



Riverwood's Washington Park renewal on show to local community

The Riverwood community is being invited to an Open Day at the new Washington Park residential precinct this weekend to inspect the project first hand and see the future plans and model of the Riverwood North Renewal project.

The Open Day, to be held on Saturday 19th July between 10am and 2pm, includes free music entertainment for all, refreshments, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting and balloon art.

Washington Park is located on the corner of Washington Avenue and Kentucky Road, off Belmore Road and adjacent to the Riverwood Community Centre and Wetlands reserve.

The Washington Park residential precinct is being developed by leading Australian property company PAYCE, who has built a reputation for creating dynamic and cohesive environments where residents have access to a wide range of amenities and services.

The Open Day is being hosted by PAYCE and supported by the Department of Family and Community Services (Housing NSW) and St George Community Housing.

Member of the Residents Organisation at Riverwood (ROAR), Mrs Senka Poletanovic congratulated PAYCE on the success of its project and its latest community initiative.

"PAYCE has been a great supporter of the Riverwood community for the past three years and the Open Day will give locals an opportunity to see how the

area is being transformed by the company's Washington Park project," she said.

"Since PAYCE came along they have helped to improve Riverwood, there have been huge improvements to our area and it has opened Riverwood up for the better. For the school in particular, PAYC E have helped us immensely through their fundraising support."

PAYCE's General Manager, Dominic Sullivan said visitors on the Open Day will be able to take a walk through the new plaza, enjoy the free entertainment and stroll around the landscaped gardens or relax in the new Central Park.

"They will see how the estate is transforming the area as it progresses towards its full potential."

Mr Sullivan said Washington Park is one of most exciting urban renewal projects ever undertaken by PAYCE.

"The first stage of the project, which has been completed, involved the construction of 123 social housing units for the NSW Government, a community plaza, gardens and landscaped grounds," he said.

"Currently, work is progressing on schedule on the private residential buildings, which saw all apartments purchased off the plan shortly after going to market."

Mr Sullivan said construction work on the private apartment buildings was progressing well, with both projects now off the ground with structural framing erected up to Levels Two and Three.

"It is planned that the 700+ social and private apartments will integrate into a very inclusive community on the site."

PAYCE's Managing Director, Brian Boyd is confident that Washington Park lives up to PAYCE's well-earned reputation of building great places to live, where residents feel safe and have a real sense of belonging.

"Washington Park ticks all the boxes to make it an urban renewal showcase project for residents and the Riverwood community to enjoy," he said.

"Our vision for Washington Park is a place for people of all ages and cultures – for young families and singles, teenagers and seniors alike," Brian Boyd said.

Washington Park is steeped in history and takes its name from the presence of United States personnel and the largest military hospital in Australia during World War II on the 3.5 hectare site.

Following the end of the war, the barracks were converted into public housing in streets that included Kentucky Road, Vermont Crescent and Washington Avenue.

Mr Boyd said PAYCE was pleased to be able to retain these street names within the Washington Park estate.

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