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Manor Lakes

YEE-HAW COWBOY! MANOR LAKES WILD WEST FEST A HUGE SUCCESS

Perfect weather conditions saw record numbers attend the Wild West Fest at Manor lake park on Australia Day.



More than 1500 budding cowboys and cowgirls came along to test their bucking bull riding skills, watch the whip cracking and enjoy the great food on offer from a variety of food trucks.

Other popular activities on the day included, pony rides, water games and a petting zoo.

Café-style seating under the umbrellas and hay bale furniture provided a welcome rest spot and the Waggle Dance Company kept everyone entertained.



LIFE AT MANOR LAKES SET TO GET MORE CONVENIENT

Exciting times ahead for Manor Lakes residents with the recent announcement by Ranfurly Asset Management that construction on the planned Stage 2 expansion of Manor Lakes Central shopping centre will commence shortly.

Shoppers will be impressed by the new-concept 5200m² Kmart store, featuring defined product areas, a central self-serve checkout that creates a clutter-free store entry and wider aisles for easy pram and wheelchair access.

A scheduled refurbishment of the existing centre will be completed in time for the Stage 2 opening in early-2020, resulting in a seamless and complementary connection between old and new.

Around 300 construction jobs and more than 400 on-going full and part-time retail positions will be generated by the project.

Ranfurly Asset Management is confident the proposed retail offering will attract new visitors to Manor Lakes Central and benefit the local community.

According to Ranfurly Asset Management CEO Mark Wilson, the company's objective is to enhance the Manor Lakes town centre by delivering an active shopping experience where people can enjoy spending time with family and friends.

"Alfresco dining spaces will link light-filled indoor and outdoor public areas and connect to landscaped communal spaces and kids' activity zones, complete with bike tracks and mini climbing walls," said Mr Wilson.

"Stage 2 of Manor Lakes Central will incorporate several family friendly elements including the very latest design in parent rooms, dedicated community areas, modern amenities and children's interactive play areas, along with free in-centre Wi-Fi."

To support increased traffic to the area, 500 new parking spaces will be constructed, taking total parking capacity to 860 cars.



EASTER EGG HUNT

On Friday 19th April, the Manor Lakes annual Easter Egg event was held and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The morning's program began with entertainment by "Happy Feet Fitness" setting an energetic mood for those eager to enjoy some delicious chocolate. There was much excitement as children dashed throughout the park discovering all the eggs.

The Easter Bunny was also on hand, meeting and taking photos with plenty of local residents and organisers did their utmost to ensure everyone left with a sweet chocolate treat.



MANOR LAKES ROTARY FUN RUN – SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2019

Manor Lakes was once again a proud sponsor of the hugely popular Wyndham Rotary Fun Run/Walk, with proceeds going to buy equipment for the Werribee Mercy Hospital Critical Care Unit.

The Werribee Mercy Hospital Critical Care Unit will provide families in Melbourne's west with surgical and critical care services closer to home. The build will include an eight-bed critical care unit, 56 new inpatient beds, six additional operating theatres, and a new central sterile supply department.

This year, the fun run attracted more than 650 registrations, which follows a scenic course along the Werribee River trail. With a range of course lengths to cater for runners and walkers of all abilities, entrants were able to sign up for a five or 10 kilometre run, or a four and eight kilometre walk. Younger kids also enjoyed the day with a 1,500m run for children 12 and under and a 400m run for children 6 and under.

Rotarian Sue Selleck says the event continues to grow every year.

"Part of the day's success is the popularity of the kids' activities like face painting and balloon creations which make for a great family day out, all for a good cause," Sue explained.



"Younger entrants are invited to come along dressed as superheroes for the 400 metre or 1500 metre run depending on age, which makes for a sense of fun that carries across the entire day."

Thank you to everyone that participated in the event and Approximately \$40,000 was raised from local business sponsorship and registrations.

For more information, go to www.wyndhamfun.org



TESTIMONIAL – RAYNI AND ANDREW SMITH

Giving their kids a carefree childhood in a close-knit community was a priority for Rayni and Andrew Smith and the young couple feel that Manor Lakes has delivered on all fronts.

"We moved in to our new home about six years ago and, even though we didn't have children at that point, we felt that the strong sense of community and fabulous amenities made Manor Lakes the perfect place to raise a family," explains Rayni.

"Today, with two little ones aged four and two, I still can't believe how perfect it is; we have everything we need in terms of services and facilities within the boundaries of the estate."

Rayni supports local businesses at Manor Lakes Central, utilising the services of the dentist and hairdresser as well as doing her regular grocery shop at the centre.

She finds there is plenty around Manor Lakes to keep the family busy and often takes her two little ones to Lollipop Park or down to the lake front to play.

"The facilities at the different parks are great and we are always surprised by the beautiful bird life around the lake," she enthuses.

"We particularly enjoy going along to the different community events and love the multicultural nature of the suburb."

For Rayni, an oncology nurse, and Andrew, a landscaper who runs Applied Horticultural Services, strong ties already forged with other families at their children's daycare will continue as the kids go on to attend Manor Lakes P-12 College.

"I feel so fortunate that our kids are growing up in such a close community; they are having a happy-go-lucky childhood, just like ours."