

community newsletter



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Little Matilda-Rose Caldwell is still only months old and has no idea of her place in the history books – she's the fourth generation of the same family to live at Cardinia Lakes!

Matilda-Rose's parents, Simon and Kate Caldwell, her uncle Matthew Caldwell, grandmother Deborah Caldwell and great-grandparents Dianne and Neville Flintoff have all made Cardinia Lakes their home.

Proud great-grandmother Dianne said it was wonderful to have the family living so close to each other.

"As Neville and I have grown older, being near to family has become more important than ever. The family all live in different parts of Cardinia Lakes, but we are never more than a few minutes away from each other."

Dianne's daughter Deborah and her grandson Matthew were the first to move to Cardinia Lakes in 2009.

"Cardinia Lakes is a great spot for us as a family – it has that suburban feel with plenty of open space but still retains a lot of character," Deborah said.

Local services set to expand

Cardinia Lakes' residents will soon have access to even more local services, with plans for a new children's centre and additional retail facilities fast taking shape.

The children's centre – due to open March 2012 – will be located off Windermere Boulevard and is set to become a key focal point for the growing neighbourhood.

The \$2.75 million project – an initiative of the Cardinia Shire Council together with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood will provide occasional child care for children under three years old, kindergarten for three and four-year-olds with wrap around care, maternal and child health services, early childhood intervention services and family services. Preliminary construction work on the new centre is now underway.



The Cardinia Lakes children's centre.

Plans for two retail sites in the community's Neighbourhood Activity Centre are also in planning and we hope to share more news about these exciting plans in the months ahead.

A new look for ...



You may notice a few changes over the coming weeks at Cardinia Lakes. A new brand-look will be launched to reflect the community's growth and emerging personality. The changes will be evident on local signs and billboards throughout the community, as well as in local press adverts and the community's website – www.peet.com.au/cardinialakes.



Your growing community

It's all go at Cardinia Lakes with the opening up of the Eastone stage release, major road works commencing on the Princes Highway and Cardinia Road intersection, and preliminary building work starting on the Council-owned children's centre.

Construction for Stages 9 and 16 is now complete, with the latter being finished three weeks ahead of schedule.

Construction for three new stages – 10, 20 and 21 – commenced in April 2011, with Stage 10 due to be completed by the end of 2011. Stage 11 is now also under construction.

Development works for the Neighbourhood Activity Centre site are also expected to be completed by the end of the 2011 calendar year.

New landscaping undertaken as part of the quarries restoration project has also significantly enhanced the lakes precinct. This included the clearing of woody weeds around the lakes in line with the requirements of the Department of Sustainability and Environment's Offset Management Plan.

If you have any queries about the civil works taking place at Cardinia Lakes, call the Peet Community Line on **1800 819 912** or email **community@peet.com.au**.



The latest state budget has delivered good news! First-time homebuyers can now save thousands of dollars in stamp duty, with cost-savings of 20 per cent for purchases under \$600,000!

Did you know there are still plenty of Cardinia Lakes house and land packages available at less than \$600,000? Explore your options online at the Peet House and Land website today – **www.peethouseandland.com.au**

To find out whether you're eligible, visit **www.sro.vic.gov.au**.



Cardinia Lakes blossoms on

The ongoing environmental management project at Cardinia Lakes remains in top gear. By the end of 2011 – the third stage of the 10-year project – close to 10,000 tub stock plants will have been planted.

These extensive planting activities are a key part of well-established processes designed to protect and monitor native flora and fauna at Cardinia Lakes, with environmental experts from Ecology and Heritage Partners actively working to rehabilitate key bushland sites within the community.

Ecology and Heritage Partners Botanist Anna O'Brien said the planting and weed eradication programs were already having a significant impact on the health of the bushland areas.

"As well as improving the appearance of the site, the re-vegetation program is

helping to preserve local biodiversity by using plants species that are indigenous to the area, grown from locally-collected seeds."

"The weed management program has also had some fantastic results with evidence of native vegetation beginning to grow in areas previously infested with weeds," said Ms O'Brien.

Nest boxes for native birds and small marsupials were installed last year as part of the project.

"We are now monitoring these nest boxes to see how often they are being used and what species of birds or animals they attract," Ms O'Brien said.

For more information on the environmental management project, please email **peet@community.com.au** or call **1800 819 912**.



Nest boxes are being monitored for activity.



Homes selling FAST!

Put out the welcome mat for your newest neighbours! Cardinia Lakes' quality lifestyle, fantastic recreational facilities and easy access to local services continues to draw homebuyers to the community.

Since the beginning of the year, we have welcomed another 55 buyers,

who will soon be joining the 300-plus households that already call Cardinia Lakes home.

The wide variety of lots sizes, together with Cardinia Lakes' accessible location, has helped sustain the popularity of the community, bringing together young and growing families, empty nesters and first time buyers.

The perfect ten

New homesites available at Cardinia Lakes.

Ten elevated lots – in the community's Stage 11 release – are now available! The homesites are north of Princes Highway near the heart of the community and provide scenic views across the rural environment to the east.

They range from a generous 544sqm through to a huge 909sqm and start from \$192,500.

The lakes precinct is a terrific part of the community with a landscaped amphitheatre, walking and bike tracks, exercise stations, two lookout points, and barbeque / picnic facilities.

Peet Limited Managing Director and CEO Brendan Gore said the lakes precinct is an exceptional community area that is already proving popular.

"Peet has invested close to \$5 million in bringing the lakes precinct to life and residents are making the most of the new recreational area," said Mr Gore.



A community about to get "smarter"

NBN is coming to Cardinia Lakes!

Cardinia Lakes residents will soon be some of the "smartest" in town! The National Broadband Network (NBN) – an Australian Government initiative – plans to provide every Australian home, school and workplace with super-fast broadband over the next decade, and Cardinia Lakes is set to reap the benefits sooner rather than later!

Residents living in Stages 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 will have

access to the high speed network, which will provide improved access to business and job opportunities, health, education and government services.

To benefit from the high-speed network, residents will need to have their homes wired in accordance with NBN's in-house wiring guide once NBN installation is complete at Cardinia Lakes.

To find out more visit the NBN website – www.nbnco.com.au



Most landscaping works are now complete around the lakes.

East Quarry rotunda 'on-the-move'

The East Quarry's 'lookout' rotunda will soon be relocated to ensure the continued safety of residents and visitors to Cardinia Lakes. This is a precautionary measure in case of any movement in the escarpment which may impact the structure. We look forward to reopening the rotunda later this year.

Peet Limited would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and hopes that residents continue to enjoy the beautiful lakes precinct in the meantime.

For more information please call the Peet Community Line on **1800 819 912**.



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Check out *The View!*

Homes at The View are proving a big hit.

Cardinia Lakes' new semi-detached townhouse development – *The View* – is proving a big hit with people of all ages. The elevated homes overlook the community's scenic parkland and are available for purchase now!

Price: \$317,000 to \$375,000

Lot sizes: 18sqm to 22sqm

Close to: the community's children's centre; a planned school; the Princes Highway and future amenities / services; the Princes Highway and local amenities / services

All homes feature: three-four bedrooms, two bathrooms, garage(s), NBN

More than half of the 25 house and land packages released in August's first stage release have already been sold so call now to avoid disappointment!

For more information contact The View development team on **(03) 9775 1088** or visit **www.buypropertydirect.com.au**.

What's on in Pakenham?

Christmas carols

When: 7.30pm, 24 December 2011

Where: Pakenham Upper Community Church Hall, Bourkes Creek Road, Pakenham Upper
(Melway ref: 316 A2).

The holiday season is upon us and the Pakenham community will soon be coming together to share in the festive cheer at this year's Christmas Eve carols celebration. Call Joy Carberry on 5942 7298 for more information.

Ozzie Ozzie Ozzie!

Get ready to wave your flags, sizzle your sausages and celebrate life in Australia on 26 January. The Shire of Cardinia will be hosting community celebrations in Pakenham, Cockatoo, Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup area. For more details, visit **www.cardinia.vic.gov.au**.



Do you have feedback or a great story for our next newsletter?

Let us know what you think your Cardinia Lakes neighbours would like to read about by emailing **community@peet.com.au** or calling **1800 819 912**. You can also send pictures and the very best will be published in your community newsletter.