

MERRIFIELD BIG PICTURE

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MERRIFIELD COMMUNITY EVENT DREAM DAY

How popular was Dream Day? Visit our gallery to find out... ►

Merrifield's Dream Day community event took place on Saturday 5 March, between 11am-2pm.

Over 500 people attended, including Merrifield residents and the local community, celebrating the new heart of Melbourne's north with a multitude of free activities including a seed planting workshop, balloon modelling, face painting and a Thomas trackless train for the kids.

With free food from some of Melbourne's best food trucks on offer, we saw 450 Vietnamese sliders, 300 chicken skewers, 750 soft shell tacos, 750 serves of nachos and plenty of homemade ice creams get devoured by adults and kids alike!

Across the display village, home builders offered a multitude of exciting activities and giveaways, including balloons, fairy floss, a sausage sizzle, food trucks, a fruit juice stall, a bubble machine, home advice sessions, a coffee cart, family photos, show bags, a virtual homes tour and the chance to meet Bec and George from The Block!

With activities throughout our display village and the beautiful neighbourhood park with its state-of-the-art equipment for all ages to enjoy, the existing and future Merrifield residents had a wonderful day with all that was on offer, envisioning their new city as it and its community both continue to grow around them.



First Childcare Centre announced!

The Merrifield team is excited to announce that it has secured its first childcare centre.

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JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

We've just launched the Merrifield Community Facebook page. Like us to keep track of events and happenings, and share the Merrifield dream with our new community!

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OUR KIND OF CITY

MEET THE LOCALS: MARY GARLICK

Q: Why have you and your husband chosen Merrifield as your new home?

A: We wanted a good sized block, and my husband had his heart set on a double-storey house. We had been looking for a few years, but when we saw Merrifield we knew immediately that this would become our home. We can't wait to see what else our life here has to bring – we are going to stay here forever. We love it; it's our forever home.

Q: How has life been as one of the first residents in Merrifield?

A: We can't believe how quickly the estate has grown in a very short time. The park is terrific. My son loves it! It's so child-friendly. My husband even loves going down the slide with him and he's 35 years old! It's the best park in the area. We go for walks around here and meet our neighbours – we feel very lucky to live here.

Q: What excites you most about living in Merrifield?

A: Firstly, the fact that I'd never owned land in my entire life, but now I do with my husband, which is very special. We worked hard for it together, and it felt so right when we both signed our names on the contract. We love that Merrifield is new and still growing. We love taking pictures of how it is now; when our son grows up, he'll know what we did for him and where this all started.

We've also been blessed with cool neighbours who we know will look out for us, and we'll look out for them. It feels like we've started something new. You've helped us to create a community of our own.



Mary, Dean and Thomas Garlick

Merrifield's first café will be opening mid this year!

Merrifield's first café, The Corner Store, will be opening in a matter of months! Get excited for barista-made coffees, delicious dishes and a trendy spot for you to sit and relax with the paper, meet the other locals, or bring your friends and family on the weekends!



BUSINESS PARK UPDATE

Merrifield Business Park will accommodate a broad range of businesses, attracting forward-thinking, progressive companies wanting to secure their future operations and provide a superior workplace for their employees.

Initiating the exciting opportunities that Merrifield Business Park is bringing to the region, Dulux has commenced construction on its new \$65m innovative, water-based paint manufacturing facility. This will be the largest coatings plant in Australia and New Zealand, due for completion in the second half of 2017.

Initial works on stage 1 are commencing this month and will take approximately six months to complete, which include high quality landscaping, entry statements and boulevard treatments to major roads. We are very excited to commence the upgrade to Donnybrook Road from the Hume Freeway off-ramp, which will provide safer and faster travel along Donnybrook Road and the first major signalized intersection and access into the Business Park.

Stay tuned for more progress, with enquiry having remained strong since our September launch.

Live aerial images gallery

Our live aerial image gallery is up and running again, showing the exciting progress of the Living precinct as it grows each day!

Check it out [here](#)

LOOKING AFTER OUR CHILDREN

Merrifield announces its first childcare centre

The Merrifield team is excited to announce that it has secured its first childcare centre.

The new childcare centre will commence construction later this year, and is planned to cater for up to 150 children. It is anticipated to open in mid-2017, which will be welcome in our growing community of young families.

The Hume City Council places strong importance on educational infrastructure in the region, and is pleased with the securement of the first childcare centre at Merrifield. "With significant population growth within the Hume region expected over the next 10 years, schools and childcare facilities are extremely necessary in any new development," stated the Hume Mayor, Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou.

"The vision for Merrifield was always set to create a sustainable way of life for its community, complete with a living and employment precinct, lifelong education options and a thriving city centre. Another two schools are earmarked for the site along with another a kindergarten and multiple childcare centres once the population reaches certain thresholds," said Matthew Planner, Director of Merrifield.

INTERACTIVE MASTERPLAN



Merrifield has a new interactive masterplan, allowing users to engage with the entire Merrifield vision on an exciting, user-friendly platform.

- Click on a range of categories to see all nearby amenities
- Use it like Google Maps to see how Merrifield will fit into your current lifestyle – calculate travel distances to and from work, school and shops
- Zoom into each individual stage and lot to see what's on offer and which amenities are closest
- Explore each precinct – zoom in to discover the exciting details
- Envision your life in Merrifield once it's been completed, with all it has to offer

Visit our masterplan [here](#)

AUTUMN MINSTRONE SOUP

Recipe from Culinary Ginger

SERVES
4

PREP TIME
10 mins

COOK TIME
45 mins

- › 2 tablespoons olive oil
- › 1 medium onion, chopped
- › 4 medium carrots, diced
- › 4 celery stalks, chopped
- › 1 medium zucchini, diced
- › 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- › 1 sprig of rosemary, finely chopped
- › 1 cup of kale, chopped
- › 5 small or 2 large gold potatoes, peeled and cubed
- › 1 can chopped tomatoes (400g)
- › 3½ cups beef stock or vegetable stock if you prefer
- › 2 cups dried cannellini beans, soaked overnight
- › ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- › Parmesan cheese rind

1. In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat.
2. Add the onions, carrots, celery, zucchini and sauté until the vegetables are softened.
3. Add the garlic and rosemary, cook for another 2 minutes, stirring so the garlic doesn't burn.
4. Add the kale, potatoes and chopped tomatoes.
5. Bring to a simmer and cook until the kale is wilted.
6. Add the beef stock, beans and pepper, bring to a simmer and cook for 40 minutes until the potatoes and beans are tender.
7. Taste for seasoning, if your stock is not salty stir in ½ teaspoon salt, or to taste.
8. Serve hot with freshly grated parmesan cheese



View our [Pinterest](#) and see a range of other recipes, kids' activities and home inspiration!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HUME CITY

The Broadmeadows Street Festival takes place from 3-8pm on Sunday 3 April, celebrating the cultural diversity of the Hume and providing the community with a chance to share food, music and dance from a range of different backgrounds.

Visit the [Hume City Council](#) site for more details ►

MERRIFIELD LIVING TITLES UPDATE

STAGE	RELEASES	EXPECTED TITLE
12	MacArthur	May 2016
10	Fenwick	May 2016
13	Canning Builder	May 2016
11	Vautier	June 2016
14	Rockley/Primrose	May 2016
17	Jolimont	June 2016
18	Napier	July 2016
19	Napier	August 2016
16	Marigold	October 2016
21	Bendigo	November 2016
23	Carlingford	December 2016

CLOCKS GO BACK!

Don't forget – Daylight Savings ends at 3am on Sunday 3 April. Put your clocks back an hour and enjoy the sleep-in Sunday morning!

Please note that the sales centre office hours will change to 11am-5pm when daylight savings ends!



EASTER EGG HUNT AT MERRIFIELD

Be sure to bring your kids to the Merrifield neighbourhood park Easter egg hunt on Saturday 26 March from 10.30am-1pm!

There will be lots of eggs tucked away amongst the equipment, and a friendly Bunny handing out treats.

Best photo will win an Easter hamper – post it on our Facebook page!



KIDS' AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

Visit our Kids' Autumn Activities [Pinterest](#) page to see plenty of exciting autumn and Easter ideas to keep your little ones happy and occupied!

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Shaving cream Easter dyed eggs



Leaf chalk art

