

Manor Talk

COMMUNITY

Easter celebration

A GUIDE TO

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Construction update

A pattern of mild weather has ensured steady construction progress across Manor Lakes with crews currently working on 12 stages.



The Village

Construction in The Village is still on schedule, as crews work to ensure a lively community while residents continue to move in.

March saw the installation of streetscapes in Stage 194 and in Stage 196, kerb and channel works were completed with concreting and sewer installation expected to wrap up by the end of April.

Concreting and electrical infrastructure installation works are all set to begin in Stage 197. Kerb and channel works in this stage have now been completed and have commenced in Stage 190.

Sewer and road drainage works are all but complete for Stages 191 and 198 and road boxing has now begun, while next door in Stage 199 drainage works are underway and bulk excavation works are complete.

Since civil construction in Stage 201 began in late January, topsoil removal and bulk excavation works have ended, and sewer installation works have begun.

Civil works for the brand new Display Village (Stages 213A and 182B) are almost complete and applications for final authority consent and testing have been submitted. Nature strips across both stages have now been topsoiled and final lot filling is in progress.

Earthworks are complete for Manor Lakes Boulevard's District Reserve and landscaping has begun.

Lollipop Hill

Works for the Lollypop Creek pedestrian bridge continue on schedule.

Lakeside

Construction at Lakeside is complete for Stages 53 and 157. Final authority approvals are currently being collated.

In Stage 160, road construction has begun, and sewer installation works are now complete.

Station Precinct and Ison Road Intersection

Streetlights at the Wyndham Vale Station precinct were switched on in February and the area is now a convenient, much loved route for commuters.

All landscaping works for the Ison Road and Ballan Road signalised intersection are now complete.

Community event— Manor Lakes Easter celebration

Sunday, April 9 saw another successful Easter celebration at Manor Lakes much to the delight of the community and friends who joined in on the annual fun filled Easter Egg event.

Held at the popular Lollypop Hill Playground located on Spearmint Boulevard, around 1,500 dedicated attendees braved the cooler conditions for a chance to fill their baskets with delicious chocolate treats. All participants were split into groups based on their age to ensure an even playing field, with high participation numbers across the age groups.

Between hunting for eggs, families and friends were kept entertained with a covered Easter Bunny meet and greet zone.

Despite the cooler weather, spirits remained high throughout the morning as coffee vendors were kept busy handing out complimentary hot coffee and delicious Hot Cross Buns to keep everyone warm. The Lollypop Hill Park playground provided the perfect entertainment for children as they waited for their chance to collect eggs, while the surrounding houses helped to break the wind for calmer weather conditions on the ground. There were smiles all around, and happy full tummies at the end of another successful community event.





Community Centre

For the perfect space to host your next club meeting, playgroup, or community get together head down to the Manor Lakes Central Community Room, located next to Centre Management.

This spacious 180sqm room is perfectly accessible to all and in a prime, convenient location—only 10 minutes walking distance from Wyndham Vale Station. Comfortably invite up to 80 people to join your next not for profit group event, plus any Manor Lakes Central retailers are also welcome to reserve the room for a variety of business purposes.

As a multifunctional room, it is the perfect space to host a range of events and features a kitchenette, lounge area, and limited capacity storage area. All occupants are also free to use and move the provided furniture into a configuration suitable for their intended purpose.

The kitchenette is the perfect place to prepare and serve food, however, venue is an alcohol free location.

There is no fee to use the space, however, a [Public Liability Insurance](#) agreement is compulsory, with casual cover available for purchase through Wyndham Vale Council.

The room is available between 9 am and 5 pm. To book the Community Room, contact Manor Lakes Central Centre Management on 03 8391 4480.



Swim centre construction update

Dive in and discover Manor Lakes Central's newest development, Kingswim. This community swim school is fast becoming the most anticipated addition to the community retail centre. Once completed, the heated pool will offer children's and adult swimming lessons, holiday swimming sessions, competitive swimming opportunities, and pool-based exercise classes.

With an anticipated opening in the latter part of 2023, Kingswim Manor Lakes will provide a perfect opportunity for families from Manor Lakes and the surrounding suburbs of Werribee and Wyndham Vale to swim in a safe, convenient, and family friendly environment.

Find the new facility on the corner of Manor Lakes Boulevard and Ballan Road, Manor Lakes.
You can register your interest via kingswim.com.au/manor-lakes

Manor Lakes Storm Netball and Football Club

In Victoria's Western Region Football League, no name is more notable than Manor Lakes Storm—just ask Shane White, who not only co-founded Manor Lakes Football and Netball Club but has served as its President for seven years. During this time, he has also served as coach, trainer, umpire, and Auskick coordinator for the entirety of the club's decade long lifespan.

With the football and netball seasons well underway, Shane is excited and eager for more impressive results following the success of last year where both the Under 12's and Under 14's teams made their respective grand finals and two senior netball teams won premierships. There was also cause for celebration when one Manor Lakes junior football player and one netballer were each awarded 'Best and Fairest'. Since the club's establishment, the teams have achieved great success in their respective competitions having won four football premierships, two netball premierships, and had nine players awarded 'Best and Fairest'.

Shane has big goals for the future. Going forward, he aims to improve each team individually, which he believes will add to the overall success of the club. He also has plans for player specific feedback and coaching, taking care to focus on personal skill and fitness development, creating stronger teams across the board.

Welcoming new players is a large part of the club's future development, and they are off to a strong start with five new members in the last two years alone.

"Our next step will be adding an Under 18's and Under 12's netball team to balance the numbers and enable kids to play within their age range, enabling us to have a team in every group," adds Shane. All new members are immediately welcomed as crucial factors in the ongoing success of the club.

Since its inception in 2013, the club has been an important part of the Manor Lakes community. What began as only a football club has since branched out to incorporate netball and cricket, establishing an important hub where the community can get involved in organised sports, as a player or supporter.

Ever since the club's inception, Manor Lakes has been a proud sponsor of Storm. The annual support has been a huge benefit to the club, contributing to facility expansion and any ongoing expenses.

"Our Club Room renovations have just been completed, along with a second oval," shares Shane. "We believe we're building a great foundation for our sporting club to incorporate many more sports and add value to the community."

In addition to sports, the club hosts the annual Christmas Carols celebration, markets, and other local events, inviting all community members to join. Shane encourages surrounding businesses to get involved and invites them to partner with the club for greater exposure, as has proved successful in the past.

To become a part of the growth at Storm, keep your eyes open for more information on their flyers, which you can usually find posted at local schools, and through regular posts on their Facebook pages: [Manor Lakes Football Club](#) and [Manor Lakes Junior Football Club](#).





Embracing Autumn in your home

As the weather cools and cloud cover increases, it is time to get indoors and get cosy once again. Welcome autumn with our decorating and organising tips for the perfect start to the season.

It's Time to Reorganise

Autumn is the perfect transition period to ready your home for the shift in weather. Swap your summer essentials for important winter accessories and appliances. Small electricals including portable fans can now be returned to storage, and while you're there, don't forget to grab your thick sheets and linens in preparation for colder nights.

Spring Cleaning the Autumn Way

Spring isn't the only season you should be deep cleaning your home. As you prepare to spend more time indoors, it's important to make sure your environment is fresh and welcoming.

Begin by cleaning all the hard to reach places you rarely get to, such as the tops of doorframes and under heavier pieces of furniture. Remove as much dust as you can to ensure a healthy home free from irritants.

Outside, pack and store your cushions, umbrellas, and any small outdoor furniture pieces you won't be enjoying in wet weather.

As pets shed the most during warmer months, now is a great time to finally rid your home of any hair stuck to your carpets and the corners of your rooms.

Introduce Seasonal Tones

Embrace changing leaves and darker skies with décor in rich colours. Leaf through interior design magazines for autumn decorating inspiration. Deep reds, warm browns, and forest greens are the perfect colours to introduce to your home as these tones will remain on trend until spring returns.

Decorate your home by piling your furniture with soft throw pillows and draping thick blankets across your favourite chairs and couches. This way, they will be conveniently on hand for cosy nights in front of the TV!

Create the perfect atmosphere for dark evenings with the right lighting and colour temperature. Floor and table lamps with bulbs of warm, yellow light make the perfect additions for curling up and reading a good book. Add string lights for a calming effect in bedrooms and living spaces — they also make for a unique design feature.

Complete your freshly spruced home with new fragrances, perfect for the change in season. Take inspiration from traditional autumn treats and incorporate candles with scents of vanilla and spice.

Add Plants and Flowers

Spending time inside should not mean separating from nature. Finish your indoor study, work, or living space with the perfect potted plant or vase of flowers.

Large indoor plants can drastically improve your home's air quality by boosting natural oxygen levels. Plus, indoor plants can be the perfect way to bring the bright colours of the outdoors into your home. Make sure you do your research before choosing an indoor plant, as certain varieties are specific about their light and feeding requirements.

Add further bright, natural colours to your home with a tailored bouquet of flowers. Native Australian varieties of red banksias, pink correas, and pink melaleucas can add a strong burst of vibrancy to any living space.

Can't find your preferred varieties in the cooler months? Artificial flowers are available all year and offer the perfect solution to maintaining a beautiful arrangement without any mess or repeated replacement costs.

Getting ready for autumn means only a few simple tasks, cleaning, reorganising, and redecorating. In a matter of days, you could be embracing the falling leaves in a fresh, comfortable space befitting the new season.



Vets in the area

Sharing your life with a pet can be an immensely joyful experience. As an extension of your family, it is important that you give your pet as much care as you can to ensure they live a long, healthy, and happy life.

Whether you've just adopted a new friend or endeavour to look after your pet long into their old age, locating your closest vet is an important step.

All veterinary clinics offer general checkups, vaccinations, dental care, and advice. However, certain clinics offer additional care and amenities.

Below is a selection of veterinary clinics close to Manor Lakes:

Only 6km from Manor Lakes, your pooch will have a field day with Wyndham Veterinary Clinic. Get your new pup enrolled in the Puppy School; graduates can move on to Puppy Parkour. If you are looking to breed, these vets also offer Reproductive Services.

Greencross Vet Hospital, Werribee offer a full suite of pet care and veterinary services. Located on the University of Melbourne's Werribee campus, their team offer nutrition and weight advice, as well as both Puppy and Kitten School.

In case of emergency, The Visiting Vet in Werribee is here to help. They offer a mobile vet service, featuring all the care your furry friend could need, straight to your door. Available 24/7, they cover Melbourne's western suburbs. Head online to check whether your suburb is included.

Pet Boarding:

Going away? If you need to leave your furry friend behind, make sure they're in the best hands. Wyndham Boarding Kennels and Cattery offer a safe home away from home for your dog or cat. Pets receive individual attention in a secure environment and the opportunity to safely explore their temporary home.

Looking after your loved one in Manor Lakes has never been easier. Without leaving your neighbourhood, your feline or pooch can enjoy all the care they will ever need.

Warming chilli con carne

Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion
2 garlic cloves
60g taco or chilli con carne seasoning mix
1 beef stock cube
300ml water
1 x 400g can four bean mix, drained
500g lean minced beef or plant based mince
1 x 400g can chopped tomatoes
2 tbsp tomato puree
1 bay leaf
Salt and pepper, to taste
Sour cream, to serve
Avocado, to serve
Corn chips, to serve

Method

Add the olive oil to a medium saucepan and let warm over medium heat for 2 minutes. Dice your onion and add it to the oiled pot. Cook for 5 minutes or until the onion is almost translucent.

Finely chop your garlic and add it to the pot along with the taco seasoning. Stir and leave to cook for 5 minutes. Stirring occasionally.

Turn up the heat slightly and add the minced meat or plant based meat. Break up and stir with your spoon for 5 minutes or until no pink meat remains.

In a separate jug, add the stock cube to 300ml of hot water. Once combined, add to the pan with the mince.

Pour the entirety of the chopped tomatoes into the meat mixture, along with the bay leaf. Taste the mixture and season accordingly with salt and pepper. Add tomato puree and stir.

Steadily bring the mixture to a boil. Once bubbling, add the lid and simmer for 25 minutes. Stir occasionally and rehydrate with a few tablespoons of water if needed.

Once thickened, remove the lid, and stir in the beans. Bring the mixture back to the boil and simmer for a further five minutes.

Serve and enjoy. Chili Con Carne is best when topped with sour cream and avocado. Enjoy on top of rice, or with a side of corn chips.





Family and Friend Referral

If you thought you'd missed out on Manor Lake's fantastic Family and Friends Referral program, don't panic!

By popular demand, it's been extended until 30th June 2023!

This fantastic incentive is available to all existing Manor Lakes purchasers and residents to encourage their friends and family to join them in calling Manor Lakes home. And it couldn't be easier!

All you have to do is refer your friends and family to the Manor Lakes Sales Team and if they buy land, you'll each receive a \$1,000 debit card.

It's our way of saying thanks and welcome to the community.

To be eligible, anyone referred by you just needs to sign a contract for the purchase of land before the promotion finishes on 30th June 2023.

**Anyone interested should drop into the Manor Lakes Sales Centre:
218 Manor Lakes Boulevard, Manor Lakes,
open from 10am – 5pm daily, telephone 1300 334 524
or visit manorlakes.com.au**