

BRIDGEWATER TIMES



Discover another side to retirement

Welcome to the first Edition of the Bridgewater Lake newsletter - Bridgewater Times. We feature the recent acquisition of Bridgewater Lake Retirement Estate by the Martens Family, and share the success of our art show with over 200 paintings displayed and for sale. We meet residents Ron and Loris Powell who share their story on their move to Bridgewater Lake and find out why the Bridgewater lifestyle has become a bowlers dream. Learn what's happening on our block and see the current villas now available, plus information about our new brochure, website and why village residents are Australia's happiest seniors.

BRIDGEWATER LAKE EMBRACES NEW ERA WITH THE PARKS VILLAGES FAMILY

With the recent acquisition of Bridgewater Lake by the Martens family, operating under The Parks Villages, it's fair to say progress has accelerated which is great news for all concerned.

The Parks Villages, has brought two generations' experience to Bridgewater Lake. They have a proven track record running a select portfolio of retirement villages with their trademark enthusiasm, professionalism and unswerving personal commitment to their residents. In fact, they have been

directly involved in the development and day-to-day running of retirement villages for nearly 30 years. The Parks Villages currently operates the very successful Elms Retirement Estate in Kilmore, Victoria as well as Langton Park Village in South Australia.

Importantly, The Parks Villages represent the first family to own Bridgewater Lake. With their arrival at Bridgewater Lake, the estate is – like its residents – taking on a new lease of life. Managing Director, Ben Martens, has been excited and enthusiastic with the residents and has been busy incorporating

their feedback and recommendations into the next stages of development.

The clubhouse, with its community-run bar, and exhaustive list of sporting and leisure facilities, stands ready to welcome new members. A choice of spacious homes are ready to build to the client's specifications and finish. The smiling faces all around the estate are proof positive that the future is looking very sunny.

NEWS FLASH

WHAT'S ON

Bridgewater Lake is hosting its annual Craft Market on Saturday 28 November.

Lots of handcraft displays and activities plus Devonshire Tea and bargains galore!



BRIDGEWATER LAKE
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Craft Market

Saturday 28 November
10am – 3pm

FREE ENTRY

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

Devonshire Tea

SALES & DISPLAYS OF STUNNING HANDCRAFTS

Bargains Galore!

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bridgewater Lake residents Keith & Mary, who were recently awarded the Hume Council's Citizens of the Month for long time community service.

Keith and Mary were instrumental in establishing a local Community Emergency Response Team prior to an ambulance service being available in Craigieburn. They have been volunteering for over 30 years.



A BOWLERS DREAM AT BRIDGEWATER LAKE



Bridgewater Lake is certainly the bowlers dream with an excellent outdoor 4 rink bowling green and 2 indoor mats. Catering for social indoor and outdoor bowlers, we compete in an inter village outdoor bowls summer competition and we have several indoor pennant teams who compete year round in the North/West district.

Don't know how to bowl? - no problems, we have a magnificent coach – Dennis Barry who has helped many of our resident bowlers.

In 2013 six resident bowlers supported by 20 volunteers broke a long standing record set by

6 English bowlers by bowling continuously for 40 hours. Our record is firmly entrenched in the Guinness Book of Records. For more information check out the news and gallery pages on our website bridgewater.com.au

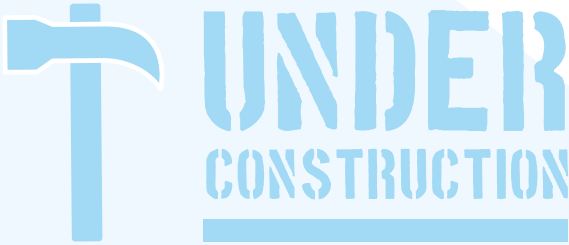


WHAT'S HAPPENING ON OUR BLOCK

The construction of six brand new homes is now underway at Bridgewater Lake, the first new homes to be built since The Parks Villages took over the ownership and management of the village.

A couple of these homes will be display homes including the Murray 13, great value at less than \$300,000 and the very popular and larger home, the Thomson 18.

Footings of these home have commenced and we anticipate the first of these new homes to finished and ready to move into by March 2016.



MEET RESIDENTS RON AND LORIS POWELL



What Loris and Ron Powell really liked about Bridgewater Lake Retirement Estate were the different styles of homes on offer. “It just looked like the normal streets you would find in a normal suburb”, said Loris. “We had looked at several other villages but most of the homes not only looked all the same but seemed to be on top of one another”.

There were a couple of other deal clinchers for these Essendon supporters. Greg Sewell, ex Essendon Football Club President lived there and the village was bowling mad. This was music to the ears of a couple who had been playing bowls in one form or another for over 50 years! Ron had represented both Victoria and Australia in ten pin bowling events changing over to lawn bowls after a hip replacement.

“Bridgewater has a four rink outdoor bowling green as well as an indoor bowling facility”, said Loris. “Ron and I play both games”.

The Powells have only been at Bridgewater Lake since February but are already clocking up bowling successes. Loris was part of the winning 2015 pennant team, they were both part of the team that won the John O’Connor Annual Bowls event and Ron won the New Residents Trophy. “That was only because they played it on the day I wasn’t home” said Loris otherwise she said the trophy would have been hers!

“There is so much going on here all the time. We absolutely love it here and feel we have moved at exactly the right time”; Loris is in her late sixties, Ron just 72 so they have plenty of time ahead to enjoy their new found busy lifestyle.

OUR NEW LOOK

NEW
BROCHURE
& WEBSITE

We are excited to reveal our new Bridgewater Lake brochure. To receive your copy call our Sales Advisor, Peter Harry, on (03) 9308 8335.

We also have a new fresh and informative website including a video interview of Ben Martens, the owner of Bridgewater Lake so be sure to hop online and check it out! bridgewaterlake.com.au



2015 ART EXHIBITION - THE ART OF SELLING!

On a sunny spring weekend in September Bridgewater Lake held their annual art exhibition with over 200 original paintings on display and for sale. Over 90 people attended the launch event which was formally opened by Councilor Drew Jessop from the City of Hume. The mood over the whole weekend was vibrant with many artist, residents and guests in attendance enjoying the outstanding Art.

Artists from Craigieburn Art group, Sunbury Art Society, Plenty Valley Art Group, Hume U3A, Selwyn House and Mt Ridley College had their stunning works on display, and a record 23 paintings were sold.

The Best Painting award presented by Sarah Warner, Art Teacher at Kolbe College was awarded to Artist Keri Adcock. The Highly Commended award went to Artist Diane Chudmack and the Editors Choice award presented by Leader Newspaper’s Liam McAleer, was awarded to Betty Mahar.

Guests also enjoyed our famous home made scones made and served by residents in our beautifully decorated cafe.

The feedback from the weekend was overwhelming, with visitors commenting on the high quality art work, the variety and mediums presented and the overall professional presentation of the event.

In perfect weather conditions we were able to showcase Bridgewater Lake’s facilities, gardens and display homes. Our friendly residents welcomed guests across the weekend.

We would like to thank all our residents and volunteers who helped make this weekend a success.



Best Painting – Keri Adcock with Bridgewater Lake Owner Ben Marten

Highly Commended Award – Diane Chudmak

Editors Choice Award – Betty Mahar with Councilor Drew Jessop

HURRY - NOW SELLING



BURKE 17 - 4 Kiana Way

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This brand new, spacious villa offers 2 bedrooms plus a study and spacious double garage with internal access.

The master bedroom features a walk-in-robe and ensuite with the 2nd bedroom and study including ample storage. The open plan kitchen / meals / living area is supported by a separate lounge enabling you to have your own space.

With reverse cycle air conditioning, solar panels, and double glazing, this fully landscaped villa is ready to move into, and is conveniently located close to Club Bridgewater facilities. And to ensure you'll be comfortable living here for a long time to come, you'll find sensible features such as wide doorways, a 24-hour emergency call system and no steps to get in your way.

Discover another side to retirement, contact Peter Harry on (03) 9308 8335 to arrange your private tour.

*Price correct as at 16 October 2015



MANSFIELD - 6 Branchilly Drive

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This delightful villa is ready to move into, so you can enjoy all the trimmings of living at Bridgewater Lake.

Featuring a modern, open-plan kitchen / dining / lounge, opening onto a rear patio and established low-maintenance garden, you will enjoy the casual lifestyle this home has to offer.

The master bedroom and second bedroom both include BIRs. A spacious bathroom, laundry and lock up garage plus quality window furnishing, new floor coverings and heating / cooling complete this lovely home.

Please call Peter on 03 9308 8335 to arrange your personal inspection, or visit Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 3pm.

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VILLAGE RESIDENTS ARE AUSTRALIA'S HAPPIEST SENIORS

Ninety four per cent of all retirement village residents are satisfied with their life in a village and believe their overall happiness has increased or stayed the same since moving in, according to the largest national survey of village residents released recently.

The Villages Census Report 2013, produced by independent analysts McCrindle Research, also found the vast majority considered the fees they pay for services in the village to be reasonable.

In further statistics that demonstrate the satisfaction of senior Australians who live in retirement villages:

- 75% of respondents were happy with their decision to move into their village and would make the same decision again;
- 90% said their decision to move was a good financial decision;
- 91% said their social life had improved or stayed the same; and
- the ability to stay independent, live in a safe environment and use on-site facilities were the biggest factors behind people's decision to downsize to a village.

Mary Wood, Retirement Living Council executive director, said the report demonstrates the important role retirement villages play in the community.

Source: DPS Guide 2014

“This report shows that nearly 180,000 senior Australians have made an active and positive choice to live in a village community, in homes designed for their physical needs, with access to medical and community services, as well as company and friendship.

Importantly, the report finds that retirement villages are affordable and accessible for all. Seventy eight per cent of village residents are age pensioners, and 70% report that the cost of living in a village is the same or less than their living costs in their former family home.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Growing old is mandatory;
growing up is optional.”