

## Village people

**L**IFESTYLE Communities is developing five villages and plans to have 10 villages in progress by 2012.

Along with Brookfield village there are villages in Warragul, Tarneit, Lynbrook and Shepparton.

When you buy into a Lifestyle Community you buy a new home and take a 90-year-lease over the land on which the house is built.

Under this agreement you pay a weekly site fee.

In many cases people are eligible for government rental assistance to help pay the site fee, which takes care of many time-consuming chores.

The land-lease model means the payment of no stamp duty on purchase, no council rates or taxes, no water rates, and discounted electricity charges.

At the heart of each village is a clubhouse containing the latest entertainment and leisure equipment, a private cinema, computer centre, dance floor and billiards room.

Depending on the village, you can also enjoy an indoor pool, spa, gym, bowling green, tennis court and barbecue area.

# Feel free to splash out



**Pool party:** Peter Kent, Margaret Azzopardi and Georgina and Ken Logan made enjoy the swimming pool at Brookfield Village in Melton.

**W**E ALL love a cool dip in a pool on a hot day, but it's not always that easy to achieve.

You may have to get in the car to drive to the pool, pay an entrance fee and battle the crowds.

But residents of Brookfield Village in Melton now have their own pool and spa and can swim at any time without paying a cent.

The new leisure centre at Brookfield Village also has a gym where residents can work out before finishing with a relaxing spa.

Georgina and Ken Logan have made good use of it already.

"It's fantastic, very well appointed," Georgina says.

When they were younger, Georgina and Ken swam competitively for clubs in Bendigo, where Ken trained alongside Faith Leech, a gold medallist in the 4x100 relay at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

Ken even broke a record for the then 50-yard swim.

"I didn't actually know about it until the paper reported my name when the record was broken 10 years later," he says.

Georgina and Ken gave up competitive swimming because of the demands of a busy family life, but they taught their three children to swim. Ken also took up soccer and for a while played on the same team as his two sons.

Their elder son, Craig, inherited the sporting genes and became the first non-American to win the race to the top of the Empire State building.

These days Georgina and Ken live an active life at Brookfield — and quite a social one too.

"We've met some really nice people here, we're so pleased," Georgina says.

Ken agrees: "It's a very social village. We go for a half-hour evening walk and come home two hours later because of all the chats along the way."

The couple enjoy the regular morning teas, happy hours, barbecues and the various outings on offer.

The new leisure centre includes a family room with play equipment, plasma TV, PlayStation, dance floor and meeting rooms.

The alfresco dining and barbecue area overlooking Arnolds Creek provides yet another place for residents to share a few drinks.

Brookfield has adopted a water-smart approach and installed rainwater tanks for topping up the pool.

The State Member for Melton, Don Nardella, recently opened the leisure centre.

For more information on Brookfield Village or to put your name down for an information session, ph: 1300 505 560 or visit [www.lifestylecommunities.com.au](http://www.lifestylecommunities.com.au)

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