

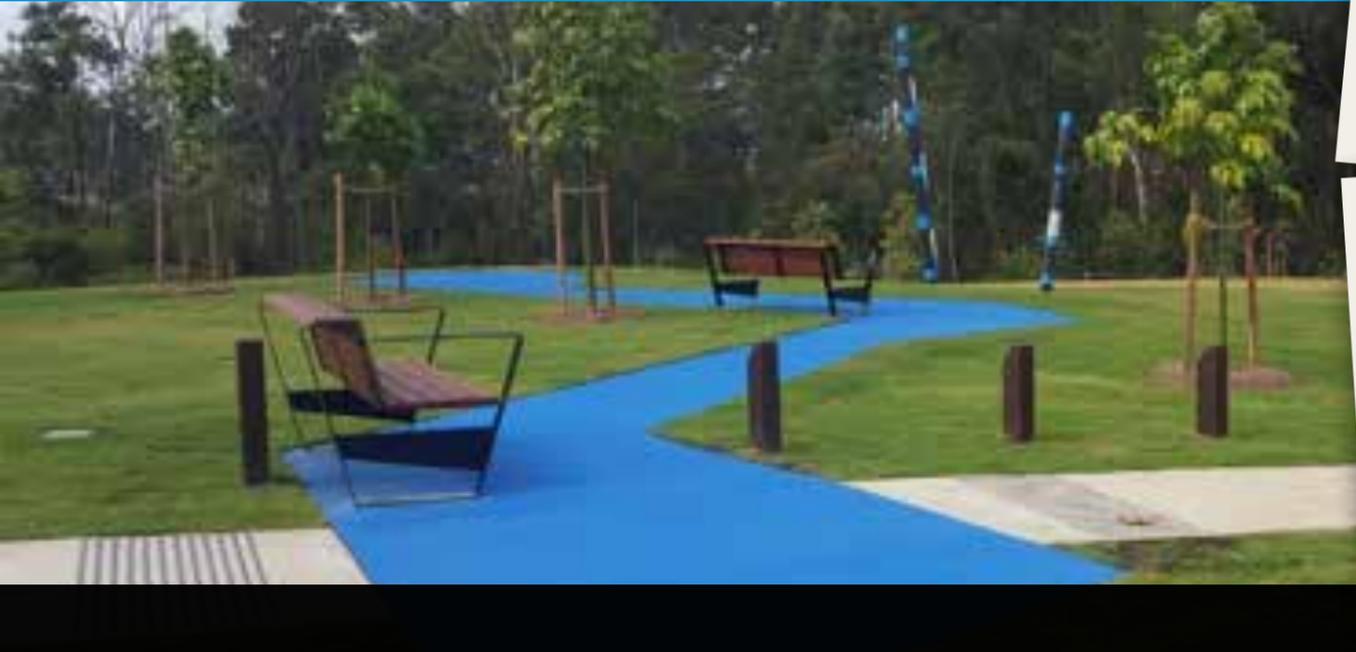
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The new shade shelter and barbecue facilities.

DHA and Peet put the final touches to our special community

Warner Lakes the Reserve has kicked another goal with the opening of a beautiful new park at the southern end of the estate, along Centurion Circuit.

The open green space has been carefully designed with a series of terraced viewing platforms down the sloping embankment.

The one hectare park features a picnic shelter and electric barbecue, as well as a kick-and-play area with big totem poles that also serve as informal goal posts – perfect for anyone who loves a quick game after a weekend barbecue. It’s a relaxing space and just outside the door for anyone living in The Terraces.

Traffic access has also been improved with a new entrance, near the service station on Old North Road, and a new connection at Delaware Road providing another route into Warner Lakes.

Construction is now focused in the north-west corner of the community where the

very last lots are being developed in stages 2B and 3. The precinct is surrounded by a conservation corridor and includes two new internal roads with a handful of lots opposite the Lake Foreshore Park.

All lots in The Haven have now been released and there are just eight left for sale. There are only about 50 lots remaining in the estate, of which 30 will be reserved for Defence families.

DHA’s Acting Managing Director Jan Mason said the project was one of DHA’s most popular developments nationally.

“It is a special community that seems to have captured people’s imagination. It is also one of few new residential developments in Moreton Bay this close to the Brisbane CBD,” she said.

Meet the new community group president page 2, and remember Sarbi, page 4.

Classic cars take pride of place in Steve's new garage



A yellow sports car takes pride of place in Steve Morton's driveway.

A quick peek into Steve Morton's garage is a mouth-watering experience for car lovers. There is the classic Holden Monaro he's restoring and a Nissan Skyline that rightfully belongs in a Fast and the Furious movie with Vin Diesel behind the wheel.

Designing an extra roomy garage was a priority when Steve set out to build his first home at Warner Lakes The Reserve.

Being close to work was also important for the 33 year-old Army mechanic who is stationed nearby, at Gallipoli Barracks, in Enoggera.

A country boy from western Queensland, Steve joined the Army straight out of high school and has completed several tours overseas. Instead of taking up the housing options that came with his job in Defence, he chose to build his own new home at Warner Lakes The Reserve.

"After 14 years in the service I had been half thinking about my future and decided it was a good time to get into the property market," he said.

"I had the deposit ready to go and saw equity in my own home as one way of working for the future. You never know what is going to happen so it is good to have a plan.

"I looked at other estates. For me, Warner Lakes The Reserve was the pick of the bunch for price and locality. I didn't even realise it was a Defence Housing community at first.

"It is a great place to live with good neighbours and an excellent community for families. I like the diversity and having other Defence members around is an added bonus.

"I am also keen to travel and am planning a couple of trips overseas, to Europe and Canada, so it's great to live in a good area with good neighbours."



Inaugural president Danica Ninkov, left, hands over to incoming president Amanda Sullivan.

Baton change for community group

The Warner Lakes Community group celebrated its first anniversary in May as inaugural president Danica Ninkov stepped down.

Looking back over the past 12 months, Danica said she was pleased to be a part of an outstanding team and to see how much the group had achieved.

"The committee is an amazing group of people who are very passionate about making our community the best it can be," she said.

"It was a really hard decision to step down as president but we are thrilled to have someone of Amanda's energy and talent to take over."

The Warner Lakes Community Group was formed to bring people together and encourage residents to get involved in running community activities and events.

Their first celebration was a community BBQ, last May. Since then, they have run a number of activities including a diverse multicultural day at Dragonfly Park.

"People love the events at Warner Lakes and we didn't want to lose that community spirit over time so we formed a group that would be here to keep the momentum going," Danica said.

"The group's biggest role is to plan and deliver events that encourage neighbours to come out and get to know each other and to raise funds for future events.

"It is rewarding when you see people attending and having a great time with their families.

It's the end of an era as land sales centre prepares to close

The Warner Lakes land sales centre, which has been an icon in the community for more than a decade, will officially close at the end of June.

With only a handful of lots remaining, Peet's sales team is preparing to move on so the office is no longer required and the demountable building will be relocated. It is the third land sales centre since lots were first unveiled at Warner Lakes almost 12 years ago.

The last 14 lots in The Enclave, at Warner Lakes The Reserve, are expected to be released shortly after final lots in The Haven sold out in record time this month.

Titles for the last lots are expected to be registered before the end of 2016 when the whole development will be complete.

For all land sales enquiries please call 07 3889 9470 or visit us at 5 Belmore Court, Warner (in the GJ Gardner display home) Saturday – Wednesday from 10am – 5pm.



Join the conversation

Warner Lakes is an energetic and active community and it's great to see the buzz of conversation on social media.

This post from local mum Hannah Wilson caught our eye. It really is the little things that make a great neighbourhood.

Thanks to Hannah for sharing ...and to the Council's recycling crew for going the extra mile!



Urijah Wilson, 2, has fun with his model truck.

Hannah Sarah-Jane 19 April 14:39

Posted in Warner Lakes Community Page.

My 2 year old is obsessed with watching the garbage trucks, every Monday we go out the front and watch them come up the street and wave to the driver. Last fortnight the recycle bin man stopped and asked us if my boy would be interested in a cardboard cutout garbage truck because if so he would bring one from the office on this next round. Yesterday true to his word he remembered we'd be out the front waiting for him to go past as always, he stopped, got out of his truck, came over to say hello to my little boy and passed him this cardboard garbage truck. My little one was over the moon and hasn't put it down since. Little things like this make me super happy to be raising my children in such a family friend community :-)



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Supermum scientist puts Warner Lakes community group to the test

Sausage sizzles at Warner Lakes are sure to run like clockwork with Amanda Sullivan at the helm.

The new president of the Warner Lakes Community Group is a scientist who specialises in helping organisations improve their business processes.



The Sullivan family enjoys sunset in the park- Amanda Sullivan with Aaron Hong and their daughter Eliana (4).

"I expect to be looking at the hot dog line working out whether it would flow better with one line or two," she laughed.

A geneticist, with a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology, Amanda (36) has lived in the area for most of her life. She shifted in to her home at Warner Lakes, last year, with partner Aaron Hong (38), and daughter Eliana (4).

"We really like the area. It's a beautiful place to raise a family with the lakes and playgrounds and we know all of our neighbours.

"Warner Lakes has a great community spirit and is well known for its wonderful events but the developers, Peet and DHA, won't be here forever so the residents formed the group to keep things running in the future."

Amanda's partner Aaron is in the Defence Force and she is keenly aware of the number of new families moving into the area, particularly new mums.

"Defence families move around a lot and it isn't always easy, so it's important to create opportunities for people to meet each other. It is also good for children

to see their parents getting involved and giving back to the community.

"I thought long and hard about taking on more responsibilities - everyone seems to have extra busy lives these days, me included - but the goals and values of the group are the same as ours. Aaron said go for it, so I did!"

With a second child due in September, Amanda expects to have her hands full keeping up with the program of activities and events the community group has planned - from family fun days, and movies in the park, to car boot sales.

The group is looking at broadening its activities too, with outings like barefoot bowls and group theatre bookings, to cater for a wider group of people, particularly those who don't have children.

The group is also looking at providing additional benefits to the community by becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Group. The Warner Lakes Community Group will be formally registered with the Police Neighbourhood Watch network, continuing to hold social events with an added focus of maintaining the safe and secure neighbourhood of Warner Lakes.

In loving memory of Sarbi

It's been a year since Australia lost one of its most famous and loveable war heroes ... but Sarbi's memory lives on in the beautiful park named in her honour at Warner Lakes The Reserve.

More than 2000 people gathered to meet Australia's most decorated canine war hero who made a rare public appearance to open Sarbi Park, on 28 February 2015.

The Australian Special Forces explosives detection dog became famous after she went missing in action in Afghanistan, in 2008, during a fiery ambush by the Taliban.

She was separated from her handler, Warrant Officer David Simpson, when flying shrapnel severed the lead attached to his body armour. Nine Australian soldiers, including Sarbi's handler, were wounded in the incident.

It was the same contact which resulted in Trooper Mark Donaldson receiving the first Victoria Cross bestowed by Australia in 40 years.

After a desperate search, Sarbi was discovered 14 months later and repatriated to Australia. She retired to Brisbane with Dave Simpson and his family.

In 2011 Sarbi was awarded an RSPCA Purple Cross - the highest recognition for animals that have shown exceptional courage in protecting human life. It is an honour she shares with only one other animal - Simpson's donkey who rescued 300 wounded ANZACs at Gallipoli, in 1915.

Sarbi died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on Friday 27 March 2015.

Her statue in Sarbi Park is a lasting reminder of our community's rich heritage and valued links to Defence.

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Sarbi on duty in her slouch hat.



Handler Dave Simpson and Sarbi inspect the lifelike bronze statue of Sarbi at the park entrance.



Hundreds of local residents joined Dave Simpson and Sarbi on a parade through Sarbi Park.

Family has its heart set on life in The Reserve

Buyers camping out have become a regular sight at Warner Lakes The Reserve since the community launched in 2014.

After waiting more than six months to buy, Darren Price is hoping he will be one of the lucky ones to pick up a new lot before they all run out.

"It's a waiting game to see which lots will be available," he said. "I've got everything ready

to go but there aren't many left so I really hope I can pick up one I want."

The 37-year-old father of two has his heart set on a 420sqm block of land as close as possible to Lake Reflections with easy access to the bike paths and parks for his daughter Tahlia (7) and son Jordan (3).

After living in the area for almost 10 years, Darren said he wasn't interested in moving elsewhere.

"I built a new house in Warner a couple of years ago but I really wanted a bigger backyard for the children so I sold that last October and moved into a rental in the new area at Warner Lakes The Reserve. I've been waiting for the right block to build again.

"I really like the area because it's nice and fresh and open. The parkland is fantastic for the kids and it's good to be part of a new community. I'm not really interested in living anywhere else."



Darren Price with daughter Tahlia (7) and son Jordan (3).

Warner Lakes The Reserve is an innovative community being developed by award-winning developer Defence Housing Australia (DHA) and managed by national residential land specialist Peet Limited.

Located on the corner of Old North Road and Kremzow Road, Warner, the community comprises 465 homes with one third set aside for Defence members and their families. Find us online at warnerlakesthereserve.com.au

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