New look newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of our new look community newsletter! We have changed our name from Bella Vista Waters Community Association to Norwest Community Association to better relate to the local community we are working with. Our catchment includes the Mulpha Norwest developments of Bella Vista Waters, Lindenwood, The Lakes and takes in the West Ward of The Hills Shire Council. Anyone who lives, works or operates a business in this area is welcome to join the Association.

Our website is norwestcommunity.com.au. Our Facebook page is facebook.com/norwestcommunity.

We thank Mulpha Norwest for their continuing support of our community and sponsorship of this newsletter.

Reptiles at Hill Top Park

Everyone enjoyed the educational and entertaining school holiday reptile show at Hill Top Park. Presented by Mark from Crocodile Encounters, we learned about the reptiles and had the opportunity to touch them. Mark even brought along a baby crocodile! It was great to see so many people brave the wind and cold and come along.

Upcoming events:

Norwest Festival

Come along to our annual festival at a beautiful new location. The event will feature live music, free animal farm, face painting, rides and cider tasting by BWS. There will also be subsidised food, ice cream and coffee.

When: Sunday 25th October from 11 am to 3 pm
Where: New park behind Mulpha Norwest Visitor Centre, 36 Solent Circuit, Baulkham Hills
Parking: please note there is very limited street parking in the area so we recommend you walk or ride to the event or park further away
Volunteer Garden Keepers Group

Are you passionate about keeping Bella Vista Waters looking beautiful? If yes, then this is the group for you. Supported by The Hills Shire Council, the group meets on the first Saturday of the month to do extra garden maintenance. A Council officer is in attendance and supplies all tools and materials. Please note the group has a limited capacity and you need to contact Scott on 0419 985 899 if you would like to come along and where to meet.

**Dates:** Saturday 3rd October & 7th November from 2 pm to 4 pm

Friday Happy Hour

Our monthly Friday Happy Hour is a great way to end the week, so come along for a drink and a chat.

**Date:** 2nd October & 6th November

**Time:** From 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

**Venue:** Business lounge area, The Coffee Club, corner of Norwest Boulevard & Brookhollow Avenue. Look for the BVW Happy Hour sign.

The Coffee Club has a $5 drinks deal until 7 pm (beers, wines & spirits).

Luncheon Ladies

Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meet with the girls for fun, friendship & local restaurant experiences.

**21st October at 12.00pm:** Il Lago, 8 Century Circuit, Baulkham Hills

**18th November at 12.00pm:** Jazzveh Woodfired Pizza, 5 Celebration Drive, Bella Vista

**RSVP:** Please phone Margaret on 9629 3036 or Suzanne on 8824 3091 2 days prior.

Meeting Neighbours

The new Mulpha Norwest Visitor Centre as the venue of our recent Meet Your Neighbour Night, which was an opportunity to get together, meet people, enjoy a drink and light food and maybe win a lucky door prize. Our guest speakers were Jason Pittman from Mulpha Norwest and Valerie David from Pure Travel.

Residents had been encouraged to either join or renew their Community Association memberships before the end of June. The incentive was their names would go into a draw to win prizes. The winners were drawn on the night by Valerie from Pure Travel, who donated the main prize of two return Qantas airfares to either Brisbane, Melbourne or Gold Coast. Dinner voucher prizes were also donated by The Coffee Club Norwest and Anais Restaurant/Jazzveh. A huge thank you to these generous local businesses. Many residents were also able to become members on the night.
The evening also included the Annual General Meeting of our Community Association. Derek Black was re-elected as president, Gazi Ullah as treasurer and Graham Rawston as secretary. It was great to see many new people putting their hand up to become committee members and get involved. We appreciate the commitment of Barry Batts, our first president and then membership secretary, and Mary Prokop who have decided to step down from the committee after serving the association from the beginning.

History Tour a Great Day Out

A number of residents came along on a magnificent history tour by Coach around the pioneer areas of Windsor. Our tour guide Judith Dunn imparted amazing historical knowledge on the area. After leaving Bella Vista our first port of call was the Vinegar Hill Memorial, remembering the battle between convicts and the NSW Corp in 1804.

Our next visit was Ebenezer Church, Australia’s oldest church (1809). Here we enjoyed freshly baked scones, tea and coffee after which we walked over to the Church for a very informative historical talk by one of the volunteers. Driving back to Windsor for lunch we visited the Windsor Toll House erected in 1835 to collect tolls at South Creek from travellers on Windsor Road. After a quick tour of Pitt Town, one of five Macquarie towns, we drove on to Windsor’s Thompson square to view Howe house (at one stage the site of The Australian Newspaper) and Macquarie Arms Hotel.

After lunch we toured through Wilberforce and spent the afternoon at Australiana Pioneer Village, a site to where many historical buildings were moved from their original sites around the historic Hawkesbury district. The day was enjoyed by everyone. Most residents commented that they never realised that we lived in such a historically significant area and they wanted to see more tours as this one was so interesting.

Regular groups:

Friday Coffee Club
Meets 2nd Friday of each month. Come along & enjoy local coffee shops with new friends.
**Dates:** 9th October, 13th November
**Time:** 10.00 am
**Venue:** Café McKels, Shop 14, Circa Retail, 1 Circa Boulevard, Bella Vista

Norwest Men’s Group
This group is a great way for men to connect and solve the problems of the world!
**Date:** 13th October, 10th November
**Time:** 10.00 am
**Venue:** Café McKels, Shop 14, Circa Retail, 1 Circa Boulevard, Bella Vista
**Enquiries:** Phone Barry on 0409 916 380 or Denis on 0411 550 864

Knit For Charity
Several ladies are knitting blankets for the Wrap With Love charity project. If you would like to donate wool (colourful 8 ply acrylic) or money to purchase wool, please call Mary on 0438 614 177

Mah-Jong Group
Are you interested in learning how to play Mah-jong? We meet every second Tuesday.
**Dates:** 6th & 20th October, 3rd & 17th November
**Time:** 11 am to 3 pm
**Venue:** Homes in the local area
**Contact:** For information and venue details call Margaret on 9629 3036

Group Fitness Training
Our IN2Life NIGHT OPS Group Training runs twice weekly. If you want to lose weight and have fun with other local residents, why not come along and join us!
**When:** every Monday and Wednesday night from 7 to 8 pm at
**Venue:** Norwest Lake off Maitland Place (off Solent Circuit, near Lakeside Restaurants).
Cost is $10 per session payable in 5-week blocks. Bookings: If you are interested please email Sarah at sarah@in2lifept.com.au or call 0418 417 182.
Who Is Mulpha Norwest?

Mulpha Norwest is a long established, thriving property developer and an integral member of the Mulpha International group of companies. Their association with the acclaimed property and investment group is commercial proof of their strength and stability at the cutting edge of Australian property.

Mulpha’s current Australian portfolio includes Hayman Island, Sanctuary Cove Resort, InterContinental Sydney, The Hotel School Sydney, Salzburg Apartments, Marritz Alpine, Bimbadgen, 99 Macquarie Street and Norwest City.

For over 20 years, as an award-winning developer, Mulpha Norwest has retained a single-minded focus to create attractive, livable communities in the Sydney region. Developments are designed to leave a lasting legacy and enhance the lives of their residents, now and into the future.

Current residential projects include The Lakes/ Watermark, Bella Vista Waters/Edgewater and Mulgoa Rise in Penrith. The 377 hectare Norwest Business Park successfully combines employment, commercial, retail and residential communities, accommodating more than 30,000 people across 800 businesses. CircaRetail is the first stage of the Circa precinct.

New Concept In Retirement Living At Circa Norwest

Hills Shire Council has endorsed a new concept in retirement living in the planned Circa precinct at Norwest, to be integrated into the established infrastructure of Norwest Business Park. Presented to Council in early August, the concept will be further evaluated by the Department of Planning. The retirement living concept, to be operated by Aveo, Australia’s largest owner operator of retirement villages, includes 600 apartments for people requiring various levels of care. It will comprise 466 independent living units offering a choice of one, two and three-bedrooms, a 144-bed residential aged care home and a range of facilities to meet most of the needs of the residents.

According to Tim Spencer, General Manager of Mulpha Norwest, the developer of Circa and Norwest Business Park, Circa Norwest is being planned to be a vibrant intergenerational community within a mixed use environment, blending commercial, retail, recreational and retirement living. “The site is ideally suited to retirement living given the growing aged population base in the Hills Shire.”

“Many young families have moved into the area because of the employment opportunities that exist in Norwest Business Park. This opens up the opportunity for more grandparents to reside here to be close to their children and grandchildren,” Mr Spencer said.

The new Circa masterplan includes a lake surrounded by retail, cafes and restaurants, Wellness Centre, swimming pool, library and community centre. This will ensure maximum social interaction between residents, office workers, visitors and the wider community.

Circa shopping centre, Norwest Private Hospital and a range of medical centres in Norbrik Drive provide easy access to shopping and health care.

Access to the Circa precinct will be provided via the M7 and adjacent Old Windsor Road, the T Bus service, and future railway stations – Bella Vista and Norwest.