

Mayoral Column



I recently attended the New Hope Foundation-Werribee Refugee Resource Centre where a one hour showcase was presented to all attendees of what the organisation has achieved over the past 18 months. The New Hope Foundation (situated in Station Place, Werribee) is a non-profit public benevolent organisation, which was set up in October 1997. The New Hope Foundation aims to assist newly arrived refugee and humanitarian entrants who are living in poverty across Victoria, through a range of state wide services. The showcase was certainly an eye opener and provided us with the services, stories and the like which have assisted the many thousands of refugees who have made Wyndham their home over recent years.

Councillor Marie Brittan and I had a wonderful morning chat and 'cuppa' with the residents of the Tarneit Skies Retirement Village (Corner of Hogans Road and Thames Blvd, Tarneit). Marie and I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the many and various issues with the folk who live in this beautiful Village. Thank you to Heather Buckley (Village Manager) for organising our visit to Tarneit Skies and the residents for allowing us into their home.

Speaking of Villages, I had the pleasure of officially opening Seasons Lifestyle Village (Sundial Blvd, Tarneit) last Friday week. The Managing Company was formed five years ago by Dael Perlov, Bruce Carter and James Kelly who shared the vision of providing quality accommodation for the over 55's for independent active living. Seasons Lifestyle Village is an affordable resort community combining luxurious resort facilities and quality new homes in a friendly and rewarding community. The purpose built clubhouse includes an indoor pool and spa, gym and cinema. Activities include lawn bowls, tennis, and woodwork projects in the village workshop. This facility is another wonderful example of the diversity of living opportunities in our wonderful City.

Kind regards, Shane Bourke, JP