

MERIDIAN

CLYDE NORTH

Community Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY:

KIDS ON MERIDIAN

We are very excited to announce there is a new Early Learning Centre and Kindergarten joining the growing number of businesses in our Summit Business Park.

This is fantastic news for the wider Meridian Community and will be a popular addition for an established

community with new families moving in weekly. The centre is sure to become a long standing institution and develop strong relationships with the Meridian community and their families.

Construction is currently underway on the centre and scheduled for completion later this year.

Kids on Meridian is looking forward to welcoming families at the beginning of 2022.



For enquiries and more information please email:

info@kidsonmeridian.com.au



Read the full article on our news page:

meridianclyde.com.au/news

VERDANT DRIVE PARK

Meridian's very own Verdant Drive Park recently received a write up by a local playground blogger who reviews parks for toddlers in Melbourne's South-East.



Read the full review here:

smallfeetbigadventures.net





CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

MERIDIAN CENTRAL ENTRY FEATURE

The entry feature will be the gateway to the southern portion of our community, welcoming visitors and residents' home.

The north end of Tuckers Rd will become a bustling hub. Featuring the Future Town Centre to the west, the City of Casey Sports Precinct and a commercial precinct running between the north and south portions of Meridian. This important link calls for a bold entry feature and we feel the design delivers on all fronts.

Construction of the entry feature includes building the stone walls, creating and inserting the signage panels with the Meridian logo and landscaping the surrounded area with planting and laying grass. Construction and landscaping of the entry feature will be completed by the end of the year which times perfectly with the first residents from Meridian Central moving in.



CASEY DEMONS YEAR IN REVIEW

A Covid disrupted season came to a premature end with the last few games of the home and away season being cancelled and the finals campaign unable to go ahead. A finals ready Casey finished 5th on the adjusted ladder.

However, this could not have culminated in a more successful year for the red and blue with the AFL team breaking a 57-year premiership drought. The VFL Team had a huge part to play in this, with players moving between the two sides throughout the year or getting their debut for the Dees at Casey. It was a huge pleasure watching the success of the Casey Demons and being their 2021 sponsor. Bring on more Deemonation in 2022!

LOCAL BUSINESS PROFILE:

CAKES BY JAYDE

Meet Jayde: A self-taught Cake Boss living in the Meridian community (or maybe you know Jayde and her cakes already?).

It started with a general love of baking. Always the one who made cupcakes for birthdays and other celebrations – even her own 21st. This birthday further solidified her cake baking prowess through her parents purchasing her very first stand mixer for a present. Hereonin, friends and family could always count on her for cakes and cupcakes.

After having her first son in 2018 and wanting to do something that offered flexibility to stay home with him, the idea of 'Cakes by Jayde' was formed.

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In 2019, Jayde moved into her new home in Meridian and was ready to give her business a red hot go. By attending local markets and advertising on local social media pages, her business began to get some good traction and culminated in baking her first wedding cake!

2020 brought the start of the pandemic (how could we forget?) it was a weird time for us all, particularly small businesses who had to close their doors without warning and navigate the untrodden road ahead. With no public gatherings, celebrations, events and limited ability to socialise, the demand for cakes had dissipated.

By remaining present across her social media accounts and reaching out to people virtually, Jayde managed to keep her business going. Her tenacity to spend time improving her brand, social media presence and networking with other small businesses in the area, paid off.



Want Jayde to bake something for your next event? Contact her on socials or via email:

cakesbyjayde@outlook.com



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In 2021, Jayde leveled up and is the busiest she has ever been.

More and more people were stuck suffering lockdown birthdays and the only way to brighten that depress fest has been with a delivery of cupcakes, brownies or cookie packs By Jayde. This has seen her continue to grow her business this past year, despite the pandemic.

Jayde is humbled by her success and the connections she has made in the small business community. Her business has given her a platform to help those less fortunate. Together with donations from over 40 small businesses, Jayde has created hampers for people who are having a hard time throughout the pandemic. Jayde's message to the community is to continue to support local businesses "your local baker, artist, candle maker, florist, etc. These are the people who have really struggled through the pandemic. But, are those who will always find a way to help others".

Jayde is keen to continue to grow her business and create a real presence in Melbourne. She would like to one day open a coffee shop or cakery where people can come for a coffee and a slice of cake – hopefully not too far from the Meridian Community!



Contact us if you know another small business within the community that would like to feature in a newsletter, news post or on socials.

meridian@bpg.com.au

HOW TO REDUCE HOUSEHOLD WASTE

The City of Casey is committed to reducing its landfill contribution and are focusing on finding alternative, cleaner, and greener solutions to manage your waste now and for future generations. So how can you help?

Level up your recycling

A lot of common household items can be put in your blue recycle bin. These are the items we have been recycling forever including plastic milk bottles and cardboard boxes. However, remember to throw these items in loose. Bin liners, aka the soft plastic bag, is not recyclable with these items and contaminates your waste.

But soft plastics can be recycled! Keep a separate recycling container in your house for soft plastics. Soft plastics are scrunchable plastics like food wrap and salad bags. Once your container is full you can recycle at your local Woolies or Coles. There is a designated bin at the front of every store.

Mobile phones and small electronic waste items like cords can be recycled at your local Officeworks

Aldi has buckets at the front of their stores where you can drop off your used batteries. Have another item you are unsure about? Find where else you can recycle unwanted items or search your item on the City of Casey's waste disposal directory.

Take your own reusable shopping bags

Not only to the grocery store but also whenever you go shopping. It is a worthwhile investment to bring smaller reusable bags with you too, for your fruit and veg so you can avoid the soft plastic.

Other items to avoid include fruit and veg that is unnecessarily wrapped in plastic. Fancy a continental cucumber? Go for the Lebanese variety instead.

Many items are also pre-cut to save time, if possible, by them loose and cut them yourself - this will also save you money!

Make the switch

Many households items are made from hard plastic and we have gotten used to disposing these without a second thought. The scary thought, a plastic toothbrush will take about 500 years to decompose, outliving everyone reading this!

Toothbrushes, dish cleaners and cotton swabs all now come in bamboo alternatives. Pick this option instead.



Interested in more ways to reduce your household waste? Find out more here:

casey.vic.gov.au/how-reduce-your-waste



RESIDENT INFORMATION



Refer to **My Meridian/Building-Your-Home** to download the information mentioned below.

Landscaping incentive

In order to be eligible for the landscaping incentive, you must have your front garden, including the driveway, nature strip and side fences completed within 90 days from the date of your Occupancy Permit. Please refer to your Contract of Sale and your Developer Approval drawings for the specific requirements for your lot.



Refer to our **Landscaping Incentive flyer** for a helpful checklist and more information.



Refer to our **Design Guidelines** before you lodge your application to ensure your designs comply.

Perimeter fencing

If you aren't planning on building straight away, it is still important to secure your property. Please organise temporary fencing for your property to prevent the dumping of rubbish. It is a costly exercise for you as the home owner if clearing is needed prior to construction.

Shared fencing

All shared fencing should be arranged in collaboration with your neighbour.



Refer to our **Fencing Info form** for the process.

OptiComm

OptiComm provides an alternative to the NBN, by providing fibre right to your home, rather than relying on existing older services.



Refer to our **OptiComm flyer** on how to connect.