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SPRING FEATURE

Welcome to the Alira family

From everyone at Alira, we hope you are safe and well during these uncertain times.

In this season's edition, you'll find all the latest community updates, detailed construction progress and some virtual activities to enjoy from the comfort of your own home!

As winter comes to an end, it's time to enjoy the flowers blossoming and enjoy a read of the latest from Alira at Berwick under the spring sun.

Building your community

Construction has been progressing well at Alira, with plans running smoothly.

Works are progressing slowly in Stage 5D and 6A, due to wet weather making work on site difficult. Road construction is almost complete with asphalt ready to be placed once the weather permits. Footpath works will start immediately once asphalt is placed and topsoiling will follow that. Works are expected to be completed in early to mid-September, with titles expected in late September or early October.

The development of the Town Centre has started on the Homestead Road and Centre Road intersection. These works will see Centre Road closed for about five weeks. Once completed, you will be able to use Homestead Road to more easily access Stages 4 and 5.

Additionally, construction is well underway in the Central Wetland and is expected to be complete by the end of 2020, which will be followed by landscaping works.

What's On (With a Difference)?

With many events rescheduled, cancelled or moved online due to COVID-19, we've compiled a couple of virtual activities for the family to enjoy. What's On (With a Difference) will give you some fun options for upcoming online events which you can enjoy all from the comfort of your home!

Online Cooking Series

Whether you're a master chef, or still finding your way around the kitchen, the Old Cheese Factory in Berwick has organised an online cooking series that is perfect for everyone! The Old Cheese Factory are partnering up with two local restauraunts to bring you four tasty cooking videos to try in the comfort of your own home, sorting out your future dinner plans.

To check out the schedule and sign up, see the online cooking series Facebook event.

Heide at Home

There is something for everyone in the family thanks to Bulleen's Heide Museum of Modern Art, which houses modern and contemporary art across three distinct exhibition buildings, a sculpture park and heritage-listed gardens. The well-loved gallery has online creative workshops for kids and families, virtual exhibitions and tours, as well as competitions and challenges for all ages and interests.

Check out Heide's website, or follow their Facebook and Instagram, using hashtag #heideathome to learn more.

Online Storytime and Songbirds

Join in and connect with libraries around Melbourne with a weekly online story time, perfect for pre-schoolers. Librarians will read most loved books and you can share the delight of stories, songs, play and craft activities with your child. These online events are for children aged three to five and their parents and carers.

You can find out more and follow along at the City of Melbourne website or on their Facebook.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

In other community news

City of Casey's digital activation program

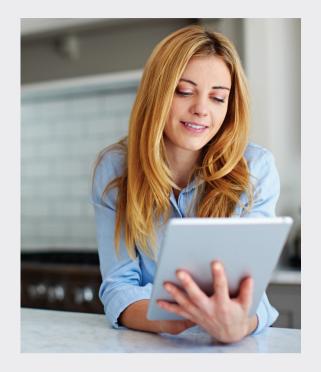
Do you know someone in Alira who could benefit from the City of Casey's digital activation program?

The "Learn, Connect, Thrive" program aims to help eligible community members access online resources to increase social connection and improve digital literacy skills.

Computer literacy is more important than ever, especially in-light of the COVID-19 restrictions, with many of us relying on technology to connect with our loved ones and to shop for essential items. This can be difficult for vulnerable community members, including senior community members or people experiencing health difficulties, economic challenges, or social isolation.

To help community members gain new skills, there are three programs available:

- Online shopping support Learn how to create an online shopping account to have groceries and essentials delivered to your home.
- Online community groups Chat with a small group of people in similar situations to connect through supported online and telephone conversations, a great way to develop friendships with people in the same area from the comfort of your own home.
- Get connected Learn how to use your computer or tablet/iPad to connect with friends and family online, play computer games or browse the internet



These programs have already made an enormous difference to many community members who have been unable to see friends and family in person due to lockdown restrictions.

If you know of someone who might benefit from participating in the program or you are a community member interested in finding out how to access the service, please contact the City of Casey to check eligibility on 9705 5444.

Something for everyone

Our growing community is welcoming new residents every day, from first home buyers to growing families – Alira is a community for everyone.

There are a number of titled lots available, perfect for those on the market who are ready to build. There are also a number of lots available on the picturesque waterfront, ranging from 270m²-790m².

If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more, please reach out by emailing contact@aliraberwick.com.au or calling 03 9684 8150.



Neighbourhood Watch

At Alira, the safety of our residents and community is of the utmost importance. Which is why we continue our involvement with Neighbourhood Watch's 'Building Communities Together' program – a community led crime prevention organisation that has been building communities for over 35 years.

In uncertain times, remaining connected with your community can make isolation seem less lonely for yourself and for your neighbours. Luckily, there are many ways you can connect with your neighbours, while remaining socially distant:

- Say hello and wave a small gesture can have a significant impact on someone's day.
- Drop-in neighbour's mailboxes the Neighbourhood Watch's Happy to help notes.
- Check-in with neighbours who are elderly or live alone to see if they need support.
- Drop off a homemade gift or a platter of baked goods.
- Organise a driveway happy hour on your street to remain connected.
- Start a neighbourhood chat group on Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp.

If you're interested in lending a helping hand, learn more about how you can get involved at the Neighbourhood Watch's official website.

* Please ensure you continue to follow the government's social distancing guidelines where required.

