

PEPPERCORN HILL

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Construction Update

Residents and visitors to Peppercorn Hill will see it's been a busy few months as the estate continues to grow. Here's a wrap up of some exciting new developments and milestones achieved in the past couple of months.

Stage number	Stage progress (%)	Works completed to date	New works to be undertaken	Titled expectation date
25	100%	Works Complete	N/A	Titled
26	100%	Works Complete	N/A	Titled
27	100%	Works Complete	N/A	Titled
28	100%	Works Complete	N/A	Titled
29	100%	Works Complete	N/A	Titled
30	50%	Bulk Earthworks, Drainage, and Sewer, Water and Gas Reticulation, Excavation to Subgrade, & Kerb and Channel Works, Electrical and Telecommunications	Concrete Works, Asphalt, Topsoiling	May/June 2025
301	100%	Works Complete	Titles	May 2025
302	100%	Works Complete	Titles	May/June 2025



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NEW PLAYGROUND



The new Hillview Drive Park features a 30 metre-long playable sculpture set on top of a lush, planted mound.

Director of MDG Landscape Architects Ed Billings said it's for the young and old.

"It's engaging and enticing for adults and kids alike. The structure is covered in an ornate, perforated steel mesh curtain, which allows kids to interact between the inside and outside.

"The internal areas feature three different levels where kids can climb, explore, hang, scramble, and slide in and out of the structure," Ed said.

"Key elements of the structure are also up lit at night. Within the broader park, there are areas for picnicking and passive recreation.

"The park offers an innovative, unique and memorable play experience for the new

residents of Peppercorn Hill to enjoy for many years to come."

Peppercorn Hill Project Manager Russell Chaplin emphasised the structure's facade and its proximity to the thoroughfare of Donnybrook.

"It's a unique sight that draws your attention as you drive along Donnybrook Road," he said.

"The structure doesn't appear to be something you can use at first glance – it's a distinct alternative to a standard playground."

"I'm sure any kid that sees it will be excited to try it out."

Find Hillview Drive Park on the corner of Hillview Drive and Donnybrook Road, Donnybrook.

[View on Google Maps.](#)

Record numbers join the hunt



Peppercorn Hill's annual Easter Egg Hunt just keeps getting bigger and better!

A fun-filled event for the whole family, the Easter Egg Hunt has become one of the most keenly anticipated social highlights within the local community since its introduction in 2022.

This year's event held on Sunday 13th April attracted our highest ever attendance of more than 1,850 people, which was an amazing turnout. Thank you to everyone who made it such a success.

All activity was centred on Peppercorn Park, as 1,250 kids in five different age categories from 3 years old and under up to 18+ pre-registered to line-up for Easter Egg Hunts.

In between events, children were never short of things to keep them entertained, with the Peppercorn Park playground and Peppercino Café's in-ground bouncing trampoline close by and always in constant use. Free facepainting and craft activities which were provided were also very popular, while the sounds and rhythm of DJ Dagogo added to the happy vibe of the event.

Everyone was especially 'eggstatic' to see the Easter Bunny make a special visit and happily pose for photos with attendees.

Adults enjoyed seeing their kids having so much fun, and also appreciated the free hot cross buns and coffees handed out to ticket holders.

Warm but not too hot weather conditions on the day capped off yet another memorable, family-themed event for our growing Peppercorn Hill community.



Community Noticeboard

Whittlesea Council and Dennis Family Corporation run a range of community events throughout the year. Browse our general and youth events calendars to find activities across Peppercorn Hill and the wider Whittlesea community.

G GENERAL EVENTS

Y YOUTH EVENTS

MAY

Friday 2 May

- G** [Know your city bus tour](#)
9:30am to 3pm

Sunday 4 May

- G** [Conservation Walk and Talk: Hiking with Kids](#)
9:30am to 11am

Monday 5 May

- G** [Multicultural Anxiety Support Group](#)
6pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 8 May

- G** [Community Grants Program information session](#)
6pm to 7pm

Saturday 10 May

- G** [Conservation Walk and Talk: Forest Therapy](#)
10am to 12:30pm

Tuesday 13 May

- G** [Community Grants Program grant writing workshop](#)
6pm to 8pm

Tuesday 27 May

- G** [Morning melodies with Burra Square Dance](#)
10am to 12pm
- Y** [Conservation Walk and Talk: Fun with Fungi](#)
10:30am to 2:30pm

JUNE

Sunday 1 June

- Y** [Conservation Walk and Talk: Bridging Now to Next](#)
9:30am to 11:30am

Monday 2 June

- G** [Multicultural Anxiety Support Group](#)
6pm to 7:30pm

Tuesday 3 June

- G** [Whittlesea Early Years Partnership Meetings](#)
12pm to 2pm

Thursday 12 June

- G** [Planning Ahead – Money, Ageing and Family information session](#)
10am to 12pm



Help Us Keep Peppercorn Hill Looking Great!

Have you tried Snap Send Solve?

The **Snap Send Solve** app is an easy way to alert the City of Whittlesea to local maintenance issues.

Danny Gorog created **Snap Send Solve** 10 years ago when the swings at his local playground needed to be fixed.

"I couldn't have imagined the impact the app would have on communities everywhere.

"Every day, thousands of issues like potholes, graffiti, and broken streetlights are reported through **Snap Send Solve**. By connecting people directly with those who can fix the problem, we help improve shared spaces faster and more efficiently.

"Simply snap a photo, select the issue type, and hit send - the report goes straight to the right authority without any hassle."

Snap Send Solve covers a wide range of local issues, including:

- ✓ Overgrown Nature Strips
- ✓ Potholes
- ✓ Abandoned trolleys
- ✓ Damaged playground equipment
- ✓ Rubbish and dumped waste
- ✓ Graffiti
- ✓ Water leaks
- ✓ Overgrown vegetation
- ✓ Streetlight issues
- ✓ Illegally parked cars

...and much more!

Download it from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).





Route 524 bus connecting Peppercorn Hill to Donnybrook train station

Peppercorn Hill and neighbouring communities welcomed the much-anticipated [Route 524 bus service](#).

This new service takes residents in Peppercorn Hill, Donnybrae and surrounding areas to Donnybrook train station, Hume Anglican Grammar and other stops along the way

Route Overview

Route 524 operates in a clockwise loop, providing daily services to and from Donnybrook Station starting in Hillview Drive, Peppercorn Hill.

Operating Hours

- Weekdays: 5:30am to 9:00pm
- Every 30 minutes during peak times (7:00am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 8:00pm)
- Every 40 minutes during off-peak times
- Weekends: 6:30am to 7:00pm, services every 40 minutes

Major Stops

- Donnybrook Station
- Hume Anglican Grammar School
- Donnybrook Primary School
- Hillview Drive, Peppercorn Hill

Connections

At Donnybrook Station, passengers can transfer to the [Route 501 shuttle](#) for direct access to Craigieburn Station or board V/Line services (train and bus) to reach metro or regional areas.

Future Developments

There are plans to extend Route 524 to Kalkallo, increasing the public transport network in the Donnybrook-Kalkallo area.

For more information visit PTV or [download the PTV app](#).



About the PTV app

Plan a faster journey and manage your myki in the PTV app.

- Register your myki on your phone
- Avoid queues and top up instantly
- Set your favourite journey shortcuts
- Find out when the next service is due
- Get disruption alerts

Download the PTV app now and register your myki.

Local Sporting Clubs



Getting involved is at the core of a community and regular activity is one of the best things you can do for your health. Becoming part of a local sports club is a quick and easy way to meet new people, integrate, and strengthen bonds in the local community.

Benefits of organised sport:

- Increases brain and body function
- Reduces heart disease and heart attacks
- Lowers cholesterol
- Improves communication and social skills.

Donnybrook Football Netball Club (Donnybrook Dragons)

Taking expressions of interest.

[Facebook](#)

admin@donnybrookdragons.com.au

0416 454 785

2 Cycad Avenue, Donnybrook

Donnybrook Dragons Junior Basketball Club

[Facebook](#)

0419 876 266

donnybrookdragonsbasketball@gmail.com

11 Ovata Grove, Donnybrook

Bula Golf Club

Bula Golf Club is a community-run sport and social club. It's mission is to encourage players from all backgrounds and skill levels to come together and enjoy the great game of golf.

bulagolf.au@gmail.com

[Peppercorn Hill:](#)

[Connect and tee off with Bula Golf Club](#)

Craigieburn Cricket Club

- Men's sides in the VTCA, NWMCA, MYCA
- Women's side in the WCCC.
- Juniors in the NWMCA, Junior Blasters program on Friday evenings
- Master Blasters program on Wednesday nights.

0425 718 606

craigieburncc@gmail.com

136 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn

Craigieburn Little Athletics Inc

Registrations are now open for 2025!

<https://lavic.com.au/centres/craigieburn/>

0490 152 511

craigieburn@lavic.com.au

Corner Aitken Boulevard and Marathon Boulevard, Craigieburn

LEAP Seniors' Golf Program – Over 50s

03 9716 3477

GFgolf@growlingfroggolf.com.au

Growling Frog Golf Course,
1910 Donnybrook Road, Yan Yean

Refer a friend & share in \$2,000*

If having family and friends close by is important to you, then why not invite them to live at Peppercorn Hill?

All you have to do is refer a family member or friend to purchase land at Peppercorn Hill. If they do, you could be eligible to receive a \$1,000 debit card* each!

It's a win-win for everyone!

How it works:

1. To refer, enter your details on the form on our website:
<https://peppercornhill.com.au/family-and-friends-referral-program>
Then click 'submit' and copy the link provided.
Choose how you'd like to share the link with your family or friend (email, SMS, etc).
2. Your family and/or friend will be invited to enter their details to join our Family and Friends Referral Program.
3. A Peppercorn Hill team member will be in contact with your Family or Friend to keep them updated on the latest news and land releases.
4. Once they purchase a lot at Peppercorn Hill, you could each be eligible to receive a \$1,000 debit card*.

Be quick! The Family and Friends Referral Program finishes on 30 June 2025.

Your family or friend needs to have signed a contract for the purchase of land before the offer ends. **Excludes rebated lots.**

*View the full [Terms and Conditions](#) on our website.

COLOUR, COMFORT & NATURE

INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS FOR THIS
AUTUMN SEASON AND BEYOND

AMY SAWARD



Peppercorn Hill's Interior Design expert Amy Saward shares her advice on the interior design trends making a splash this season.

As we move through 2025, four new interior design trends are making their way into the spotlight. Whether you're drawn to bold and playful aesthetics, immersive colour schemes, earthy warmth, or connecting to nature, there's something here to inspire your next design transformation.

Dopamine Décor: Spark Joy

Dopamine Decor is all about creating interiors that spark joy and reflect individuality through colour, pattern, and personal touches. This trend prioritises what makes you feel good rather than following rigid design rules.

Colour

Find the 'complementary' colour to your favourite hue

– the opposite shade on the colour wheel.

Patterns

Adding floral, geometric, or abstract patterns through artwork, fabrics, and floor rugs creates a sense of whimsy and self-expression.

Texture

Use wallpaper and patterned hardware to express personal touches. Mixing textures like linen, velvet, and leather creates diversity and interest.

Colour Drenching: For Warming Interiors

Colour Drenching creates an immersive atmosphere by applying a single hue across walls, ceilings, and furniture for those who love bold and cohesive interiors. This offers a dramatic and seamless effect

for a sophisticated ambiance.

Colour

Jewel tones like deep blues, emerald greens, and Citrine yellow lead the way in this trend.

Materials

Pairing blonde-toned timber and a warm brown floor rug will help tie the space together, while experimenting with different fabric textures and patterns can add layers of visual interest.

Depth

To prevent overwhelming the space, incorporate subtle variations in saturation.

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Mocha Mousse: Pantone Colour of the Year

With the release of [Pantone's Colour of the Year, Mocha Mousse](#), the warm brown tone is set to be a defining trend for 2025 and beyond. Its neutral base and warmth provide a timeless quality that ensures longevity in interior design.

Base colour

Whether used on walls, cabinetry, furnishings, or statement décor, Mocha Mousse integrates with existing designs and offers a strong foundation for layering.

Neutrals

Pair Mocha Mousse with warm whites, creams, and taupes, as well as tonal timber finishes.

Materials

Brown-toned hardware like bronze and antique brass add a sophisticated touch.

Nod to Nature: Bringing Wellness Inside

As the focus on wellness and sustainability grows, the Nod to Nature trend continues to

gain popularity. This trend transforms spaces into retreats by embracing natural materials and bringing nature indoors.

Materials

Pair natural stones and pebble mosaics with rustic timbers and tonal hardware to create a spa-like sanctuary in the bathroom.

Furniture

Warm wooden vanities, open shelving, and textured timber or stone countertops add character.

Colours

Bring this trend to life with moody charcoals, dark greens, lighter travertine, and taupe. These colours can be introduced through laminates, tiles, stone, towels, and décor.

Visit the Peppercorn Hill Inspirations Centre for more interior design ideas.

Address: 34a Albury Avenue,
Donnybrook VIC 3064

Open 7 Days, 10:00am-
5:00pm



Emergency and Council Services

Emergency - Call 000
(for life-threatening emergencies)

Victoria Police

Non-Emergency Contact: 131 444

[Police.vic.gov.au](https://www.police.vic.gov.au)

Mernda Police Station

542 Bridge Inn Road, Mernda

03 9216 1200

Craigieburn Police Station

155 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn

03 9303 4433

Country Fire Authority (CFA)

[cfa.vic.gov.au](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Kalkallo CFA

651 Donnybrook Road, Kalkallo

03 9216 3602

Ambulance Victoria

[ambulance.vic.gov.au](https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au)

Non-Emergency Patient Transport

(03) 9090 7996

Victoria State Emergency Service (SES):

[ses.vic.gov.au](https://www.ses.vic.gov.au)

Craigieburn Unit

151A Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn

13 25 00

Community Support Services

EDGE Youth Services

03 9404 8800

Westfield Plenty Valley Shopping Centre,
Shop MM9, 415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park

[whittlesea.vic.gov.au](https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

Whittlesea Community Connections

03 9401 6666

Shop 111, Pacific Epping Shopping Centre,
Epping

[whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au](https://www.whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au)

Whittlesea Mental Health

and Wellbeing Local

1800 571 145

7/1 Danaher Drive, South Morang

[neaminational.org.au](https://www.neaminational.org.au)

City of Whittlesea Council

03 9217 2170

25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang VIC 3752

[whittlesea.vic.gov.au](https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch is an independent not-for-profit organisation that has become one of Australia's most effective crime prevention programs. Tens of thousands of volunteers assist around the country, working in partnership with their local police to improve their communities.

[nhw.com.au](https://www.nhw.com.au)

General Enquiries: 03 8335 6002



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