

# Everleigh



## Community Newsletter

Summer 23/24



# Thank you Greenbank

As we fast approach the end of 2023 we reflect on our community's milestone moments, the memories created and look to what's on the horizon in 2024. Let's walk down memory lane together!

During 2023 our community enjoyed over 200 events and activities around Everleigh and Greenbank where thousands and thousands of people have been able to connect, give, keep fit, laugh, learn and get creative together. Our new resident meet and greet moments have seen us welcoming around 150 new families to our neighbourhood, along with so many loved pets and new Everleigh business owners.

We have enjoyed creating a diverse and enriching community program for everyone again this year. Some of our favourite moments have been Summer Splash, Ladies Night, Youth Theatre and Youth Body Pump at Leaf Park, Trivia mornings at Seniors Group, our First Nations Art Showcase Celebration and the annual Everleigh Games amongst others.

Football has also taken centre stage as of late with our AFL Oval Sneak Peek walking tour that took place in September ahead of the Grand Opening event held on Saturday 18 November.

Our community spirit in Greenbank continues to grow year on year with thousands of people embracing all that is great about our special slice of Queensland. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to everyone behind the scenes on the Everleigh Project, local providers that contribute to the program each week and you, our local community members, for joining in on the fun and spirit that is here in Everleigh. Wishing you all a beautiful Christmas and Happy New Year ahead.

*Warmest regards, Suzanne Guastini – Founder Enriching Communities*

## Community News



### Everleigh AFL Oval

Footy fever came to our community when thousands flocked to the brand new Everleigh AFL Oval on Saturday 18 November. The new

oval, part of a \$16 million AFL hub, raises the bar for sporting fields in the region and sets the stage for the wider precinct, which will take shape over the next few years and herald a new era of sport and recreation in Greenbank and Logan. The community celebration was the first part of a long term vision coming to life where we recognised the ongoing collaborative partnerships created between Mirvac, Logan City Council, State Government and AFL stakeholders and acknowledged the hundreds of people behind the scenes who's dedication and passion for creating incredible spaces for our community was celebrated in style.



### Welcome Greenbank Giants!

We are excited to officially welcome the Greenbank Giants (formerly

Park Ridge Pirates) Football Club to our Greenbank community as the home team of our Everleigh AFL Oval. and to our Greenbank community. The players will be using the new facility to train and play home games, right in the heart of our community. We look forward to seeing local families out on the oval next season and the football club continuing to grow from strength to strength in the years to come. Welcome Giants to the Everleigh Family!



### Everleigh Garden Competition

Congratulations to John and Pauline, the current winners of the Everleigh Garden Competition. Their garden has been recognised for it's

beauty and you will notice the well designed garden beds and healthy front lawn helping Everleigh shine. Our winners received a \$200 Bunnings gift voucher provided by Mirvac. This garden is one of many beautiful gardens within Everleigh and the reason our community is so stunning. If you would like more tips head to the Everleigh Garden Care guide where you will gain tips on pruning, mulching and watering. View the guide at [everleigh.mirvac.com/landscaping](https://everleigh.mirvac.com/landscaping)

## Everleigh Hero Winner

Local resident Neil is a regular at our Seniors get-togethers recently showing us the meaning of giving to our community, with his lovely acts of kindness. We know that people's generosity make moments in our community even more meaningful. Thank you Neil for donating chocolate boxes to all the trivia winners at the October trivia morning at Middle Green. In appreciation for his thoughtful act, he has received a \$50 Orion Springfield voucher from Everleigh by Mirvac.

## Everleigh Neighbours Group

Everleigh residents are invited to join the Everleigh Neighbours Facebook group to get to know one another, share ideas, create special interest groups and keep our community feeling and looking great together. You can join the group once your land contract goes unconditional by searching **Facebook/ EverleighNeighbours** and completing the online questions to join the closed Everleigh residents group. We will see you there!

## What's On Community Events

Our community calendar has something for everyone! Meet other locals, make new friends and connect with other like-minded people at one of the many social groups, community events and activations offered for everyone at Everleigh and around Greenbank. To gain quick access to our free event tickets, **scan the QR code.**



### Seniors Trivia & Bingo mornings



Our monthly trivia and bingo mornings are a hoot. Friends new and old join together in trivial pursuits and bingo battles. Held as part

of our fortnightly Seniors Coffee Group at Middle Green Club these catch ups are a great opportunity to meet other locals from the area. Coffee and tea is complimentary thanks to Middle Green, a \$2 donation is required for the morning scone buffet. Bingo will take place in January and March 2024 and the ever popular Trivia mornings take place in February and April 2024.

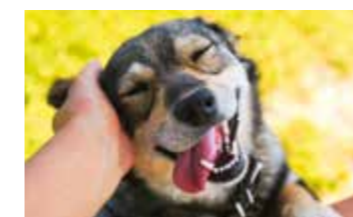
### School Holiday Kite Workshop



A breeze is in the air these January school holidays at the Everleigh Kite Workshop. Come and join in the fun construction of

your very own take home kite at the hands-on workshop being held at 5pm Wednesday 17 January 2024 at the Everleigh AFL Oval. Enjoy the sausage sizzle hosted by Greenbank Giants and relax for golden hour with family and friends. Limited kite construction kits available till allocation exhausted. Event tickets please book at [everleighkiteworkshop.eventbrite.com.au](https://everleighkiteworkshop.eventbrite.com.au)

### Paw-some Party



It's time to paw-ty at the opening of Everleigh's brand new dog park precinct in early 2024. Pooches, put this one in your diary for a paw-some

morning out with a fun agility course, dog health talk, fun giveaways, dog training workshop tips and more. Stay tuned on social media and follow us on Eventbrite to see when tickets go live. Please scan our QR code above to follow Enriching Communities Greenbank.



### Easter Movie Under the Stars

Hip Hop Hooray! We have an egg-citing Easter movie night under the

stars planned this easter for our community. Join every-bunny for a night out with hot popcorn and drinks as we light up the big screen for our very first movie night at the AFL oval with a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny himself. Grab your friends, family and neighbours, pack your picnic rug and pillows and settle in for a wholesome family night out.



### Ladies Night Out

Gather your girlfriends for our next inspiring ladies night to delight in an evening out creating

meaningful connections and lasting memories. If you enjoy fashion, food and love time with friends (and making new ones) - make sure you book in early to secure a limited ticket to this engaging fundraising event. Enjoy the sunset overlooking the grounds of the Brisbane Lions Springfield Brighton Homes Arena at this exclusive evening. With a fashion show, guest speakers, live entertainment and raffle prizes on the night, tickets are only \$20 with the event brought to you by Everleigh by Mirvac.

# Social Get-Togethers



## Youth Positive Pump

Boys and girls we invite you to the popular youth wellbeing sessions to keep fit, burn some energy, make new friends and develop more confidence and resilience while having fun at Leaf Park. Our weekly youth sessions are aimed at children aged 7-13 years and were highly enjoyed in 2023. Come and see what it's all about with the activity led by passionate youth leader Kym. Tickets are free with weekly booking essential. [eventbrite.com.au/e/positive-pump-youth-group-tickets-759400105157](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/positive-pump-youth-group-tickets-759400105157)



## Sunset Yoga

Yoga for the mind, body and soul is at Everleigh during Summer led by local Yoga instructor Larissa from Everyday Inspiration. Bring your yoga mat and curiosity for the rejuvenating, balancing session and walk away ready for a restful evening ahead. Please book for each session you attend, Tickets are free at [sunset\\_yoga\\_at\\_everleigh.eventbrite.com.au](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/sunset-yoga-at-everleigh)



## Everleigh Fitness Classes

Resident personal trainer Jess from Unique Physique is back to get you moving at our weekly fitness classes. Get active at 6pm each Thursday evening at Everleigh Park on Everleigh Drive, Greenbank. Bring your friends and invite the neighbours for these free fun training sessions brought to you by Everleigh by Mirvac. Please book for each session you attend, tickets at [fitness\\_at\\_everleigh\\_park.eventbrite.com.au](https://fitness_at_everleigh_park.eventbrite.com.au)



## Seniors Coffee Group

It takes a friend to make a friend – with lasting connections being made each time we meet. We encourage you to come along to our casual coffee mornings to meet other locals from the Greenbank area. We meet fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am at Middle Green Club. Visit [eventbrite.com.au/e/seniors-coffee-group-2024](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/seniors-coffee-group-2024) for free ticket bookings or scan our QR code to see all the dates.



## Everleigh Little Learners Playgroup

Join our fortnightly playgroup for bubs, toddlers and preschoolers held at Everleigh State School. These groups are a great opportunity to make new friends, enjoy the program activities and familiarise your little one with the lovely educators and outdoor playground. Playgroup is all about friendship and kindness. Visit [everleighlittlelearnersplaygroup2024.eventbrite.com.au](https://everleighlittlelearnersplaygroup2024.eventbrite.com.au) or scan our QR code for dates and bookings.

# Community Events Throwback

## Everleigh Country Christmas Celebration

Well loved each year is our community Christmas celebrations at Everleigh Park with a twist of magic always thrown in. We took to the park for a country hoedown with our local talents up on stage dancing and singing the night away. Greenbank country artist Jarrad Wrigley and his band brought home wholesome country charm straight from the farm to the park. We took square dancing to the stage with PBW Longhorn Line Dancers teaching us all some new dance steps with the classic Nutbush raising people to their feet. Our Everleigh Youth Christmas Singers, Greenbank Dance House and New Beith Baptist Church shared their songs and the gift of giving with their Christmas spirits and country charm too. And local resident singer and recording artist Lucy Korts graced us with her sweet sounds after Santa's arrival and photos with all the boys and girls. Music, dancing, food and fireworks kindly sponsored by Shadforths Civil Construction, Kennards Hire and Pub Lane Tavern made for another memorable night as we started to draw a close to another big and eventful year at Everleigh. We look forward to sharing more community moments with everyone as our community continues to grow in 2024 and wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season ahead.



## AFL Oval Grand Opening Celebration



Footy fever came to our community when we opened the gates to the brand new Everleigh AFL Oval on Saturday 18 November. Record numbers flocked to the field for tasty treats from the food trucks, family activities, footy games and the AFL Queensland activations. With official ceremonies, live music and a stellar fireworks finale show sponsored by Logan City Council the evening will go down in the record books for our neighbourhood. The celebration acknowledged the milestone achievement for the community and another step in the Everleigh Project Teams long term vision coming to fruition for our Greenbank community. We also welcomed our new home team Greenbank Giants (formerly the Park Ridge Pirates) along with the Park Ridge State High School AFL Excellence players and the Everleigh Auskick players out on the oval for the first football games in Greenbank. From the first kicks to our first smoking ceremony and the fireworks finale - the energy of the evening was electric. We extend our thanks to all the people and groups that celebrated this special occasion with us all. We are excited to create more memories at the Everleigh AFL Oval in 2024 with everyone.

## Youth Christmas Singers



Our enthusiastic youth singers gathered each week at the Everleigh Sales Suite ahead of the Country Christmas event, learning fun Aussie Christmas songs to perform for the community during the annual festive gathering. The talented individuals made new friends and enjoyed the drama and fun that came with rehearsing each week. During 2023 we have brought 4 months of performing arts opportunities free of cost to families, to encourage local young talent and their interest in the arts. We are very proud of how far the children have come watching their confidence grow. We hope to see many more young artists getting involved in 2024 with plans already underway. Stay tuned for more info and if you are an artist and would like to be involved in fostering young talent please reach out to Enriching Communities.

## Halloween Exploring

Spooky moments and creative costumes saw hundreds venture out for the night of trick or treating around the Everleigh neighbourhood. Every year there is a great buzz in the air, with Halloween 2023 no exception as we saw people enjoying the occasion together. At Leaf Park we awarded fancy dress winners with fun Halloween packs to continue the family fun at home. Thank you to all the local residents for their enthusiasm and collective spirit out in the community during Halloween.



## October World Cup Cricket Night



We don't like cricket here in the Greenbank community - we love it! The Cricket World Cup saw our community come together for a friendly match at Everleigh Park coordinated by local resident Akshat ahead of a complimentary buffet dinner served up by the great team at Pub Lane Tavern. Everyone settled in to watch Australia v India and enjoyed a Bollywood performance. India took home the win that night and new people connected and enjoyed the neighbours gathering. Thank you to Pub Lane for sponsoring the lucky door prize and Everleigh by Mirvac for connecting our cricket community.

## September AFL Oval Sneak Peek Tour

As the sun set on Everleigh in late September we took a sneak peek tour of the Everleigh AFL oval precinct before it officially opened in November. Led by Mirvac Senior Project Development Manager Jason Augustine, we had an insightful walk through this amazing new community space hearing fun facts about the oval, turf, scoreboard and terrace seating along with the future footpath connectivity to Everleigh State School and the upcoming dog park on schedule to open early next year. It was a great afternoon sharing the space with everyone that joined in on the tour.



## 3rd Everleigh Games

High energy and even higher stakes of the community's sporting competition saw the annual Everleigh Games held at Everleigh Park on Sunday 6 August. Our community loves the annual sports day with many young and young at heart joining in the sports. This event is only possible thanks to the collective efforts of the many local sports clubs and sports and fitness professionals that give back by volunteering. We are so grateful for them. Shout-out to Park Ridge Tennis, AFL Queensland, Jimboomba Little Athletics the Jets, Jimboomba Netball Association, Greenbank Walking Football Players, Dazza Fitness and Unique Physique Southside who make this possible. The event supported Everleigh State School P&C as they cooked up a hot BBQ for everyone.



## First Nations Artefacts and Artists Showcase

In our community we recognise the importance of history and those that came before us. Culture, being able to learn from others and recognition that we are all interconnected to the past and our future unites us. We were honoured to create this event and welcome traditional owners and indigenous leaders to share through story and art during the First Nations Artefacts and Art Showcase. We held the event during NAIDOC week taking place on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at the Everleigh Sales Suite. With our special guests, Traditional Owners representatives from Jagera-Daran James Bonner and Auntie Debbie of the Yeronga Pan Tribal Group, we learnt stories of Country here in Greenbank, traditional land usage, tools and uncovered artefacts from the Everleigh site. Local Indigenous artists the Skeen Family including elder Joseph Skeen and daughter Jessica Skeen, created a beautiful gallery of art works from their collection, along with an original artwork that shares the story of the Mirvac Reconciliation Action Plan's 5 guiding principals and Everleigh's vision of a connected inclusive community. We thank all our special guests for educating, inspiring and sharing what Country and elders mean for us all today. Moments like these are a reminder to us at Enriching Communities of why we

love local people and local communities - and how together in collaboration we can learn, grow and thrive by coming together.





## 2023 Greenbank Community Hero

For the last 7 years our Community Hero Awards have shared the stories of 26 amazing individuals in our local community that give selflessly

through their acts of kindness and generosity. The diverse group of community heroes remind us why helping others is the cornerstone of community spirit and living healthier and happier lives. In 2023 we recognised the leadership, dedication and kind heartedness of our top nominees, highlighting their endeavours during the annual People's choice voting period which took place in November.

Our nominees were Fran Simpson local Greenbank 50s+ President, Brett Peatey Variety Bash Fundraiser and Sherry Austin & Stephen Watson founders of Logan West Community Art Share Alliance. All these

individuals in their own unique ways have put others before themselves, they have given up many hours to lead, give and connect others - we thank them all for their contributions.

The people's choice voting results were announced at the Everleigh Country Christmas event in December. Sherry Austin and Stephen Watson the Logan West Community Art Share Alliance founders were recongised as the 2023 Greenbank Community Hero Award recipients. The duo have touched the lives of tens of thousands of people from diverse backgrounds with countless art classes over the last decade and they continue to expand their offerings at the community service arts hub. In recognition they received a \$500 gift card from Everleigh by Mirvac for all their community hero spirit.

We thank all our nominees for their service in the community and wish them all the best in 2024.

## Welcome the Greenbank Giants Football Club

Communities grow by working and striving together - it's always a team effort to progress and achieve. It reminds of us how sporting groups and their team members rely on one another to aim for their goals and set their eyes on new heights through encouragement and persistence. In recent months we have had the pleasure of working with the leaders of the Greenbank Giants and are excited this club is joining our Everleigh and greater Greenbank community.

We recently caught up with President Chris Luxford to hear what the club is looking forward to in the year ahead. Chris shared that "the whole club is thrilled about moving to Everleigh, and what excites us most is the chance to really embed ourselves in the community. We're looking forward to building stronger ties with residents, helping with events in shared spaces, and becoming an integral part of the vibrant social scene in Everleigh. Our move isn't just about sports; it's about contributing positively to the community dynamics and being a real presence in people's lives". A wonderful beginning for the Club and fostering relationships with our Greenbank community.

We wanted to gain insight from Chris on why football is a great sport for young people to join, he told us that, "football is an awesome sport for young folks to dive into. It's not just about staying fit (though that's a bonus); it's a game that teaches crucial life skills. Playing football hones teamwork, communication, and discipline. It's not just about the match; it's about learning how to navigate life - thinking strategically,



bouncing back from setbacks - all while having a blast on the field". We agree with Chris and the Giants team wholeheartedly these are all skills that children can take into all aspects of their lives and continue to grow positively.

So If you're thinking about getting your kids into a local sport, come and try AFL on January 31st at the Everleigh AFL Oval Precinct. If you'd like to register, head over to [www.playhq.com](http://www.playhq.com) and search Park Ridge J AFC (South East Queensland Juniors). For more information about the 'come and try', or if you can get in touch with the club via scanning the QR code here.

We are excited to watch the club grow into their new clubhouse and the neighbourhood and join them on the journey wishing them all the best for the months and years ahead.



## Auskick Saturdays with AFL Queensland

Footy is fast becoming our favourite sport here with over 100 children embracing the recent special Auskick program that we worked closely with AFL Queensland to bring to Everleigh. We are grateful for the Auskick teams involvement in helping us foster community sport and the wonderful participation by local families each Saturday at Everleigh Park. Seeing the children enjoying the active mornings with their families, giving sport a go and having fun at the same time is what it's all about for us in the community. With the players then taking to the AFL oval for their first games on Saturday 18 November at the grand opening was a real treat for everyone involved each week. Stay tuned with upcoming Auskick dates being announced next year that you can get involved with alongside our new Greenbank Giants Football Club.



## Meet the Pets

### Greenbank Dog Lovers



We've had the pleasure of welcoming two new furry friends this Spring, Xena and Gabi! Xena, the older of the two, is a mellow and gentle Labrador who travelled all the way from New Zealand to join her family in their new Everleigh home. Gabi is sweet (though slightly bossy to her older sister) and curious about the world around her. The two are especially lucky as they get so much love and attention from the kids of the household, who rush home from school to cuddle and play with them. As active dogs, Xena and Gabi love to get out and about and explore Everleigh - they are most definitely looking forward to the new dog park coming soon.

You can share your furry friends pictures and stories with us at Enriching Communities to maybe be featured in an upcoming newsletter edition.

## Meet Everleigh Neighbours

### Locals Gurpreet, Sirat, and Geeta

Geeta, Gurpreet, and Sirat moved into Everleigh recently and are already loving the community. Sirat has transferred to Everleigh State School, and has found herself thriving in this new environment, which her parents are stoked about! Geeta shared that she is delighted to have found a home in Everleigh and that she is grateful for such a friendly community. It is great to get to know your neighbours and look out for one another it's as easy as saying hello next time you're outside or walking around the neighbourhood. Also you can join the residents only 'Everleigh Neighbours' facebook group to keep in touch too.



# Year in Review

It seems to go by in the blink of an eye, when this time of year comes round again. We find ourselves taking time to reminisce, relax and plan for the year ahead. In those moments of reflection and looking ahead we love to remember the times where the community around us created the chapters of our 2023 community story. Here are some moments to take you back...



We also like to take time to extend our thanks to the thousands and thousands of people who have contributed through their passion projects, involvement in get togethers and events, supporting charity and community initiatives and embracing our community programming endeavours - we thank you all and recognise it's through togetherness that we are creating enriched communities every day. Enjoy the photo memories.

# State update from State MP Linus Power Investing in our schools



Everleigh State School's stage 2 has been completed. Students are using the extra learning spaces and the state-of-the-art sports hall, soundproof music room and fantastic play areas. The investment in this school will continue to support families calling Everleigh and Greenbank home.

Park Ridge State High School has had a new two story Design and Technology Hub completed. The new building will provide learning opportunities in robotics and virtual reality as well as allowing students of hospitality and tourism to have up to date learning spaces. They also have relocated and updated the wellness center for the school based GP, guidance officers and school chaplains to continue to support the students.

These two investments will greatly assist the students of the area however there is much more to do. I will continue to fight for investment in education as well as trying to relieve cost of living pressures on families.

To keep in contact with me please either call my office on 3445 2100 or email me on [logan@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:logan@parliament.qld.gov.au)

# Local update from Cr. Natalie Willcocks



It's always a great time at the Everleigh Estate, especially this time of year.

The major highlight and privilege for me as your local Councillor was to attend the sod turning event with the Mayor to celebrate the AFL clubhouse and cafe that will be built on the AFL grounds right here in Everleigh. After several years of hard fought planning, I was ecstatic to see plans coming to fruition with construction due to start in March 2024. This building will be a feature point for the freshly finished AFL grounds itself.

Speaking of the AFL grounds at Everleigh. A night of celebration and fireworks more recently was the official ribbon cutting and opening of the AFL grounds itself. Thousands of locals turned out to music, entertainment, food trucks and to run and kick a footy on the new turf, finishing the night with an outstanding fireworks display. I was so happy to be there and celebrate with you all for such an important sporting and social asset for our City of Logan.

Christmas events at Everleigh are always special. The houses decorated with Christmas lights and themes are truly exciting for the children and uplifting for the community as a whole. There was no better way than to finish the night off with another fireworks display to top the night off. I think someone at Mirvac has a thing for fireworks and it was such an uplifting feeling to be a part of the Everleigh Christmas event with the locals again this year. Merry Christmas to you all and please have a Happy New Year. Thank you to all who attended and made it a memorable night out.

A special thank you to Enriching Communities and Mirvac for making Everleigh a thriving community spirit.

If you would ever like to chat or contact me please phone 0491 743 141 or email [nataliewillcocks@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:nataliewillcocks@logan.qld.gov.au)



The Everleigh team is proud to have delivered over over 850 residential lots and 8.5ha public open space.

## Mirvac Development Update

And just like that, Chapter 2023 comes to a close – and what a chapter it was.

With the Tuscan Release opening in January, Ochre in May, Marigold in July and Evergreen in September, the Everleigh project team has delivered some 230 home sites over the course of the year; and with the finishing touches being applied to the Vista release, we're set to start 2024 on the front foot.

Away from earth-moving and into grass-manicuring, one of our many highlights of the year was the completion of the Everleigh AFL Oval. We are so proud to have brought on the flood-lights, kicked our first goals (from outside-50) and welcomed the Community and the Greenbank Giants (formerly the Park Ridge Pirates) to this state-of-the-art facility. With over 2,500 people attending the Everleigh Football Festival (Grand Opening of the AFL Ovals), we marked the largest event in Mirvac Queensland history. One of many Premierships we could not have achieved without your support.

To begin the end of year festivities, we celebrated with over 2,000 people at the Everleigh Christmas Fireworks at the start of December. We welcome the coming break as a great opportunity to reflect and reset for 2024 – because we have plenty more to come.

We would like to take an opportunity to thank all of our project teams for your unwavering effort this year and every other year, as well as you – our community – for your ongoing support to all things Everleigh.

Enjoy a safe and merry festive season with your families and friends – we'll see you next year.

***If you have any questions about construction on site, or generally about Everleigh, please feel free to contact the Community Hotline on 1300 659 694.***

## Congratulations on your new home!



Since October 2017 we have been working with Mirvac to create a connected Greenbank community, we have seen our neighbourhood grow from strength to strength and wish to welcome you to our community through our welcome program. It is our pleasure at Enriching Communities to personally welcome every new resident to the Everleigh community with a gift and welcome pack full of useful information to help you get settled into your new home and neighbourhood.

**Please contact us via email [greenbank@enrichingcommunities.com.au](mailto:greenbank@enrichingcommunities.com.au) or via facebook messenger search for Enriching Communities Greenbank to arrange a welcome appointment time.**

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