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Construction update

Construction in Manor Lakes is picking up again after a short break over the Christmas holidays.

Landscaping works continue in the Village Wetlands with native fauna cultivated from local, indigenous spores; perimeter walking paths; and a 115 metre long boardwalk.

The Village Wetlands will open in August 2025.

Titles have been received for stages 202 and 203 in The Village precinct, along Ellsburg Street and Bloomingburg Road.

Construction for Stage 204 along Maywood Road is expected to begin in mid-March.

New Display Village official opening!

The Manor Lakes Display Village officially opens on 7th March 2025. There are 13 homes on display from Carlisle, Metricon, SOHO Living, Central Property, Mimosa and Dennis Family Homes/Simonds. These builders can guide you through the process in planning your new home, making the most of your land size, aspect and location for a home that will suit your needs and budget.

To celebrate the opening of the Display Village at Manor Lakes we are hosting an education series to help you get a head-start on your new home and land journey. Come along to one or all three weekends to hear from industry experts on insights into the property market, interior trends, finance, the building process and more.

Home Buyers
Head Start
Speaker Series

Display homes from Carlisle, SOHO Living, Mimosa and Central Property are now open! With Metricon and Dennis Family Homes/Simonds to open on 7th March. Visit the Display Village at 260 Manor Lakes Boulevard, Manor Lakes.

[Register now for your free ticket ↗](#)

[Find it here on Google Maps ↗](#)



Saturday 15th March at 11am
Hear from Victoria Devine on how to get the Keys to your first home.

Victoria Devine didn't wait for a seat at the financial table—she built her own and invited 400,000 women to join her. As the creator of She's on the Money, Australia's #1 finance podcast with 45 million downloads, Victoria has empowered her community not just to save but invest millions of dollars. A Forbes 30 Under 30 honouree, multi-award-winning retired financial adviser, and bestselling author of five books, she also writes for The Age and Sydney Morning Herald and founded Zella, a national mortgage broking and asset finance company. With her no-judgment, relatable approach, Victoria is here to help you take charge of your finances, grow your wealth, and create the future you deserve.

Sunday 23rd March at 11am
Hear from Dan Reilly from The Block
on the Building Process.

Dan Reilly is the popular site foreman known as 'Foreman Dan' responsible for running the simultaneous construction of multiple homes on the exceptionally popular Nine Network reality show, *The Block*, consistently captivating viewers with his engaging personality and extraordinary ability to resolve complex challenges with great skill and innovative solutions.

Alongside his role on *The Block*, Dan co-founded Manna Made, a design and construction company based in the Mornington Peninsula. A meticulous planner, problem solver, evaluative thinker and supremely talented in all manner of construction, Dan leads the Manna Made construction team armed with vision and an abundance of experience. Dan has been the leading hand on restoring heritage buildings and private estates in the UK as well on some of Melbourne's most exclusive commercial projects. Dan has a strong passion for education within the building industry and has a deep desire to represent the construction industry in the best possible light. In his spare time, Dan is an ambassador for Geelong FC's Pivot Club and a keen golfer. He's dedicated to improving his golfing skills and swears his slice is getting better.



Saturday 29th March at 11am
Hear from Nazeem Hussain on tips
on how to save for your first home.

Nazeem Hussain is fast becoming one of the biggest stars of Australian comedy and is a much-loved television and radio personality known for his honest and witty approach to race, religion, and social issues. With a multicultural background, Nazeem fearlessly navigates sensitive subjects, earning critical acclaim and a devoted fan base. He has appeared on popular shows like *'Legally Brown'* and *'Have You Been Paying Attention?'* and performs sold-out stand-up shows internationally. Nazeem has also ventured into the literary world with the release of his uproariously funny children's book series, *Hy-larious Hyena*, published by Scholastic Australia.

SEE THE
VIDEO & PHOTOS
OF THE
EVENT [HERE](#)



Summer Sunset Festival

Over 3,000 friends, family members, and Manor Lakes residents came together on Sunday the 26th of January to celebrate another fantastic Summer Sunset Festival!

All activities were ready to go from 5pm— The Connies taught everyone about wildlife in the Werribee area; mini golf and circus activities were fun for kids and adults and the Lego Zone was a new addition that was fun for the kids and young heart.

New in 2025 was Reptile Encounters and the Rock Wall. The reptile handlers, Chloe and Sebastian, were some of the most popular people at the Festival.

For the first time, visitors were up close with local wildlife like snakes, lizards and marsupials. The 'touch and feel' sessions

brought people into contact with both scaly and fuzzy visitors to Manor Lakes.

The Rock Wall climbing activity towered above the Festival ground and gave exceptional views of the Lake and surrounding Manor Lakes. Up to five climbers at a time could scale the 8 metre tall cylindrical structure to test their upper body strength and comfort with heights.

Face painting is an old favourite with people queuing for colours and stencils throughout the evening. Roving performers—belly dancers, bubble artists, and animal-themed entertainers—delighted everyone with entertaining photo opportunities.

A great selection of food trucks provided sweet and savoury options along with drinks for all to share in between festival favourites. Thanks to Carlisle! The free fairy floss was a huge hit! At one point there was a two-hour wait for a fluffy, sugary stick.

DJ Daniel kept the atmosphere alive with family-favourite tunes and Bollywood hits throughout the night. Crowds were even joined by a CFA Fire Truck before it was promptly called away on duty.

Crowds were treated with the best of Melbourne's weather, with a high of 24 degrees early in the evening cooling to 19 degrees just before night's end. An amazing summer sunset was shared by all. We can't wait to welcome everyone back next year for this free-entry event.



SEE THE VIDEO & PHOTOS OF THE EVENT [HERE](#)

Make 2025 the year you join a local sporting club! It's a great way to stay fit, enjoy some friendly competition, and grow your local network of friends. Sports seasons don't run all year round, so check with the club for sign-up dates.

Local sports leagues

Manor Lakes Cricket Club (MLCC)

The Manor Lakes Cricket Club was founded in 2014, making it the oldest established club in the area. The Club includes over 300+ members making a strong family of players, parents, and siblings. It continues to grow each year.

This year the club has:

- 4 Senior Teams
- 11 Junior Teams

Join one of Australia's largest Woolworths Cricket Blast programs. This safe and inclusive environment is open to all kids under 9 years old, regardless of skill level, with 60–90 minute sessions of cricket games and skill-building activities. No equipment is required.

Joint the MLCC today!

- Winter season runs May–Aug 2025
- Senior registration for winter opens in April
- Senior and Junior registration for summer begins in August
- Summer season runs September 2025–March 2026

Find the Manor Lakes Cricket Club at Manor Lakes Club Rooms, Howqua Way, Wyndham Vale.
manorlakescricketclub.com.au ↗
manorlakescricketclub@gmail.com ↗
[0401985151](tel:0401985151) ↗

Werribee Giants Baseball Club

The Werribee Giants Baseball Club is looking for players to join the winter season. Registration is open for players 8–80 years old. Teams include Juniors, Mixed Seniors, and Women's. All experience levels are welcome! The next season starts on the 5th of April. All games are played on Saturdays. Training is already underway as the summer season is currently nearing its close.

Werribee Giants Baseball Club also runs a Family Club where Junior and Senior players compete with their parents. It's a great opportunity for the whole family.

Find the Werribee Giants Baseball Club at Presidents Park McGrath Road, Wyndham Vale
baseballvictoria.com.au/club/werribee ↗
[0401985151](tel:0401985151) ↗



There are many sporting clubs and competitions in the Werribee and Wyndham Vale area, so reach out and get involved:

Manor Lakes Football Netball Club

Manor Lakes Club Rooms,
 Howqua Way, Wyndham Vale
mlfnc.com.au ↗
[0416372433](tel:0416372433) ↗

Werribee Hockey Club

Presidents Park, Wyndham Vale
werribeehockey.club ↗

Werribee Flames—Basketball

35 Ballan Road, Werribee
flamesbasketballclub.com.au ↗

Werribee Centrals Tennis Club

95 Shaws Road, Werribee
marlrus@hotmail.com ↗

Wyndham Vale Parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate—it's up to you!

Every Saturday at 8am

Presidents Park, McGrath Road
 Wyndham Vale.
parkrun.com.au/wyndhamvale ↗

Behind the scenes



Back in November 2024, the beautiful outdoor spaces at Manor Lakes became the setting of a very special new brand photoshoot – with photographer Josh Robenstone and design studio Clear. You may even have witnessed a cast and crew set up with their cameras and equipment around the lake, dog park, and playgrounds.

Our new series will mean a refreshing update to the Manor Lakes promotional materials, while showcasing the incredible amenities enjoyed by our community. We'll soon be incorporating the imagery into our upcoming communications, we can't wait to share them with you.

- 1 Lemon Zest and Blue Hues
- 2 Cottage Garden
- 3 Renaissance Red
- 4 Berry and Mint

The top interior design trends for a stylish home in 2025



Gear up for vibrant colours, playful textures, and nostalgic elegance in interior design throughout 2025.

This summer, we focus on four new trends that are set to last beyond the season.

Lemon Zest and Blue Hues gives a fresh energy to bathroom design, Cottage Garden brings nature into the kitchen, Renaissance Red creates bold elegance for every season, and Berry & Mint are a refreshing pair of colours for the year ahead.

Sales Office

218 Manor Lakes Boulevard, Manor Lakes VIC 3024
(On the corner of Ison Road and Manor Lakes Boulevard)
Open daily from 10am – 5pm



Four new trends that are set to last beyond the season.

1 Lemon Zest and Blue Hues

The Lemon Zest and Blue Hues trend is all about infusing fresh, invigorating energy into your spaces.

While this trend works well in any area of the home, it particularly suits bathroom design, where it balances a vibrant and tranquil mood. The sunny, citrusy warmth of yellow pairs effortlessly with the calming, aquatic tones of blue to create a lively and serene bathroom.

2 Cottage Garden

The Cottage Garden trend celebrates a return to nature. Inspired by a desire to reconnect with the earth, this trend invites food to become part of your interior styling.

Embrace this trend in the kitchen with playful touches like “cabbage-ware” and lemon motifs on crockery. Both are widely available in Australian retailers.

Open shelving showcasing jars of preserved goods or fresh herbs in terracotta pots adds an organic feel.

Introduce wood accents for warmth through bar stools or chopping boards. These create a perfect base for adding additional Country Cottage charm with décor and accessories.



3 Renaissance Red

The Renaissance Red trend blends the opulence of the past with modern refinement. This rich hue, inspired by Renaissance art and architecture, exudes warmth, drama, and timeless elegance.

For an impactful look, use Renaissance Red on upholstery or statement furniture. Pair it with muted pinks and floral elements in artwork or décor for a romantic touch.

Whether in a formal living room or bedroom, Renaissance Red brings a soft sense of luxury to any space.

4 Berry & Mint

Berry & Mint offers a refreshing take on colour trends by blending the deep, juicy tones of berries with the crisp, cool shades of mint. This dynamic pairing is set to dominate in 2025, bringing both vibrancy and sophistication to interiors.

Add depth to your home by introducing berry tones through textured upholstery, such as a velvet occasional chair, cushions, or a statement floor rug. It's the perfect palette to introduce into your home for the year ahead.

By embracing any of these four trends, you can transform your home into a haven of style and creativity. No matter your taste, there's a trend to suit every taste and home.

Dennis Family Corporation's retail and commercial arm, Ranfurly Asset Management (RAM), has started to prepare the site for the new 13,500sqm Bunnings Warehouse adjacent to the Manor Lakes Central Shopping Centre, between Armstrong Road and Ballan Road.

"We are excited to bring this project to life for the Manor Lakes community. It will cement the precinct as a key retail and lifestyle asset for the area," commented Ranfurly Asset Management CEO Cameron Male.

"Manor Lakes Central boasts over 75,000 visitations per week and is established as a retail and commercial focal point not only for the local community but for the surrounding population," he continued.

"This development will generate construction jobs and inject increased dollars into the local economy with additional spend by workers and consumers alike."

RAM developed and continues to manage the 21,000sqm Coles and Kmart stores at Manor Lakes Central Shopping Centre, along with a further six retail precincts and large format centres within Victoria.

A new retailer is coming to Manor Lakes!



The pavlova is a beloved dessert, most associated with Christmas festivities in the South-Pacific.

While its origins cause a light-hearted squabble between Australians and New Zealanders, everyone can agree the pavlova is a delicious crowd-pleaser.

Summer Pavlova with seasonal fruits



Ingredients

For the base

6 eggs, store-bought and cold

1 ¼ cups caster sugar

2 tbsp cornstarch

1 tsp white vinegar

½ tsp vanilla extract

For the topping

300ml thickened cream, refrigerated

2 tbsp icing sugar, sifted

1 mango, peeled and thinly sliced

125g strawberries, washed and diced

125g blueberries, washed

Method

Preheat your oven to 135 degrees Celsius. Grab a large sheet of parchment paper and draw a large circle (9-inch circumference) in the centre. Alternatively, you can use a silicone baking sheet. Set aside.

Place a large glass bowl in the fridge. This is important for whipping the cream topping.

Separate egg whites and egg yolks into two bowls, taking care to remove all yolk from the whites.

Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually add caster sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating well after each. Once all sugar is added, beat meringue until thick, glossy, and opaque.

Fold in cornstarch, vanilla extract, and vinegar.

Add the meringue mixture to the baking paper circle, careful to lightly lift the mixture into a cake-like shape.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. The pavlova should be dry and sound hollow when lightly tapped. Let cool completely on a wire rack, before carefully transferring to a serving plate.

Add thickened cream to the refrigerated bowl and beat with an electric or hand whisk until stiff peaks form (cream clings to whisk and peaks stand straight).

Cover the meringue with the whipped cream.

Next, layer mango, strawberries, and blueberries to your taste.



Three town homes, two sons, one family

Kim and Brian, parents from St Albans, along with their two sons, Nathan and Matthew, are gearing up to get the keys to three brand-new town homes in Manor Lakes.

Not so long ago it was just Nathan, their eldest son, contemplating the life-changing purchase. Kim and Brian have always placed a strong emphasis on saving money, and from a young age the boys understood the importance of managing their finances. Both began working in their teenage years. Nathan, 24 years old, is a chef and Matthew, 22, works in IT.

Over time they managed to save their money, eventually accumulating enough each for a home deposit.

When Kim and Brian first looked at the SOHO Living Tilden town home designs that would be built in Manor Lakes, the appeal was clear: warranties were in place, and they knew exactly what they were getting.

“As soon as we saw the product, as soon as we saw the area, and all the upcoming features and services that are going to be available to the community, we knew it would work,” Kim said.

Nathan had sparked the idea, then Kim and Brian saw it as an investment opportunity.

“You know what? Let’s buy.” And my husband said, “Well, maybe Matthew should probably think about putting his foot in the market as well,” Kim said. “We got hold of a broker, crunched some numbers, and we found out that Matthew is doable as well.”

The contracts were signed in October 2023 and the homes are on track to be completed early 2025. Nathan and Matthew will be living next door to each other, while Kim and Brian’s new investment property won’t be far away.

Nathan has been familiarising himself with the area, having driven through and visited the local shops. He likes the feel of the community. “I just feel like it’s going to be a really good fresh start, the community as well, friendly people,” Nathan said.

While he’s excited, he’s also a bit nervous about the big changes coming when the homes are complete. “I’m both excited and I get scared because this is like a new beginning, a new chapter for me in my life. Having nothing when you’re a teenager to having a car fully paid off and now owning your first home — it’s a big step,” Nathan explained.

Matthew also shares the mix of excitement and nerves as he steps into homeownership. “I mean, for my age, it’s pretty unexpected,” Matthew said. “Having a look around and

seeing how much rent is and how expensive everything is getting nowadays, I think it’s good that I’ve got in early.”

Kim sees the challenges but can’t help the feelings of pride. “It’s a massive step for them, for their age. So, we’re definitely very, very proud parents,” she said. “We’ve always instilled in them that you get what you work for, and they both have a very good work ethic.”



Great beaches in Victoria



This could be argued for as long as it takes to walk Victoria's world-famous coastline.

Our beaches are as diverse as they are numerous. Some battered by the swell coming up from the Antarctic, the feared wind of the Great Australia Bight, secluded by giant rock formations or a calmed by convenient point on the shoreline.

It's hard to be disappointed here where the ocean meets the land.

Melbourne

1	Werribee South Beach Werribee	The closest beach to Manor Lakes. This is a quiet, natural beach. A popular spot for fishing, boating and picnics. Travel time from Manor Lakes off-peak—22 minutes View in Google Maps ↗
2	Altona Beach Altona	Altona beach is also walking distance to Altona train station on bustling Pier Street with all its restaurants. Walk out on the pier, wade in the shallow water or play games on the expansive foreshore. Travel time from Manor Lakes off-peak—30 minutes View in Google Maps ↗
3	Sandridge Beach Port Melbourne	A hidden beach known only to the locals where you can view cruise ships docked at Station Pier to your left and huge cargo ships heading Melbourne's port on your right. Travel time from Manor Lakes off-peak—50 minutes View in Google Maps ↗



Beach safety tips

Remember to be careful—Surf lifesaving clubs are not patrolling all beaches. Given the position of Victoria’s coastline our beaches can be dangerous. Even with surf lifesaving clubs at many of the popular beaches, surfers are warning and saving thousands of people each year at more secluded beaches.

If you’re visiting a beach for the first time, ask a local about the conditions before you get in. Where possible, swim between the flags. Summer Safety—Surf Lifesaving Victoria.

Don’t forget to slip, slop, slap when out enjoying the sun. Slip on a top, slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek some shade and slide some sunglasses on.

West of Melbourne

4	Fairhaven Beach Fairhaven	Fairhaven Beach is expansive and emblematic of the coastline along the Great Ocean Road. Time your visit with the Fairhaven Surf Lifesaving Club’s restaurant hours to have an early dinner while the sun sets over the ocean. Travel time from Manor Lakes off-peak—1 hour and 15 minutes View in Google Maps ↗
5	Torquay Front Beach Torquay	Round the point from the rugged back beach, this gentler side of the famous surfing town is great for the whole family. Also closer to the fish and chip shop. Travel time from Manor Lakes off-peak—55 minutes View in Google Maps ↗
6	Portarlington Beach Portarlington	Portarlington Beach is a white sand beach, a great beach for lazing the day away. The beach is on Port Phillip Bay, the water is placid, it’s a great place to unwind. Travel time from Manor Lakes off-peak—1 hour and 17 minutes View in Google Maps ↗



Love living at Manor Lakes? Make the community truly yours by inviting friends and family to live in the neighbourhood. Refer a friend or family member to purchase land at Manor Lakes, and once you both settle, you'll each receive a \$1,000 debit card*.

Family & friends referral program

Here's how it works

- 1 Enter your details at manorlakes.com.au/family-and-friends-referral-program. Once you've completed this, share the link via email or text message to your friend or family member.
- 2 After you've shared the link, your friend or family member will be invited to enter their details and join our friends and family referral program.
- 3 A Manor Lakes team member will contact your friend or family member and keep them updated on the latest news and land releases at Manor Lakes.
- 4 After purchasing and settling on land at Manor Lakes, you and your friend or family member will each receive a \$1,000 debit card*.
It's our way of saying thank you and welcome to the Manor Lakes community.
Offer ends 31st May 2025, or when the maximum number of allocated referrals has been reached, whichever comes first.

For more information, head to the Manor Lakes Sales Office at 218 Manor Lakes Boulevard.

Open 10am—5pm daily
Visit manorlakes.com.au
Call 1300 334 524

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