Our first Gold Members’ event for 2020, Leap Year Trivia Night, was held on Friday 28th February at Norwest Sales Suite. The enjoyable evening included drinks, delicious party food, meeting people and lots of fun getting our heads around the trivia questions. Thank you Tom for organising the trivia and congratulations to “Norwest Nerds” (pictured) for being the winning team on the night. Thank you also to the committee members for organising the food and drinks and to Mulpha for the lovely venue.

Our Easter Colouring in Competition replaced the fun Jurassic Easter event we had to cancel due to COVID-19. Children were encouraged to colour in the picture we provided and then email the scanned or photographed entry for judging in two age categories. Congratulations to Penelope and Emelia, who each won a $50 bookstore voucher.

Welcome New Loyalty Card Partner

We welcome Paras & Baz Real Estate & Finance as our newest Loyalty Card Partner. Business owners Anmol and Gurdev are long term residents of Bella Vista Waters.

**Paras & Baz Real Estate:** For investment property owners: No property management fee for the first 3 months when you or your friend transfer their rental property to Paras & Baz Real Estate to manage. Plus, they pay out the existing agency when taking over the management so that you don’t incur any transfer fees.

**Paras & Baz Finance:** Up to $3,000 cash back when you refinance your mortgage. Available with major banks and other lenders. Interest rates starting from 2.19% (fixed) & 2.59% (variable). Offer available at the time of printing and is subject to change based on the lender’s promotion and terms. Terms & conditions apply, contact the agency to find out more.

Suite 201, 4 Columbia Court, Norwest. Phone: 8851 7177.

For more information on our Loyalty Card Partners and offers available to members, please visit norwestcommunity.com.au
Anzac Day this year was one we will never forget! Thank you to all residents, who sent in photos from their morning. There were commemorations on driveways all over Norwest.

Over 50 residents from Haven and Watermark apartments gathered on the footpath in a socially distanced manner to commemorate together. Thank you to Ian for organising it, Mike & Trish for the music, Lorna for the Anzac biscuits and the Coleman family for the wreath.

Become a Member, Support the Community and Enjoy the Benefits

Norwest Community Association is here for you! We are committed to the help foster a sense of belonging and community in our beautiful area. With your support we aim to:

• Organise a variety of events & social groups where you can meet people and build friendships.
• Keep our local community the best community in the Hills District.
• Maintain the community feel at Norwest, Bella Vista Waters, The Lakes and beyond.
• Be a united voice and communicate with authorities and residents.
• Support local businesses and the business park.
• Offer special benefits for members, including discounts with a range of local restaurants, cafes and services.
• Our annual Gold Membership of only $20 per person gives you:
  • A membership/loyalty card, entitling you to exclusive discounts with local businesses and services.
  • Exclusive invitations and membership rates on Norwest Community Association events.

To join, go to norwestcommunity.com.au/membership

Norwest Community Event

Norwest Community Association Committee Meeting

Why not get involved and come along to our committee meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us on info@norwestcommunity.com.au.

When: Tuesday 11th August at 7.30pm
Where: Norwest Sales Suite, 36 Solent Circuit
Photography Competition

Our residents were invited to enter our Photography Competition to capture the beauty of our local area. We also hope to include some of the entries as stock photos for social media and website. Thank you to all who participated! We received a total of 44 photos from nine budding photographers. The winning photo, “Fiery Sunset at Norwest”, was taken by Handoko Lukito. He won a $100 dining voucher to one of our Loyalty Card Partner restaurants.

Other Local Community Event

Dogs in The Park NSW

Promoting responsible dog ownership through demonstrations, market stalls, talks and competitions.

**When:** Sunday 16th August 9am to 3pm.

**Where:** Castle Hill Showground.

For details on events in the local area please visit thehills.nsw.gov.au/Upcoming-Events-Activities

Norwest Community Event

Proposed Hunter Valley Coach Tour

Come and join us for a wonderful day out in the beautiful Hunter Valley, travelling by luxury coach. The day includes visits to three wineries, morning tea & cheese tasting, chocolate tasting and a visit to Hunter Valley Gardens Village, where you can purchase lunch. Please note this event is subject to COVID-19 restrictions. An update will be provided closer to the date.

**When:** Saturday 12th September. Coach departs at 7:45am and returns approximately 7pm. Departure point is Norwest Sales Suite, 36 Solent Circuit, Norwest. There is street parking available along Solent Circuit.

**Tickets:** Cost is $50 per person for Gold Members and $60 for non-members, and includes coach travel, morning tea and all tastings. Tickets need to be purchased by 5th September via Eventbrite - search Norwest Hunter Valley Tour. Tickets will be available for purchase from 14th August.

Group Fitness Training

Our IN2Life NIGHT OPS Group Training runs twice a week. If you want to lose weight and have fun with other local residents, why not come along and join us!

**When:** Every Monday & Wednesday at 7 pm for one hour.

**Venue:** Norwest Lake, off Maitland Place.

Cost is $12.50 per session, running in 5-week blocks. Join up during July or August and get the first two sessions FREE.

**Bookings:** If you are interested please email Sarah at sarah@in2lifept.com.au or call mobile 0418 417 182.

Do you have items that need a new home?

Do you have unwanted, quality furniture, bedding or kitchen items that are in good condition? Providential Assist are happy to collect your items and pass them on to homes that need them most, free of charge. Please call 1300 364 701.

Let’s connect on social media!

Check out facebook.com/norwestcommunity. Have you joined our Facebook Groups? They are facebook.com/NorwestHappyHourGroup & facebook.com/NorwestCommunityFamilies.

Are you on our mailing list for email updates?

If not, please email us your contact details via info@norwestcommunity.com.au or tuula.schaeffer@connections.com.au.

We thank Mulpha Norwest for their continuing support of our community and sponsorship of this newsletter.
Norwest walking trails fostering an active, healthy community

Norwalks, a series of stimulating walking trails, have been created around Norwest to promote an active, healthy community, increase social engagement and enable residents, workers and visitors to appreciate the diverse natural and built environments within Norwest.

The seven walks, rated from easy to moderate, range from 2 to 4.5 km and make use of the 46 hectares of integrated open space and 50km of walking and cycling tracks that exist within Norwest today. The walks showcase the diverse nature of greater Norwest, taking in a range of natural and built environments, historical landmarks and future possibilities as Norwest takes shape as a dynamic Smart City of the future.

The Settlers Walk (2.5km) takes in some of Australia’s earliest rural developments including the homestead and outbuildings of State listed heritage Bella Vista Farm Park, while the Ridgeview Trail (4.5km) winds through waterways, nature reserves and the leafy streets of Bella Vista Waters. On the Innovation Loop (3km) spend time imagining the area in its former life as the Norbrik brick pit, along with its exciting future - as it transforms into a bustling economic and innovation hub with world-class sustainable buildings and vibrant civic spaces.

As the walks are all interconnected people can mix and match or extend their walks to suit their interests and time available. Pick one for a lunchtime fitness session, pleasant evening stroll, or picnic in a park. There are plenty of opportunities along each walk to have a break at a local café or stop for lunch or dinner at a nearby restaurant. As Norwest develops, the aim is to create a truly connected and walkable city with access to shopping, transport, recreation amenities and entertainment, all accessible by foot.

Walking is a great way to improve or maintain your overall health. Just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance.

To find out more, visit the Norwest Sales Office for your trail map or download from www.norwestcity.com.au

Norwest mentoring program more important than ever in the current climate

Following its success in 2019, Mulpha’s Norwest Mentoring Program kicked off again in March with this year’s cohort of mentors and mentees keen to collaborate on their career development, challenges and business ideas.

The six month program aims to connect business and professional leaders with motivated individuals to foster collaboration and help develop an innovation culture that will drive the entrepreneurial economy and jobs of the future at Norwest. Mentees come from all walks of life, including students, young graduates, middle age employees and experienced business owners who will meet regularly with their mentors through private face-to-face, telephone or skype meetings.

Stephanie Dale, Managing Director of DMC Advertising Group who took part in last year’s Norwest mentoring program and is still in touch with her mentee, decided to be a mentor again this year to a new mentee. Her new mentee runs a chain of dance schools but is having a particularly challenging time looking at ways to continue operating her business in the current Covid-19 environment.

Stephanie said she enjoys mentoring people and would encourage people – both mentors and mentees to get involved in the program as she believes it is rewarding for both.

Tim Spencer, Executive General Manager, Mulpha Developments said:

“The mentoring program is designed to tap into Norwest’s most valuable resource - the quality of our people and the knowledge, expertise and entrepreneurial spirit that is so abundant in the Norwest business community.”

“We want Norwest to be known for the quality of the people that work here and thus we are extremely dedicated to the development and continued success of a culture that helps people deliver on their maximum potential. Whatever someone’s stage of career, if they are willing to try things and pursue their dreams, then we’ll support them.”

“We believe that fostering lifelong learning is the key to personal success and subsequently business innovation and the creation of vibrant and resilient entrepreneurial economy of the future.”

Anyone interested in being involved in the Norwest mentoring program can contact Rakshika Ramlogan on 9239 5579 or visit www.norwestcity.com.au

Who is Mulpha Norwest?

Mulpha Norwest is owned by award-winning property developer Mulpha. In addition to the masterplanned community Bella Vista, which comprises 1400 residential blocks and 500 medium density dwellings, Mulpha has developed one of Australia’s largest business parks, the 377 hectare Norwest Business Park. It also owns Hayman Island, Intercontinental Hotel, Sanctuary Cove Resort and Bimbadgen winery.

Norwest Sales Suite is located at 36 Solent Circuit, Norwest, and is open 7 days from 10 am to 4 pm.

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