

# BONNYRIGG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Have your say in Bonnyrigg

The redevelopment of Bonnyrigg is now well underway, and Newleaf Communities has engaged the City Futures Research Centre at the University of New South Wales to conduct a study to understand the Bonnyrigg Living Communities Project.

The "Longitudinal Study" will look at how the neighbourhood-wide redevelopment affects residents in the local community over the long term. City Futures will be setting up a residents panel – the Bonnyrigg Futures Panel – to be at the centre of this important research.

### Who can be involved?

Anyone living in Bonnyrigg can join

the panel. In order to capture the diversity of views and voices across the community, City Futures is looking for 180 households will join the study. We're keen for you to get involved whether you are public or private residents, whether you've lived in the neighbourhood for a long time or just recently moved to Bonnyrigg. We would also like to ensure that households from all cultural backgrounds are able to take part and we'll make sure our discussion can be held in your preferred language.

### What does participation involve?

Members of the Panel would be interviewed every 2 to 3 years. Interviews would last for about an

hour, and we will ask you about the experiences of you and your family during the renewal process. As a member of the Panel, you will receive a \$25 voucher each time we interview you for use at Bonnyrigg Plaza to thank you for your time. There will also be an annual social lunch for all panel members to hear how the project is progressing.

### How do I get involved?

For more information call into the Newleaf offices at Bonnyrigg Plaza for more information, or call City Futures directly. The research project manager is Dr Edgar Liu, and you can contact Ed on 9385 4245 or email him at: [edgar.liu@unsw.edu.au](mailto:edgar.liu@unsw.edu.au)

The Newleaf Communities team works everyday to ensure Bonnyrigg is a great place where families want to live, work and play.

We provide social housing management, community renewal projects and community services.

### Contact Us About:

- Community Activities and Events
- Green Wings Lawn Care and Home Maintenance
- Education and Training Programs
- Volunteering

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# Seniors' Week enjoyed by all

On March 25th, Newleaf Communities and Community First Step took 90 seniors from Bonnyrigg and Fairfield to Sydney for a cruise along the harbour to celebrate Senior's Week.

With perfect weather, the best view in the world and seafood buffet included, participants were in high spirits and enjoyed the day immensely.

*"Today's event was very enjoyable. I'm sure all the people who attended were very thankful for the hard work put in by the team who organised such a lovely day. It was a very pleasant way to meet new people. I have lived in Bonnyrigg for 29 years and this is the first time I have attended an outing due to work commitments but I hope there will be more days like today."* - Christine Purnis



Bonnyrigg residents Denise Kilburn, Gloria Wong and Michele Curry enjoy the harbour views (above).

Photos from the day (below).



## Bonnyrigg gets in the spirit



By Diana Adam

I attended a Spirit of Bonnyrigg Crossing Waters dinner that was held this year at the Hungarian Magyar Club at Edensor Park on Monday 7th March 2011.

The emphasis on the evening was "water is precious". Fairfield City Council spoke about their efforts of trying to improve the quality of our water by replacing some of the cement catchment areas and creating a more natural landscape. They are also looking at improving the quality of the runoff water by looking at options like permeable paving and rain gardens, it was very informative.

There were different religious communities who spoke about the spiritual significance of water, they were: Christian, Islamic and the Buddhist Faith. For example, the Lao Buddhist Faith use water when it is

Lao New Year to wish good luck to each other by sprinkling water which cleanses their bad deeds and misfortune. Christian's use water for baptism and the Islamic faith use water to prepare for worship, they must be clean for prayer.

It was a great night. I was able to spend the night with people from so many different cultures and spiritual beliefs and I was able to appreciate water in a completely different way. It is not something to take for granted and we need to cherish it. I felt fortunate that we, in Bonnyrigg, have such a rich diversity of different cultures and religious beliefs and that we can share our different views and experiences for a common cause; to really appreciate water and what it symbolises to each and every one of us.

# Get Tagged!

## Newleaf Community Carnival - Wednesday, July 6

Get out of the house these school holidays and get involved in the Newleaf Community Carnival.

Newleaf will be hosting a special OZTAG Carnival on Wednesday July 6, proudly supported by OZTAG Australia, Rugby League's One Community, St Johns Park Bowling Club and the Bonnyrigg Town Centre Committee.

There will be a junior comp (8 – 13 years) and senior comp (14 – 21 years). You can make up your own team (up to 12 players) or we can fit individuals into teams. Don't know how to play? Don't worry! There will be a coaching session at the start of the day to explain the rules and give you some tips. The competition will be a round robin with top scoring teams in each division vying for 1<sup>st</sup>

place.

Team shirts will be supplied and each participant will receive a drink bottle and gift bag.

As an added bonus, Newleaf has been lucky to secure a guest appearance by Rugby League One Community ambassador Mario Fenech. Mario will be on hand to talk to participants about One Community, keeping fit and healthy and getting involved in local sport.

To register, email: [info@newleafcommunities.com.au](mailto:info@newleafcommunities.com.au), phone Crystal on (02) 9610 0275 or drop into Cabrogal Cottage, 1 Kennedy Way Bonnyrigg or the Newleaf Communities office in the Plaza.



Rugby League One Community ambassador Mario Fenech will be a special guest at the Newleaf Community OZTAG Carnival.



Katrina Nguyen enjoying the 'Learn to Swim' classes.

## Add Newleaf events to your calendar!

- June 14—Men's Health & Refugee Week Event
- July 6—School Holidays Sports Carnival
- July —Floristry Course starting Term 3
- July —Gardening Course starting (date TBC)

See the Newleaf Community Calendar for more information on activities and events coming up!

## Bonnyrigg High School celebrates 50 Years

Bonnyrigg High School turned 50 in March 2011! To celebrate, it will host several events throughout the year:

**Wednesday 15th June 2011:** 50th Year Anniversary 'Carnivale' - a Celebration of Cultures

**Saturday 1st October:** 50th Year Anniversary Gala Dinner

**Saturday 5th November 2011:** 'Talking About Your Generation' – 50th Year Anniversary Trivia Night

**Wednesday 30th November 2011:** 50th Year Anniversary School Open Day – Burying of the Time Capsule.

Former staff and students are invited to attend these events. If you

have any old photographs or memorabilia please contact the school on 9823 1184 or 9823 1186.

Further enquiries should be directed to Sharon Borg or John Robinson during school hours on 9823 1184 or 9823 1186.



# Development Update



There have been some community concerns regarding truck activity, noise and dust around the Stage 2 development site.

Newleaf Communities and construction partner, Becton, have been working closely with Fairfield City Council, to address community concerns.

Becton has conducted a review of the traffic management plan and the need to adhere to this plan.

The plan has been updated to enforce parking restrictions along one side of Bunker Parade. Vehicles are now only permitted to park on one side of the road to ensure sufficient room for through traffic.

A traffic controller is now onsite every day from 6am to erect bollards and patrol the site to ensure no unauthorized parking occurs as the tradesmen arrive each day.

A car park has been set up and all contractors and construction teams have been instructed to use it.

In regards to mud and dust from the construction site, Becton has engaged a street sweeper to clean the streets every Thursday plus a control crew travels the site every day to ensure the area is kept clean and tidy.

## Stage 2

Stage 2 dwellings are being given the final finishing touches with private owners set to be moving into their homes in July.

Newleaf tenants will take possession of their homes at the end of July and August.

Road construction will be fully finished in September when a final seal to the road surface is applied.

Street Landscaping is fully finished with large street trees and verge plantings continuing the same planting theme as Stage 1.

## Stage 3

The development application is with Fairfield City Council for consent and then works will commence in early July. Remediation work will be first with lots of work to do in Hilltop Park in May and June.

Sales for Stage 3 remain on program with 50 of 84 homes already sold. The price point and style of dwellings is proving to be very popular with buyers.

**If you have any concerns about construction activity, please do not hesitate to contact Newleaf Communities on 1300 137 265.**

## Safety and security

Newleaf Communities actively involves the community in planning strategies to reduce the effect and frequency of illegal activity within the estate. All residents and consortium members have multiple avenues to report local issues including through the; Community Reference Group, Bonnyrigg Public Tenants Group and Private Owners Group.

If you would like to get involved in these groups, contact Newleaf today for more information.

If you witness any anti-social behaviour in or around Bonnyrigg, report the incident to Newleaf. All Newleaf Communities' teams report and act on minor and major issues of safety and security as they are reported.

## Know your tenancy laws

Changes to Tenancy Law came into effect in January this year.

The aim of the changes was to fairly balance the rights and obligations of tenants and landlords, modernise and update the law in line with current practices and reduce the level of disputes, by providing greater clarity and certainty in the legislation.

For more information about changes to the Tenancy Law, and for information in your own language, visit [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au) or talk to your housing manager at Newleaf Communities.

## Watch out for Graffiti

Newleaf is working hard to keep our open spaces clean, green and free from unsightly graffiti. If you see any graffiti in, or around, Bonnyrigg please let us know.

Working with council, our Spotless Maintenance team and Green Wings crews, Newleaf will act to put a stop to illegal graffiti fast as the rapid removal helps to prevent further graffiti in affected locations.

If you would like to see murals or public art in common space, talk to the Newleaf Community Development team at Cabrogal Cottage. Newleaf is interested in hearing from local young people and artists who want to investigate legal, artistic murals in the Bonnyrigg area.

# Meet your Rehousing Manager: Angela Kustec

Newleaf Communities' Angela Kustec is a local looking to make a difference and be a part of the important changes going on in the area.

Having joined the team almost 10 months ago as one of our Rehousing Managers, she has been busy out meeting the community and helping residents to make transition from homes they've known all their life to temporary housing and then to their brand new homes in Bonnyrigg.

When asked what she likes best about her job, Angela says that she enjoys giving back to the community.

"Knowing that I am part of a new and innovative project that is beneficial to the community as a whole makes my job very fulfilling," she said.

"It also helps when you get to work with a great team."

**If you'd like more information on the Newleaf Communities rehousing process, or would like to speak with your housing manager, please call our friendly help desk on 1300 137 265 or drop into our office at Shop 38 Bonnyrigg Plaza, Bonnyrigg Ave, Bonnyrigg 2177.**



Angela Kustec is one of Newleaf's Rehousing Managers helping tenants move into temporary and permanent homes during the redevelopment.

## Quick Facts

**I have worked at Newleaf Communities** for almost 10 months.

**My earliest memory is** going for walks to Banks Bush with my dad (those who have been here for a while may know what I am talking about). It's now known as Hinchinbrook.

**At home I cook** rarely.

**My favourite books is** 'The 5 People You Meet In Heaven' by Mitch Album. It was the last book I read and loved.

**In my spare time I like to..** spare time, what's that??

**My mum always told me** be happy and enjoy your life, don't let other people's negativity bring you down.

**The hardest thing I've ever experienced** is this questionnaire!!

**My happiest moment is** - too many to list.

**If I could be anyone for one day, I'd be myself because...** life's too precious to waste trying to be someone else.

**One day I'd like to** see all the fantastic sights of Australia.



Staff who completed the training were congratulated with a certificate of completion by Newleaf Communities General Manager Peter Williamson.

## Aged Care training

On February 21 and 22, Newleaf Communities staff members and community support workers took part in a two day NSW Aged Care System training course run by Sydney South West Area Health Service.

The training was aimed at developing the participant's knowledge of the services are available in the community to assist older people and their carers so that the participants would be able to accurately refer residents to the right service providers. Participants in the training were also taught about the aged care system to provide background on how to communicate and work with older people and carers. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

# Your community services

In addition to the services provided by Newleaf Communities, there are many other organisations in Bonnyrigg and the Fairfield local government area that offer a variety of services to the community. Below are just a few of these services. For more information on these services, or to find out what other services are available in Bonnyrigg, contact Newleaf Communities on **(02) 9610 0275**.



## The NSW SLASA Community Partners Program

The NSW Spanish and Latin American Association for Social Assistance (SLASA) is running a Community Partners Program (CPP) that provides information about aged care services and supports older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to bridge the gap between service providers and service users.

For more information about SLASA's Community Partners Program please contact Sandra Loyola-Sandoval, the Community Partners Program Project Officer and Aged Community Development Worker, on **(02) 9724 2220** or visit [www.nswslasa.com.au](http://www.nswslasa.com.au). This program is funded by the Department of Health & Ageing.



## CatholicCare; supported by Newleaf Communities

With assistance from Newleaf Communities, CatholicCare runs a Support Group for carers in Bonnyrigg and the Fairfield local government area. During this session carers are encouraged to build up their support network, given time to share their thoughts and feelings, offered advice for relaxation and stress relief and also made aware of other services that can offer support and information for individual cases.

This group meets every second Monday of the month at Cabrogal Cottage — 1 Kennedy Way, Bonnyrigg from 12 to 2pm. All carers are welcome to come along.

For more information on the Carer Support Group, contact Newleaf on **(02) 9610 0275**.



## The Parks Community Network 'We Call, We Care' service

'We Call, We Care' is a free program that supports isolated seniors and seniors with a disability who live alone. The Parks Community Network will make telephone contact on a weekly basis with individuals participating in the program. By using the We Call We Care service people do not have to live alone in fear and can remain living in the community, knowing that someone will speak to them at least once a week.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this program please call the Parks Community Network on **(02) 9609 7400**. Office hours are Monday to Thursday between 9:00am to 4:30pm. This program is funded by the Marconi Club.

## Bonnyrigg Plaza presents... "BONNYRIGG'S GOT TALENT!"



### FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

We're looking for Jugglers, singers, Dancers, Comedians and more...

**Junior Category: 6-11 years**

**Senior Category: 12-17 years**

Contact Centre Management for an application form, or go to [www.bonnyriggplaza.com.au](http://www.bonnyriggplaza.com.au) and download a form. For further information please call 9610 2000. Applications close late June 2011. Entrants must be available for the Grand Final on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

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Bonnyrigg resident Marcus Mora lent a hand to the Newleaf Green Wings team to spruce up his backyard.

## Many hands make light work

Newleaf, with the help of the Green Wings team, has been undertaking a streetscape project around Cowdrey and Priddle Way.

Bonnyrigg resident Marcus Mora saw the work that was going on and offered to lend a helping hand. His great work can be seen in the landscaping projects around the area.

Newleaf Sustainability Manager Carlos Ramierz said it was great to have residents helping out, and getting involved in local projects. "This is what Newleaf is all about," he said.

Mr Mora migrated from Chile in 1977 and has been living in Bonnyrigg since 1982.

Over the years he has worked at a refinery, in the mines and as a sheet metal worker. He now divides his time between caring for his wife and looking after his garden and various building projects.

He said he takes pride in his home and was very happy to participate in the landscape improvements to his home.

## Men's day out

The Bonnyrigg Men's Shed members like nothing more than a day in the shed, but with a little encouragement from their partners, they all recently enjoyed a day out.

With the help of Newleaf Communities and the Parks Community Network, The Men's Shed and their partners travelled to the picturesque Bellbird Farm at Picton.

They were all given a guided tour of the working farm and took in the sights and sounds of the orchard and fields.

They were also treated to a special tour of the owners private doll collection and miniature train display.

After a hearty lunch and a relaxing day on the farm, it was almost hard to get the men back to their Bonnyrigg Shed.

Men's Shed member Brian Waights said the day was a brilliant success and he thanked Newleaf Communities and Parks Community Network for sponsoring the day and helping make it a memorable occasion for everyone.



Members of the Bonnyrigg Men's Shed enjoying a day out at Bellbird Farm at Picton and marvelling at a miniature train display later that day (below).



