



**LYNDARUM
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Editor's Note

Who doesn't love summer in Melbourne? Long days, warm nights, enjoying time outdoors and catching up with family and friends, what a gorgeous time of year!

Having launched in December 2016, exactly 5 years later Lyndarum North has achieved some impressive milestones including 700+ sales across 15 Stages and more than 1500 residents who now call our vibrant community home.

In this final edition for 2021 you will find the latest project news, tips for achieving a low maintenance garden, 5 fun school holiday destinations, this year's community grant recipients, some Christmas activity ideas and so much more!

If you'd like to stay updated with our community, follow us on Facebook [@LyndarumNorthAVJennings](https://www.facebook.com/LyndarumNorthAVJennings).

For updates regarding the development of Lyndarum North please visit: www.avjennings.com.au/vic/lyndarum-north-wollert

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Community news.

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Title and construction update.

A summary of our key updates:

- Landscaping to streets in Stages 4-9 is now complete.
- Landscaping to streets in Stage 10 has commenced.
- Settlements of our second release of Emerald Townhomes are anticipated for mid-2022.
- Coral Stage 11 construction is nearing completion with kerb and channel work including concrete paths and driveways now complete and topsoiling underway. Titles are anticipated in late 2021/early 2022.
- Bulk earthworks are complete on our Jewel Stage 12 release and sewer and drainage works are nearing completion.
- Stage 13 construction is underway with Stage 14 to commence in December 2021.



If you would like any more information or are interested in our latest releases, please contact one of our friendly and experienced Sales Consultants: **Suzan Jabbour on 0438 972 189** or **Serpil Gurel on 0435 938 979**

6 tips for a low maintenance garden.

High-quality landscaping helps to enhance the look and feel of our homes, streetscapes and community, while also protecting and adding value to your investment.

The team at Lyndarum North understands that not all homeowners have the time to spend hours tending to their plants, and so having a garden that's both beautiful and low maintenance is important.

If you're in need of some guidance to create lush and low maintenance landscapes for your home, here are some top tips:

1. Opt for natives

Australian natives are the best and easiest plants to grow in your garden. This is because they're equipped to handle the local conditions and don't require much maintenance.



Native plants also come in a beautiful array of colours and sizes, so your garden will be both low maintenance and eye-catching.

Some of our favourite native plants include:

- Australian daisy (Brachyscome)
- Bird's nest fern (Asplenium australasicum)
- Bottlebrush (Callistemon)
- Grevillea
- Lomandra (Lomandra longifolia)
- White correa (Correa alba)

2. Choose climbers

Climbing plants require relatively little upkeep while providing lushness and greenery. They also make beautiful wall features if you want to maximise entertaining space and reduce garden beds in your backyard.

3. Ditch the lawn

Instead of filling your flat areas with turf, create beautiful features with other materials like decking, paving, gravel or sand. This could save you hours of mowing!

If you love the look of a lush lawn but want to keep it low maintenance, you can opt for artificial turf or slow growing grasses, like Zoysia.

4. Add in some pot plants

Featuring pot plants around your front and rear gardens is a great way to integrate greenery without worrying about weeding and garden bed upkeep. Plus, they're easy to replace if you decide to change them. You can also buy pot plants that are already quite established, so you won't need to tend to them as they reach maturity.

5. Integrate outdoor living

Let's face it, less plants means less maintenance. One way to reduce the amount of garden care while keeping your backyard looking beautiful is to create a seamless outdoor entertainment area. Whether you choose decking, concrete or tiles, having a designated space to sit outdoors, entertain and relax is a great way to enjoy your garden without the hassle.

6. Think groundcover

Choosing plants that will reduce water usage and stop weeds growing is a great way to minimise garden maintenance – plus they look so much prettier than mulch!

Some great groundcover plants include:

- Grevillea 'Bronze Rambler' or 'Poorinda Royal Mantle'
- Myoporum parvifolium
- Cerastium tomentosum
- Scaevola aemula

Before you start planting, please read the Lyndarum North design guidelines to learn more about your home's landscaping requirements.

2021 Community grant recipients.

At Lyndarum North we believe local groups and organisations are integral to the fabric of our community. With this in mind, we established our Community Grants Program with the aim of reinforcing our support for the significant work these groups undertake within the Whittlesea community.

We are thrilled to announce the successful recipients of the 2021 program and the fantastic projects this funding will go towards.

Whittlesea Community Connections

Whittlesea Community Connections (WCC) is a local, independent and community-led organisation that provides a range of free and confidential support services and programs for those in need. WCC will utilise the grant funding for information sessions and workshops for people in the local area.

Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group

The Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group organise social rides for cyclists of all skill levels. Rides are held regularly on Sunday, including twilight rides in Summer. Whittlesea BUG also organise classes and workshops to educate cyclists on basic bicycle repair skills and cycling skills. Whittlesea BUG will be using their grant funding for training programs aimed at women and teenager girls.

Lalor Landcare

Lalor Landcare is an urban based 'Landcare' Group. The principal activities of the group are litter collection, revegetation work and (in the future) wildlife surveys and nesting box placement. Lalor Landcare will utilise the grant to source seeds from extant River Red Gum trees at Lyndarum/Lyndarum North that will be nurtured into small trees and planted along the banks of Edgars Creek.

Edgars Creek Primary School

Edgars Creek Primary School is a newly established primary school in the suburb of Wollert. The school operates in learning communities which means students have a homegroup teacher and work with numerous teachers in their community for different subjects. Wellbeing is their main focus. The school's motto is 'Learning together for success.' The school plans to use the grant funding to:

- Set-up new clubs for children to collaborate and learn
- Purchase new toys that are essential for learning and development

Creeds Farm and Learning Centre

Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre is a local Neighbourhood House that works with a range of communities; particularly those who are socially isolated, experiencing disadvantage or domestic violence. Creeds Farm and Learning Centre will use the funding to run social activities for a Connecting Women Group.

Northside Muslim Circle

Northside Muslim Circle was formed in response to a need for engagement, connection and services for the growing Muslim community in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, particularly in the City of Whittlesea. Northside Muslim Circle will use the grant to hire a venue for meetings.



Wollert and District Fire Brigade

Wollert District Fire Brigade is a 100% volunteer fire brigade made up of local community members committed to protecting lives and properties since 1942 through emergency response and fire safety education. Wollert and District Fire Brigade will use the grant to construct a much needed hose drying tower.

Epping Little Athletics Club

Epping Little Athletics Club was established in 1980. It is a progressive club that promotes the Little Athletics values of Fun, Family, Fitness and being your BEST. It's not all about winning. It's about making new friends in the local community and being part of a Team. Epping LAC will use the funding to purchase training equipment for volunteers and sporting equipment for athletes.

Congratulations again to our successful recipients and thank you again to all who applied. Keep an eye out for the submission opening date for our 2022 program!

5 fun destinations for the summer school holidays.

School's out and it's time to have some wholesome family fun!

If you're looking for some exciting local places to visit these summer school holidays, here are some ideas:

Splash around at Whittlesea swim centre

Whittlesea Swim Centre's GOswim Swimming and Water Safety School Holiday Program runs during the summer school holidays. The program is open to all ages and helps students work on their swimming technique and water safety skills while enjoying fun activities.

Lessons will run from Monday 10th January – Friday 14th January, and students will take part in a daily 30-minute session between 9am and 12pm. Students will also have unlimited swimming access before or after their lesson.

The program is free for current GOswim members and \$66.50 for non-members. Whittlesea Swim Centre is a 22-minute drive from Lyndarum North.

Alternatively, head to Whittlesea Swim Centre from 9am – 6pm daily to simply enjoy their swimming facilities, including a 25m main pool, learner's pool, toddler pool, splash pad and waterslide.



Funfields Whittlesea

Experience a day of full-on fun at Funfields, Victoria's biggest theme park, located a short 21-minute drive from Lyndarum North! Funfields is open for the summer, featuring new and re-imagined rides including Dragon's Revenge Swing, Mystic Kingdom, Pegasus Sky Bounce, Mystic Tree, Amazonia Water Play and more.

Funfields offers a range of ticket and pass options, so you can find the best deal for your family. General admission pricing is \$48 for little ones and \$55 for those over 130cm.

For more information about the park, open times, tickets and prices, [click here](#).

Playshed cafe

Enjoy a family play date with other parents and children at Playshed Cafe, just 20 minutes from your home at Lyndarum North. At Playshed Cafe, all the equipment is chosen specifically for small children (0-6 years of age) to create a wondrous, exciting and active learning environment. Parents can relax and enjoy their time at Playshed Cafe, knowing their children are discovering new textures, sensations, movements and abilities – safely.

As well as a fun, safe and child-friendly environment, you'll also enjoy chef-prepared meals. Choose from a selection of freshly made sandwiches, burgers, wraps, toasties, focaccias and salads, as well as in house baked scones, muffins and slices for those after a sweet treat.



TunzaFun and Village Cinemas at Westfield Plenty Valley

For an afternoon of total entertainment, Westfield Plenty Valley has you covered with games, activities and movies on offer!

TunzaFun Xtreme boasts over 1,000 square metres of attractions that every member of the family can enjoy, including arcade games, laser tag, climbing walls and a 9D cinema. Only an escalator ride away, you can catch the latest family flicks at Village Cinemas. For the ultimate child-friendly cinema experience, book a Vjunior viewing, which features dedicated play area in the foyer and cinemas that are exclusively designed for kids. Or to enhance the cinematic experience for bigger kids, Vmax, Vpremium and Gold Class sessions are also available.

Lyndarum North Park

There really is no better way to spend a summer afternoon than heading to the local park for a picnic. Lyndarum North's Park is designed for total fun, featuring slides, swings, climbing nets, basketball half court, picnic tables, open green space and so much more!

We hope your summer holidays are filled with lots of fun and laughter! And don't forget to 'slip, slop, slap' if you're out in the sun!



Salt dough ornaments

Using your child's hand and footprint, you can create these keepsake Santa and Reindeer salt dough ornaments. The lovely thing about this is that when you get out the ornaments every year you can see how much their hand or foot size has grown!

Here's what you'll need for your salt dough ornament recipe:

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups plain flour
- 1/2 cup fine table salt
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup chilled water

Other

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Ribbon

Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 120°C.

Line 2 baking trays with baking paper. Mix flour and salt in a bowl. Make a well in the centre. Pour in oil. Gradually add water, stirring mixture with a wooden spoon until combined. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface. Knead to make a smooth ball.

Step 2

Roll dough out between 2 sheets baking paper until 1 cm thick. Use hand or foot to create an impression in the dough. Use a chopstick or skewer to make a hole at the top of each decoration. Place decorations on trays. Roll remaining dough together and repeat.

Step 3

Bake decorations for 2 1/2 hours or until firm and dry. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Step 4

Paint front and sides. Allow paint to dry. Paint a second coat. While top-coat is wet, sprinkle with glitter. Allow to dry. Paint back of decorations with 2 coats. Thread ribbon through holes. Hang on Christmas tree.

Christmas activity ideas.

It's time to channel your creative vibes with a couple of easy and fun Christmas activity ideas!

No bake reindeer cookies

Ingredients

- 150g cooking chocolate
- 1 packet of plain biscuits (oval shape – Arnott's milk Arrowroot biscuits are good)
- 1 x box of Tiny Teddies
- 1 packet of Strawberry Creams
- White Chocolate Chips
- Black or brown edible icing pen
- Or substitute the chocolate chips and edible pen for candy eyes.



Instructions

1. Melt the chocolate in a pan. 150g of chocolate covers approximately 1 packet of 31 biscuits.
2. Spread the melted chocolate over the biscuits.
3. Add the Strawberry Creams for the reindeer's nose and press gently into the chocolate.
4. Use two tiny teddy biscuits for each Reindeer. Turn them over and use as the antlers, again pressing gently into the chocolate.
5. Add 2 white chocolate chips for the eyes.
6. In the middle of the white chocolate chips, use the icing pen to leave the reindeer's pupil.
7. If you prefer you can use edible candy eyes instead of white chocolate chips for the eyes.



Festive fun in the city of Whittlesea.

Christmas is just around the corner which means it's time to get into the festive spirit! If you're looking for some fun, festive activities to enjoy close to home this year, we've listed some below.

Carols livestream

Carols by Candlelight has marked the start of the festive season for many years in the City of Whittlesea. In recent years, the event has transitioned online and now features a Virtual Community Carols Choir in which everyone is free to participate.

If you love to join in on Christmas jingles, this could be the perfect opportunity to get involved. The program will feature many Christmas classics as well as newer songs drawn from the rich culture of the City of Whittlesea's residents. You'll find Deck the Halls (Whittlesea version), Silent Night, Carol of the Bells, Feliz Navidad and more on the song list!



Whether you'd like to join the virtual choir, or simply just watch and sing along at home, this event is sure to spread Christmas cheer to your home.

The livestream will take place on Friday 10th December at 7:30pm. To learn more about how you can get involved, [click here](#).



Get your photo with Santa

'Tis the season to be jolly! And what better way to create a lasting merry memory than taking a photo with Santa! You can get your Santa snap at Westfield Plenty Valley, just a short 15-minute drive from Lyndarum North.

So that no member of the family misses out, [Westfield Plenty Valley](#) also offer sensory-friendly and pet-friendly photography sessions. The Sensitive Santa experience is tailored to children with sensory challenges. The sessions are run before stores open to create a calm, comfortable, and sensory-friendly environment.

Please note that online bookings are essential for all Santa sessions and walk-ins will not be available.

Enjoy a Christmas lunch, close to home

Now that restrictions continue to ease across Victoria, Christmas will be a highly social time, where Victorian families can celebrate together.

Sit back, relax and leave the cooking to someone else this Christmas, by dining at a local family-friendly hotel or restaurant. Because the best present of all is having all cooking and cleaning done for you!

You can enjoy delicious Christmas lunch at:

- Bridge Inn Hotel (12 minutes away)
- Excelsior Hotel (20 minutes away)
- Commercial Hotel (21 minutes away)
- Bundoora Hotel (25 minutes away)

However you're spending the summer holidays, the team at Lyndarum North wishes you a fun-filled festive season and a Happy New Year! We look forward to growing our thriving community in 2022 and beyond!

Landscaping award winners.

We're excited to announce our next winners of our quarterly Landscaping Awards.

Driving through Lyndarum North you can really see the pride that people are taking in the presentation of their homes and gardens. Keep up the good work!

This quarter, after much deliberation, the team chose:

- **Best maintained landscaping – 13 Jembecca Way, Wollert**
- **Best new landscaping – 31 Skyway Avenue, Wollert**



13 Jembecca Way, Wollert



31 Skyway Avenue, Wollert

Congratulations, you've both won a **\$250 AVJennings eGift card!**
We look forward to rewarding more great gardening efforts next quarter.

Refer a friend.

Turn your friends and family into neighbours and receive a **\$1,000 AVJennings eGift card!**

Having friends and family live close by is a wonderful thing and AVJennings would like to reward Lyndarum North purchasers who successfully refer family or friends to buy a new home or land with a **\$1,000 AVJennings eGift card**. That's a thousand more reasons to love your neighbour! Plus, if you buy another AVJennings property within two years of your original purchase, you will receive a **\$5,000 AVJennings eGift card**.

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