



Easter Event Wrap Up

A huge Thank You to all the residents and friends who came along to another greatly successful Donnybrae Easter Egg Hunt, held on Sunday, 2nd April.

We had a jam packed afternoon complemented by ideal weather conditions, a great attendance rate of 600 visitors across the course of the event, and 280 egg hunters. To even the playing field, participants were split into age groups, with our 7–9 year old group the most popular as 71 eager egg collectors worked hard to find the elusive chocolate treats.



Between hunting for eggs, families and friends were entertained by a lineup of several exciting events, including the always lively and popular DJ Dagogo, face painting in a range of designs, and the all important Easter Bunny meet and greet with photo zone allowing guests to capture timeless memories of the day.

For sustenance throughout the morning, guests enjoyed delicious Hot Cross Buns and equally enjoyable hot drinks for additional warmth.

We can't wait to see everyone again next year for another great day!



Construction Updates

Following a productive summer period, autumn marks a continuation of vital progress across several Stages throughout the estate.

In Stages 10, 11, and 12, drainage and sewer works are progressing well with the installation of underground water pipes in Stage 10 now commenced.

After a summer of construction works, residents of Stage 13

were happy to receive their Statement of Compliance and Titles in February and began settlements in early March.

Topsoil removal is ongoing for Stages 14, 15 and 16. Concurrently, the first stage of Bulk Earthworks is underway, along with sewer works in Stage 14.

We remain hopeful for moderate weather and clear skies as construction work progresses.



Neighbourhood Watch at Donnybrae

Safe communities are happy communities, a maxim that Neighbourhood Watch has understood all too well for more than 35 years. Since 1983, the not for profit, community based organisation has worked alongside Victorian volunteers to prevent crime and foster stronger communities through cooperation between residents and the Victorian Police.

Launched in Donnybrae in April 2022, Neighbourhood Watch is looking for dedicated volunteers to be the leading voice for the program within the Donnybrae community.

To learn more about the Neighbourhood Watch group or to put your name forward to join the Donnybrae initiative, contact the team on **1300 303 380** and info@donnybrae.com.au.



Autumnal Tones in The Home

EMBRACING AUTUMN IN YOUR HOME

As the weather cools and cloud cover increases, it is time to get indoors and get cosy once again. Welcome autumn with our decorating and organising tips for the perfect start to the season.

IT'S TIME TO REORGANISE

Autumn is the perfect transition period to ready your home for the shift in weather. Swap your summer essentials for important winter accessories and appliances. Small electricals including portable fans can now be returned to storage, and while you're there, don't forget to grab your thick sheets and linens in preparation for colder nights.

SPRING CLEANING THE AUTUMN WAY

Spring isn't the only season you should be deep cleaning your home. As you prepare to spend more time indoors, it's important to make sure your environment is fresh and welcoming.

Begin by cleaning all the hard to reach places you rarely get to, such as the tops of doorframes and under heavier pieces of furniture. Remove as much dust as you can to ensure a healthy home free from irritants.

Outside, pack and store your cushions, umbrellas, and any small outdoor furniture pieces you won't be enjoying in wet weather.

As pets shed the most during warmer months, now is a great time to finally rid your home of any hair stuck to your carpets and the corners of your rooms.

INTRODUCE SEASONAL TONES

Embrace changing leaves and darker skies with décor in rich colours. Leaf through interior design magazines for autumn decorating inspiration. Deep reds, warm browns, and forest greens are the perfect colours to introduce to your home as these tones will remain on trend until spring returns.

Decorate your home with ease with these shades by piling your furniture with soft throw pillows and draping thick blankets across your favourite chairs and couches. This way, they will be conveniently on hand for cosy nights in front of the TV!

Create the perfect atmosphere for dark evenings with the right lighting and colour temperature. Floor and table lamps with bulbs of warm, yellow light make the perfect additions for curling up and reading a good book. Add string lights for a calming effect in bedrooms and living spaces — they also make for a unique design feature.

Complete your freshly spruced home with new fragrances, perfect for the change in season. Take inspiration from traditional autumn treats and incorporate candles with scents of vanilla and spice.

ADD PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Spending time inside should not mean separating from nature. Finalise your indoor study, work, or living space with the perfect potted plant or vase of flowers.

Large indoor plants can drastically improve your home's air quality by boosting natural oxygen levels. Plus, indoor plants can be the perfect way to bring the bright colours of the outdoors into your home. Make sure you do your research before choosing an indoor plant, as certain varieties are specific about their light and feeding requirements.

Add further bright, natural colours to your home with a tailored bouquet of flowers. Native Australian varieties of red banksias, pink correas, and pink melaleucas can add a strong burst of vibrancy to any living space.

Can't find your preferred varieties in the cooler months? Artificial flowers are available all year and offer the perfect solution to maintaining a beautiful arrangement without any mess or repeated replacement costs.

Getting ready for autumn means only a few simple tasks, cleaning, reorganising, and redecorating. In a matter of days, you could be embracing the falling leaves in a fresh, comfortable space befitting the new season.

VETS IN THE DONNYBRAE AREA



BELOW IS A SELECTION OF VETERINARY CLINICS CLOSE TO DONNYBRAE:

Just 15 minutes from Donnybrae, The Vet Practice veterinarians are experts at a full range of veterinary services, including general care and advanced treatments. Any dogs recovering from major surgery or an unfortunate injury will also benefit from their Canine Rehabilitation care.

No one wants to think of their pets in poor health, but when the worst occurs, Craigieburn Animal Hospital is there. Their vets offer rehabilitation services and products, as well as Grooming and Puppy Preschool.

Greencross Vets in Craigieburn offer a full suite of pet care and veterinary services. Their team offer nutrition and weight advice, as well as both Puppy and Kitten Schools.

PET BOARDING:

Going away? If you need to leave your furry friend behind, make sure they're in the best hands. Yuroke Boarding Kennels & Cattery offer a safe home away from home for your dog or cat. Pets receive individual attention in a secure environment and the opportunity to safely explore their temporary home.

Looking after your loved one in Donnybrae has never been easier. Without leaving your neighbourhood, your feline or pooch can enjoy all the care they will ever need.

Sharing your life with a pet can be an immensely joyful experience. As an extension of your family, it is important that you give your pet as much care as you can to ensure they live a long, healthy, and happy life.

Whether you've just adopted a new friend or endeavour to look after your pet long into their old age, locating your closest vet is an important step.

All veterinary clinics offer general checkups, vaccinations, dental care, and advice. However, certain clinics offer additional care and amenities.

Volunteering in the Community

Volunteer with the City of Whittlesea or Hume City Council today and contribute to your local community in a constructive and considerate way.

There are several great options for getting involved in and around Donnybrae, including joining a Scouts or Guides program, becoming a youth mentor, contributing time to

your local community centre, and supporting vulnerable members of the community.

No matter your talents or interests, there is a volunteering opportunity to suit you. For more information about how and where you can get involved, visit the City of Whittlesea and Hume City Council websites.



Warming Chilli Con Carne

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 60g taco or chilli con carne seasoning mix
- 1 beef stock cube
- 1 x 400g can four bean mix, drained
- 500g lean minced beef or plant based mince
- 1 x 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 2 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Sour cream, to serve
- Avocado, to serve
- Corn chips, to serve

METHOD:

1. Add the olive oil to a medium saucepan and let warm over medium heat for 2 minutes. Dice your onion and add it to the oiled pot. Cook for 5 minutes or until the onion is almost translucent.
2. Finely chop your garlic and add it to the pot along with the cayenne pepper, paprika, and ground cumin. Stir and leave to cook for 5 minutes. Stirring occasionally.
3. Turn up the heat slightly and add the minced meat. Break up and stir with your spoon for 5 minutes or until no pink meat remains.
4. In a separate jug, add the stock cube to 300ml of hot water. Once combined, add to the pan with the mince.
5. Pour the entirety of the chopped tomatoes into the meat mixture, along with the bay leaf. Taste the mixture and season accordingly with salt and pepper. Add tomato puree and stir.
6. Steadily bring the mixture to a boil. Once bubbling, add the lid and simmer for 25 minutes. Stir occasionally and rehydrate with a few tablespoons of water if needed.
7. Once thickened, remove the lid and stir in the beans. Bring the mixture back to the boil and simmer for a further five minutes.
8. Serve and enjoy. Chilli Con Carne is best when topped with sour cream and avocado. Enjoy on top of rice, or with a side of corn chips.



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