



# MANOR TALK

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## SWEET FOR YOU CAKES

**Manor Lakes resident and business owner Amanda Muscara from Sweet For You Cakes is just as passionate about her community as she is her cake business.**

"I am a Manor Lakes local. I have been living in the City of Wyndham my whole life and have lived in Manor Lakes since 2016. I love that I live in a quiet spot along Lollypop Creek, all of our neighbours are lovely and are willing to give a helping hand when needed, and that we have all the amenities we need locally," she reports.



**So, let's dive in and find out a little more about Amanda and her local business and how she started Sweet For You Cakes, and her passion for cakes.**

**How did you start your interest in cake making?**

"I've always had a passion for cooking and baking thanks to my Dad. Whilst I was completing my science degree, shows like Bake Boss and Ace of Cakes were on TV which opened me up to the cake decorating world. Before I knew it, I was hooked on the art form and was developing my skills on cakes for family and friends."

**Tell us about your business and how long it has been running?**

"Sweet For You Cakes creates one of a kind cakes and other desserts for occasions such as birthdays, weddings and religious events. I've been creating delicious treats for people's special occasions for about 6 years now. Whilst my main product is cakes, I also create cupcakes and cookies."

**What is the most popular type of cake and flavours?**

"By far the most popular type of cake I create is a birthday cake, however, I have created cakes for all occasions. Chocolate mud cake would have to be my most popular flavour. You can't beat a good chocolate cake! I have however created a wide variety of different flavoured cakes over the years and for that reason, I don't have a flavour menu. My favourite cake would have to be a cinnamon cake with vanilla Swiss meringue buttercream, my homemade cinnamon apple filling and chopped pecans."

**What type of dietary requirements do you cater for?**

"I have an array of allergy friendly cakes that are vegan and free from egg, dairy, wheat, gluten and nuts and discuss individual requirements with each customer."

**How many hours go into making a cake?**

"That's a hard question to answer as it largely depends on the complexity of the design. I receive the brief, followed by sketching out a few different designs and email them through for approval, along with the quote. Once everything is approved and the booking is secured, I then move on to any elements I can pre make like toppers or sugar flowers."

For a weekend event I bake the cakes usually on a Tuesday, Wednesday/Thursday I then torte the tiers, layer with buttercream and any other fillings, ice the outside with buttercream, and place in the fridge to firm up. Thursday/Friday is when the decorating starts. Throughout the whole process, there would be a minimum of 6-7 hours work per cake and that is for a simple design."

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"Last year, in the lead up to Christmas I completed 11 hand-painted cakes, 20 paint your own cookies, and a small selection of decorated cookies all to be delivered/collected within a few days of each other, it was a very busy time!"

**What are your favourite things about the cake making process?**

"I love designing a new cake for each customer, seeing it come to life throughout the week and then seeing the customer's face when they see it in person. I also hand paint the designs and find it sets me apart from other local cake artists. The smile they have when they see the cake makes the long hours standing on your feet and late nights worth it."

**If you are looking for an amazing one of a kind cake or a sweet treat, why not support a Manor Lakes local business and visit <https://www.sweetforyoucakes.com.au>.**

## SUPPORTING MANOR LAKES LOCALS

**The Manor Lakes community is so full of life and opportunity, so if you are a small business and would like to share your story and showcase your business, we are happy to help.**

Send us a message with your name, phone number, a brief description of your business and we will be in touch to learn more. You can email your details to [info@manorlakes.com.au](mailto:info@manorlakes.com.au).





## IT'S THE AMAZING AMENITIES AND THE VALUE MANOR LAKE PROVIDES!

**You could say that Rikki Sumiga lives and breathes the west — he works locally as a Real Estate agent, has lived in the Wyndham area for some time, and now calls Manor home!**

Given Rikki knows property and the market very well, he saw the exceptional value for money that purchasing in Manor Lakes provides.

"I previously lived in the Botanica estate, before purchasing our first home in Manor Lakes just under two years ago. The price point initially drew us to Manor Lakes - it offered amazing amenities for the value," Rikki explains.

Working six days a week and often long hours, Rikki appreciates all the benefits the Manor Lakes urban design provides the community, and why it is so appealing.

"I like to be able to come home and relax, and Manor Lakes provides the perfect blend of having the amenities I need such as the train station and a good sized shopping centre, but also a peaceful outlook with the lake and the nice walking trails along the creek," he says.

Having recently settled on a new block of land in the Lollipop Hill precinct, after deciding it was time to upsize and look toward the future, Rikki and his partner are excited by the opportunity to build a family home.

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The couple will build their family home with Henley.

"It is a single storey home with 4 bedrooms and 3 living zones. We saw the need for the move so we can start our family, and this home has plenty of room."

"It is our first time building, and so far, the process has been good, and we are hoping to be in our new home in December or early 2022. Our dog Titan is certainly looking forward to a bigger backyard to call home," concludes Rikki.

## DECORATING AND ORGANISING TIPS FOR WINTER

**As the days get shorter and colder and we embrace the idea of being warm and cocooned inside, here are some essential winter decorating and organising tips for your home that might inspire.**

### LAYER IT UP!

Just like layering up our clothes during winter, we can also do the same with our homes. Adding an additional layer of soft furnishings during the winter months gives a space a sense of warmth and homeliness. Using a beautiful basket to hold some additional cushions or throws when needed will remove the opportunity for clutter.

Adding extra winter layers of soft furnishings like rugs, cushions and throws also help to soften hard surfaces, reduce noise, and add a warmer tone into the home.





### MAKE IT PERSONAL

Your home is a reflection of you—not the latest trends, so incorporate colours and patterns that make you smile and feel uplifted. A splash of colour via scatter cushions or a bright vase of flowers goes a long way into adding colour into a space on a dreary day, or moving some furniture around freshens up a space.

These small changes do not need to be expensive, so think about items you already have that you could give a quick makeover to, such as painting a basket, vase or side table in a colour that you love.

### ORGANISING SPACES

Winter is a great time for a thorough clean throughout the house, cleaning out pantries, linen cupboards and wardrobes are a great starting point.

Swap out your summer clothes for your winter wardrobe and at the same time do a quick sort and cull items that no longer fit, you haven't worn for some time or no longer love. You can look at selling these, swap with a friend or give to charity. The same applies to linen cupboards, swap, sell or donate to local pet charities who are always looking for towels and sheets.

Clean out the pantry and throw out anything that is past its use by date. Another great idea is to decanter items into containers, you can see what you have more clearly and are less likely to have wasted food items.

Other great areas to focus on when you have some downtime are desk areas, bookshelves and paper clutter. Don't forget a good dust on tops of cabinets, walls and skirtings.

### IT ALL MAKES SCENTS

Using scented candles and diffusers are a wonderful way to engage our senses and assist our health and wellbeing during the winter months. Burning quality fragranced candles can uplift and energise, and using essential oils are a great way to ward off sniffles and keep rooms smelling fresh during winter when more people and pets are inside.



## MANOR LAKES CENTRAL

### Can you believe it's already one year since the doors opened on Manor Lakes Central's fabulous Stage 2 extension?

Despite the highs and lows of COVID lockdowns, our very own community, retail and dining mecca just keeps getting bigger and better!

One of the most exciting developments is the opening of the Community Room in July. Wyndham City Council's playgroup was the first group to take advantage of the Community Room, with weekly get-togethers commencing on July 14.

The Community Room is open for bookings to not for profit and community groups. Contact Centre Management (phone 8391 4499) for further details and application forms.

Expansion of the onsite medical centre is another welcome development, providing our local community with access to more services and doctors.

We are also pleased to welcome Reliance Real Estate as a new tenant in the centre.

No doubt many residents were delighted with Hungry Jacks opening at the end of June and are looking forward to KFC opening later in August.

The opening of Bangkok Thai is also now satisfying all those cravings for delicious Thai food.

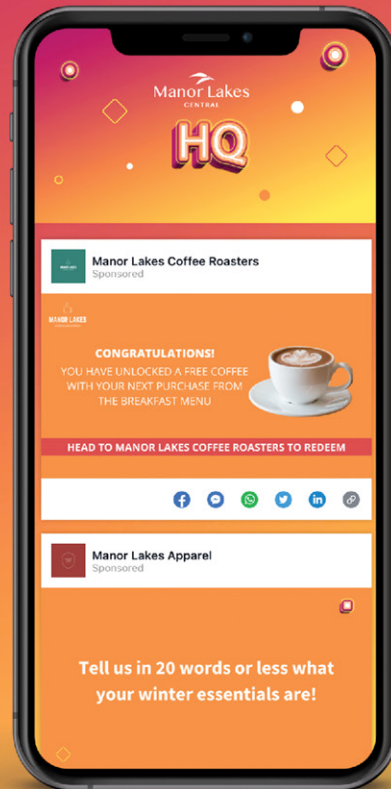
Boost Juice will open in late August/early September, and we are excited to announce that Sons of Manor, a licensed restaurant/bar, is also scheduled to open around the same time.

But wait... there's more!

Manor Lakes Central HQ is set to become your new digital destination. Packed with fun, games, rewards, prizes and FREE GIVEAWAYS, Manor Lakes Central HQ is coming soon.

### WATCH THIS SPACE...





**Neighbourhood Watch**  
Let's watch out for each other

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Have you joined the Manor Lakes Neighbourhood Watch Group?

The local Neighbourhood Watch group was formed late in 2020 and local resident, Chakri Chayanam has been a driving force behind the group and has been thrilled with the response from the community. If you haven't signed up, here's Chakri's reasons for doing so getting involved;

1. To get to know our neighbours and build a stronger community, which makes it much easier for new families and residents to feel connected when they move into the area.
2. To educate residents about the key features they should include on their home to reduce the risk of crime and highlight the common mistakes people make.



3. Having the easily identifiable 'Neighbourhood Watch' signs displayed throughout the estate to raise awareness of the group and send a clear message that Manor Lakes is a proactive, welcoming and connected community.

For more information and to stay up to date with forthcoming Manor Lakes Neighbourhood Watch Group events, email NHW. [manorlakes@gmail.com](mailto:manorlakes@gmail.com) or follow the 'Neighbourhood Watch Manor Lakes' Facebook group.



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**As reported in the previous newsletter, Civil construction works in Stage 177 of Lollipop Hill are well underway.**

With the road asphalt now laid and electrical servicing complete, resources are now focused on concreting with topsoiling to commence shortly. Authority compliance will soon commence in this area.

For Stages 178, 179 & 174a the final authority design approvals are being sought and all going well Civil works are forecast to commence in these stages in the next few months.

Lollipop Creek landscaping around the wetland and park are nearing completion and the majority of walkways and paths are now finished. The play equipment installations are finished, and the final touches of largescale planting works are currently taking place throughout the area.

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In Lakeside, the Civil works for Stage 52 have been awarded and are expected to start on site in July 2021.

There has been a hive of activity along Ballan Road recently. Civil works at the Ison Road and Ballan Road intersection have commenced, which when complete, will open a main arterial route into the northern section of Manor Lakes estate, supporting traffic flow, reducing driving times, and providing easier access to key areas of current and future amenities. Civil works are making good progress at the northern and southern legs of Ison road. The current scope of works includes earthworks and drainage installations.

In addition to these works, a second project has also started, which when finalised, will provide entry into Commuter Boulevard from Ballan Road. This project will provide direct access to the Wyndham Vale Train Station as well as several internal roads in the area, supporting both road and footpath access to the station and surrounds. Civil works are well underway with sewer and drainage installations largely complete, and water main installations currently in progress.

**Our latest offering — The Village, is due to launch later this year and has two stages under construction.** In Stage 182 Civil works are nearing completion, with the road asphalt underway, kerb and channel complete, concreting in progress and the topsoiling to commence shortly. Expected completion will be later in the year once the authority compliance period is complete.

Civil works have been awarded for Stage 195, with works onsite due to commence in August 2021. We will have more exciting news and updates on The Village closer to launch across social media and our website.

