

I'm moving into my new home shortly – fingers crossed! I can't wait!

## What are you most looking forward to about living at Westbrook?

I can't wait to move into an estate with so many amenities right on my doorstep. Plus, the Morris Bridge Road Overpass will be fantastic once it opens and makes access through the estate so much quicker and easier. I'm also really excited about joining such a vibrant community, familiarising myself with the neighbourhood and all the parks, and getting acquainted with my new neighbours.



# GARDEN ENVY

Make your Westbrook garden the envy of your neighbours with our low-maintenance garden tips. One of the things that makes Westbrook extra special is the quality of its parks, streetscapes and private gardens.



Maintaining your garden and keeping it tidy, including regularly mowing lawns, weeding and keeping trees and plants pruned, benefits everyone by helping you maximise the value of your investment, complementing the Estate's natural surroundings and helping enhance the quality of the community as a whole.

So, it's definitely worth taking the time upfront to plan your garden layout and select the right plants. But what if you're time poor? Well... no problem. Here are our top tips for achieving the perfect low-maintenance garden without the stress!

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## Low-Maintenance Garden Design

To spend the least amount of time possible mowing, weeding and watering, it helps to get your garden design right by starting with a clear plan. Unless you're Edward Scissorhands, make sure your landscape design avoids straight lines and formal hedges. This will ensure that plants don't look scruffy even when they overgrow boundary edges.

Another trick is to layer your garden with plants of different heights and place them close together. Filling in the gaps with ground cover, such as low-lying shrubs, decorative grasses or creepers, will keep weeds at bay and protect the soil from drying out. It's much less work than mulching, which requires constant topping up. It's also prettier and cheaper.

If you want to avoid mowing and whipper-snipping, a paved courtyard is a great alternative to lawn. The other advantage is that you can place fast-growing potted plants around the courtyard. These require less weeding, and they can travel with you if you're renting. You can also rearrange them when you're procrastinating and have more important things to do.

## Low-Maintenance Garden Plants

It goes without saying that you should pick plants best suited to your location. Visit your local nursery and find someone who looks like they know what they're talking about. Let them know your soil type and the elements (shade, aspect and so on) affecting your garden.

One thing's for sure – when you're plant shopping, avoid the temptation of buying pretty flowering annuals. Annuals, even perennials like lavender need to be clipped and dead-headed.

## Plant The Tough Stuff

What you need is the tough stuff – grass and strap-leaf plants like cordyline, lomandra and New Zealand flax, and clumping plants such as bird of paradise and Japanese sacred bamboo. For a bit of colour, you can't go wrong with oleander, unless you have small children. Cacti and succulents are also good provided you don't live somewhere with too many morning frosts!



# WE ARE STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Land Sales Centre is open via prior booked Appointments or if you'd prefer remote contact, we also offer online booked appointments.

We are also available via phone, email, Zoom, SMS and WhatsApp.

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