
MANOR TALK

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Andrew Price - Manor Lakes Halloween Organiser

MONSTER MADNESS HOWLS BACK INTO TOWN

Since moving into Dalrymple Boulevard in 2011, Canadian-born Andrew Price and his wife Maria Lodola-Price have found themselves trying to one-up their neighbours Stephanie and Haydn Pettingill with their Halloween decorations.

"Steph, who is from the USA, and her husband Haydn are big into Halloween as well so we were having fun decorating and trying to one-up each other," Andrew explained.

"When it got to a point where neighbours started coming by, asking questions and taking photos, we decided to have a big Halloween bash and invited a whole bunch of friends and people in the community."

Hundreds of ghoulish visitors are expected to visit the gory displays around Dalrymple Boulevard from 5pm on the 31st of October and take part in the fun. There will be face painting, popcorn, fairy floss, a pizza food truck and even a coffee van to ensure spectators are suitably fed and caffeinated.

Scariest photos taken by professional photographer Roy Birch will be posted on the Manor Lakes Halloween Display Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ML.Halloween/>

In 2016, the group decided to take advantage of the crowds and turned the event into a fundraiser for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Since then, more than \$2,500 has been raised for the charity. This year, the organisers hope to raise over \$4,000 through gold coin and online donations.

"People have been incredibly generous with their donations," said Andrew.

"It's a labour of love for the organisers and it's a great feeling knowing we are contributing to a good cause."

Online Donations: https://specialoccasion.gofundraise.com.au/page/ML_HALLOWEEN

LOCAL STUDENTS TREAD THE BOARDS

Manor Lakes College students took to the stage recently to present a stirring performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth to the local community.



Under the guidance of instructors from Western Edge Youth Arts, 30 students from year 7 to 10 had been rehearsing each Thursday afternoon throughout terms 2 and 3 to bring Shakespeare to the stage.

In an interpretation of the play that was billed as "Macbeth like you have never seen it", the students performed to enthusiastic audiences at the school's Amadeus Hall over two nights in September.

"Students at the college have been exposed to Shakespeare in a variety of forms throughout 2018," said the school's Secondary Principal, Renee Liprino.

"They have had a wonderful time exploring the works of Shakespeare, from plays to poetry, as part of a program introduced by our new literacy coordinator, Jennifer Bashford."

RANFURLIE SHOPPING CENTRE

Having recently been successful at VCAT in its bid to seek town planning approval on its design for Stage 2 of Manor Lakes Central Shopping Centre, Ranfurlie Asset Management subsequently lodged the relevant permit application with Wyndham City Council on 1st October.

"The town planning permit is the final hurdle to clear with Council before we can proceed towards the commencement of construction," Ranfurlie Asset Management Chief Executive Officer, Mark Wilson explained.

"Subject to approval from Council, we aim to be in a position to begin construction in the first quarter of next year."

Further details on the intended design and secured tenancies for the expanded centre will be advised when finalised in the lead-up to the commencement of construction.

UPDATE ON LAKESIDE

Public leisure spaces adjoining Lollypop Creek near its junction with Manor Lake (Stages 40 and 41) are taking shape and should open to the public later this year.

The new facilities will include a fitness station, a deck overlooking Manor Lake and a shared pathway that connects to the suburb's existing pedestrian and bike network.

Work on the reserve fronting Manor Lake (Stage 42) has a longer timeframe due to its complex design and is expected to open in mid-2019. With a water play area, playground, viewing structure and expansive deck at lake's edge, the open spaces are sure to be a hit with locals. Landscaping of the area will involve construction of numerous garden beds and a rain garden that assists with rainwater runoff.



What's a rain garden?

Generally planted out with native grasses, shrubs and flowers, a rain garden will be situated in a small depression and is designed to temporarily hold rain water runoff that flows from surrounding areas. Rain gardens remove nutrients, chemicals and sediments from the runoff water before it seeps away into a nearby catchment. Compared to a conventional lawn, rain gardens allow 30 per cent more water runoff to soak into the ground.

Interestingly, rain gardens are dry most of the time as they typically hold water only during and following a rainfall event. Water held in a rain garden will drain away through the pebble creek bed within 12-48 hours, so there is no opportunity for mosquitoes to breed.



MEET THE SALES TEAM – ANNETHA GUNAWAN

A busy mother of three, Manor Lakes Sales Consultant Annetha Gunawan began her career with Dennis Family Corporation in a Sales Associate role at Westbrook estate in Truganina.

"I had decided that working as an accountant in the city while raising a young family just wasn't ideal for us, so I started looking around for an engaging career opportunity closer to home," explains Annetha.

"The Sales Associate role at Westbrook provided a great introduction to the industry. I spent two years there before moving into a Sales Consultant position at Manor Lakes about a year ago."

For Annetha, the variety of her role at the Manor Lakes Sales Office as one of the things she enjoys most about the job.

"Our customers range from first home buyers starting out right through to families planning to build their dream home at Lakeside," she says.

"Watching the development around the estate is fascinating. At the moment Lakeside is really starting to take shape and we are on track for the first residents to move into their new homes by the end of the year."



LOLLIPOP HILL PARK LANDSCAPING

Spring arrived just in time for the start of Phase 2 of the landscaping works at Lollipop Hill Park. As part of the program, the footpath around the park will be extended and an arbour, seating and garden beds will be installed. By the end of the year, it's expected that the entire park will be complete and open for residents to enjoy.

WYNDHAM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

The area's newest school, Wyndham Christian College on Ballan Road, is set to welcome 150 children in Grades Prep to 4 next year.



Marketing Manager Rob Ward reports that interest from local families has been very strong.

"At this point, we are confident Wyndham Christian College will open for the 2019 school year with one class in each grade level from Prep to Grade 4, with the possibility of a second Prep class," he says.

"Stage 1 construction will commence in November and we are looking forward to opening our gates with six classrooms, assembly areas and staff facilities ready to go."

Set on a 12-hectare site, the school's masterplan provides for numerous sporting fields, play areas and open space.

Local residents who are interested in enrolling their children at the school are encouraged to contact the school directly on <https://hcc.vic.edu.au/wyndham-christian-college/> or call 8551 6650.

It's anticipated that the school will grow by a single grade level each year until 2027, by which time the student population is expected to reach just under 1500.

MANOR LAKES SENIOR WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM STORMS TO VICTORY

Manor Lakes 8.11.59 d Caroline Springs 1.2.8

A resounding 51-point victory over the Caroline Springs Lakers was the thrilling end to a flawless season for the Manor Lakes Storm senior women's football team.

Manor Lakes Football Club President Shane White says the team and their supporters still haven't come down to earth.

"The perfect season didn't just happen for the team. There was the challenge of having girls playing their first season of football along with some key injuries during the year, but everyone played their part and it paid off," he said.

"Full credit to Coach Nathan Smithwick and the leadership group, who upped the work rate from pre-season after coming away from a convincing loss in last year's Grand Final."



CHOONG WEI LEE TESTIMONIAL

Today, with their four children enrolled at Manor Lakes College, a career in the city and construction underway on their new home, Choong Wei Lee and his wife, Lee Ching Ng, feel like their new life is falling into place.

A few years ago, when making the decision to move their family to Melbourne from Malaysia, the couple talked about finding an Australian community where their four children would settle easily and feel a sense of belonging.

As a chartered engineer on the city's High Capacity Metro Train project, Choong was also hoping to live somewhere with good public transport links to the city.

"Life at home is busy with four children, so I didn't want to spend too long travelling to and from work each day," explained Choong.

"We also wanted local access to community facilities like schools, a library, shops and medical services."

Choong discovered Manor Lakes soon after, when he visited friends who had built a home in the suburb's popular Lollipop Hill precinct.

He was so impressed by the sense of community in the suburb, along with the obvious benefits of nearby shops, train station and schools, he headed straight for the Land Sales Office.

"I was immediately drawn to the new Lakeside precinct, so I got there very early on the day the first stage was released and managed to secure a spot fourth in the queue!" he said.

"My wife and I are really happy with the block we purchased; it's 576 square metres, giving us plenty of room for our new home, a garden and a great view of the lake."

Now, just a few months later, Choong's new two storey home is under construction and he has been busy encouraging friends to buy land at Lakeside.

"I have also bought a creek facing lot at Lollipop Hill," Choong enthused.

"That shows how confident I am in the value of land at Manor Lakes!"