



Spring 2017

# Connect

## Pets galore at PETScapade

Sunshine and blue skies attracted hundreds of pets and their owners to PETScapade 2017 on Sunday 28 May.



Most Unusual Pet winner Doc the Great Dane with owner Gavin Donovan.



Adilynne Leaf with cherished pup Maxi, who won the Waggiest Tail competition.

Organised by the City of Kwinana and supported by The Village at Wellard, PETScapade is a celebration of all creatures great and small – from cats and dogs to guinea pigs and horses.

City of Kwinana Mayor, and Wellard local, Carol Adams lead the first of the community walks and said "it's great to see so many families, friends and pets enjoying the event."

Resident guinea pigs Hodgy and Quokka joined in the fun with their owners Sharon Rowse, Sam (10) and Hannah (8).

Sharon said after attending the last PETScapade, there was no way they were going to miss it this year. "Even though Hodgy and Quokka had to hitch a ride on the walk, it was great for them to join in this time around and meet other furry friends and neighbours."

There were plenty of pet-themed activities to take part in including specialised stalls, free professional advice for pet owners, as well as health check-ups from the popup vet. Pony rides, the animal farm and cuddles with the bunnies were all big hits with the younger kids.

The highlight of the day was the award presentation for the pet parade competition winners. Suzie the Schnoodle took out



Residents Sam and Hannah Rowse with their pet guinea pigs Hodgy and Quokka.



City of Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams and Stella the Rottweiler setting the pace with City of Kwinana Healthy Lifestyles team member Alyce Atkinson.

the Best Dressed prize and proud owner Barbara Ramirez was there to collect the trophy and pet treats for her furry friend.

Barbara said she had no idea Suzie would win the award. "Suzie's outfit is a little something I picked up a while ago — we just wanted to come along and have fun with other pet lovers", Barbara said. "It was a great morning and winning the trophy and the pet gift pack topped it off perfectly. We will be back next time. It is such a fun event."

## Congratulations PETScapade 2017 Winners!

- Schnoodle Suzie won the Best Dressed prize – owner Barbara

  Pamiroz
- Maxi won the Waggiest Tail prize owner Adilynne Leaf
- Maltese Shiatsu DJ took out the Most Like Owner prize – owner Darci Boreham
- Morlee won the Best Trained category – owner David Oates
- Doc the Great Dane was the Most Unusual category winner – owner Gavin Donovan







## Lambeth Circle is now complete

## Welcome to the spring edition of Village Connect!

We're certainly looking forward to the warmer weather and seeing more of you out and about in Wellard's great parks and playgrounds.

There are some exciting development updates at The Village.

As many of you would already be aware, earthworks have commenced at the Wellard Tavern site in the Village Centre. We will keep you updated on the progress of these works and the construction schedule as this exciting project moves forward.

Minimal clearing has taken place to accommodate the new fencing being constructed around Leda Nature Reserve. This work is anticipated to commence in September. We hope this will successfully limit access to the reserve from the estate and provide a deterrent for anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping at this wonderful natural community asset.

In terms of new land releases and development, forward works are underway on Stage 35A and titles are expected to be issued later this month for lots in VCS5.

You may also have noticed that The Village's central road, Lambeth Circle, is now open – connecting all zones of Wellard and making your trip that much easier. We'll keep you posted on any progress on securing a new PTA bus route through The Village.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the great variety of free family-friendly community events coming up at The Village in the next few months.

If you have any questions or feedback about your community, please don't hesitate to contact us via the Peet Community Line at <a href="mailto:community@peet.com.au">community@peet.com.au</a> or 1800 819 912.

Luke Oliver
Development Manager

# Inaugural Auskick season a **BIG winner** at Wellard!

Auskick's first season at Wellard Oval was a huge success – with more than 150 kids taking part across seven teams.



Coach Steve Winslade puts the junior players through their paces.

The Kwinana Junior Knights Football Club is one of the metropolitan area's largest, longest established and most successful junior football clubs.

The Village at Wellard proudly partnered with the club to move its Auskick competition to Wellard Oval, to give the players – the youngest playing club footy – more room to move.

Club President Dave Acker said the move to Wellard had "been the right thing for the club".

"Holding the competition in Wellard meant that we were able to move Auskick to Sunday mornings from 9am to 11am so we weren't competing with other games. It also meant that we no longer had to share the ground with bigger players, giving the kids the space they need to play, which is critical to the long term growth of our Auskick program."

Dave said eight coaches and more than 20 volunteers were required each week to run the competition – not counting all the parents who got involved.

"Our coaches did an outstanding job improving the kids' skills and ensuring they had fun and enjoyed every minute of the season. "A real highlight was seeing so many parents jump in to help the coaches – that's what Auskick is all about!

"The Kwinana Junior Knights Football Club would like to thank The Village at Wellard for its contributions to our Auskick program.

"It's great to see business backing local programs like this. Well done to all concerned."

## Club and community rally to support beloved coach

Club members and Wellard residents turned out in force to show their support for Kwinana Junior Knights Football Club coach Glenn Riseley at a special Footy FUNdraising event on Saturday 15 July.

The dedicated Year 4 coach and longterm club member is battling stage 4 lymphoma, so the club decided to rally around him and raise some money to help Glenn and his family.

Activities included a footy skills clinic run by junior and youth coaches and a mini-mud run – which was heaps of fun and very, very muddy!

More than \$2,000 was raised on the day. A big congratulations to everyone that took part and we wish Glenn and his family all the very best.





## Adventures of a mum in The Village



Wellard mum-of-two Laura Timpson and her gorgeous family have made The Village at Wellard their "own little place in the world".

Laura – who has a big following on Instagram with her adventures\_of\_a\_mum posts - moved to Wellard with her husband Blair four years ago.

The couple, who came to Australia from New Zealand in 2011, built and bought their very first home on a cottage lot at The Village at Wellard in 2013.

"Things really picked up for us after we moved to Australia. We were able to purchase our first home. We got married and now we have two little girls. It was the start of a really good life for us," Laura said.

Laura, a former legal secretary and travel agent, is now a busy stay-at-home mum, looking after young daughters Sophie (2) and 13-week old baby Lucy.

She does manage to find time however to post beautiful photos - many

featuring her girls out and about in Wellard - on Instagram and currently has an impressive 11,000-strong following!

"It really has become a hobby for me now. There is such a nice little community on Instagram and it is good to see all the kids growing up. It is also great for shopping – for all the handmade things that are different and not available in shops" Laura said.

Laura and Blair have just moved from their cottage lot home to a bigger, established family home in The Village, which Laura said "is perfect for our growing family".

"We really wanted to stay in the area. I love The Village and I love the area. We are over at Bliss Momo's every weekend and we go to the park most days.

"There is such a great variety of parks – we are fortunate enough to go to a different one each day and it is such a lovely place to photograph," Laura said.

Check out more of Laura's beautiful photos @adventures\_of\_a\_mum.

## Wellard families giving greyhounds a new life and home

Two Wellard families have opened their hearts and homes - adopting former racing greyhounds and giving these loveable canines a second chance at life!



Luke and Kathryn Watt, and their two sons Evan (3) and Caleb (8 months), their pet greyhound

The Watt family were

introduced to Lucky by the committed team at Greyhound Adoptions WA, who regularly attend the markets and local events to try and match former racing greyhounds with new families.

Lucky's owner Luke said he had owned many dogs in his life but greyhounds have become his favourite.

"They make excellent family pets because they are so gentle with children and very easy-going - some days sleeping for more than 20 hours," Luke said.

"Living at The Village at Wellard with all the parks, mature trees and bushland is ideal for taking Lucky out for a stroll we used to run around the area, but we take it a little easier now," Luke added.

Locals Chris and Dan McGregor unexpectedly became proud owners of two greyhounds: firstly with Eddie and more recently adding Mandy, who was seven when she was adopted to the family.

Chris said they were at the Village Markets at Wellard and not even looking for a dog at the time.

"We started chatting to the Greyhound Adoptions WA team and they explained they were struggling to find a home for Mandy, because she was an older dog, so we decided to bring her home – we love her," Chris said.

If you'd like to join this growing trend at The Village of Wellard, go to greyhoundadoptionswa.com.au for more information.

#### Welcome to The Village!

Around 100 new residents and established Village locals turned out for a special 'Welcome to The Village at Wellard' event on 8 June at the John Wellard Community Centre.

Half of those who attended were new residents who were either still building their new homes or have lived at The Village at Wellard for 12 months or less.

The aim of the night was to welcome new residents to the estate and give them an opportunity to meet their neighbours and hear updates from The Village at Wellard team, The Village at Wellard Residents' Association and the City of Kwinana.

The event was attended by Member for Baldivis Reece Whitby MLA and the City of Kwinana's Mayor Carol Adams and councillors Wendy Cooper, Sandra Lee and Sheila Mills.

Everyone had the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other, with 20 new residents signing up for the residents' association.



L-R Cr Wendy Cooper, Cr Sheila Mills, Rosie Victor-Hoogland, Matt Rowse, Mayor Carol Adams

We hope to see more of our new residents as they settle into the community.

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## When is a car park a new alfresco venue?

#### When it's annual PARK(ing) Day coming to Wellard later this month.

The Village's central streets will undergo a complete transformation as local businesses are encouraged to take their trade outside

Car parking bays along The Strand will turn into anything and everything from mini golf, bocce and alfresco dining spaces to pop-up shops for this fun event on Friday 15 September.

PARK(ing) Day is an annual global event held on the third Friday in September where members of the public, artists and businesses are invited to temporarily transform parking spaces into public places.



PARK(ing) Day in Washington DC.

The project started in 2005 when Rebar, an art and design studio, converted a single metered parking space into a temporary public park in downtown San Francisco.

Since then, PARK(ing) Day has evolved into a global movement with individuals and organisations creating new forms of public space for one day all around the world.

Make sure you come down to the Village Centre and experience this fun community event!

## WHAT'S ON

#### Weeding Amongst the Wildflowers

Saturday 9 September Date: 10.00am to 12.00pm Time:

Cost: Free

Where: Leda Nature Reserve

Pull weeds while enjoying the spring wildflowers! Come along to this free community event and meet others interested in caring for this beautiful natural asset.

#### Youth Outreach at Wellard **Skate Park**

Date: Tuesday 12 September 3.00pm to 5.00pm Time:

Cost:

Where: Adventure Park.

The Village at Wellard

Brush up on your board skills at a special clinic conducted by Skateboarding WA and hosted by Youth Outreach Live Outdoors.

#### PARK(ing) Day

Date: Friday 15 September 4.00pm to 9.00pm Time:

Cost: Free Where: The Strand,

The Village at Wellard

The Strand will be closed and its footpaths and car parks turned into great new spaces — a nine-hole mini-golf course, bocce court, pop-up markets, alfresco dining and much more.

## Get ready for spring in The Village!

Spring is upon us and it's the perfect time to embrace the great outdoors - and make the most of Wellard's beautiful parks and open spaces.

It's also the perfect time to clear out unwanted clutter, spruce up your home and get stuck into the garden.

Here are some tips for a happy, healthy and fruitful spring!

- 1. **Be SunSmart:** The warm sun might feel great after those cooler months but you and your family still need to protect yourselves when outside - even on cloudy days. Always apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours. Wear hats, sunglasses and appropriate clothing for added protection.
- 2. Allergies: Spring is the worst time for allergies and common symptoms include repetitive sneezing, heavy breathing, a runny nose, and itchy eyes, ears and throat. While over-the-counter remedies are highly effective, be sure to seek medical advice if you or your family develop these symptoms for the first time or any new symptoms.
- 3. Insect bites: Insects flourish in spring and their bite and sting can be a real problem. Spider bites, tick bites and bee stings all need to be monitored and if the child or adult shows signs of breathing

difficulty, suffers swelling, faints or vomits, they need immediate medical assistance. Minor bites can be treated with topical over-the-counter creams that reduce inflammation and itching.

- 4. **Drink up:** It's getting warmer so it's important to stay hydrated, especially when playing or working outside. Make sure you drink six to eight glasses of water each day, or more if you are working up sweat tackling those big cleaning jobs or outside in the warm sun gardening.
- 5. **Spruce up:** A good spring clean presents the perfect opportunity to rethink your space and spruce up your home. Wash/ dry-clean heavy throws and blankets before packing them away; clean carpets - either yourself or hire a professional; clean marks off walls and repair holes; clean couches, chairs and blinds; polish/ oil furniture; and clean windows. It's also a great time to de-clutter and get rid of unwanted items. Update cushions and accessories to give your place a fresh new look.
- 6. **Get dirty:** It's time to clear out old leaves and winter debris from your garden. Revitalise soil by adding compost or manure, slow-release fertilizer and a thick topping of water-saving mulch. Prune and plant new flowers and shrubs. Check your reticulation system is working properly and replace broken sprinkler heads and drips.





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