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Newsletter from the Willsmere Owners Corp. 326519P Committee of Management

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Dear residents,

**W**hat a year it's been so far! As communities were starting to gather themselves and recover from the disastrous bushfires of last summer, we were put on alert for a new virus hitting our shores. As we watched this pandemic spread across the planet we went into a lockdown to protect ourselves and our health system - there was panic buying, queues for toilet paper and hand sanitiser, shops closed, face-masks were the new fashion 'must have', working from home and remote schooling were the 'new normal' - and yet here we are, into our third lock-down and arguably more serious.

But through all this, as a community we have pulled together to help each other get through the isolation and ensure that no-one is left out or forgotten. From the offers of help with shopping, the impromptu barista offering a coffee and a chat to Ed's Kitchen and mask makers, you have shown what community means - respect, caring and looking out for one another.

It's these qualities that make a community - otherwise we're just a mob.

In this newsletter, we want to communicate some of the things that have occupied the CoM as well as provide information on things coming up that affect all of us. In doing this we would like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of Diane Leist, Andrew Barrington, Thomas Malone and Tom Dowd, who have left the Committee.

We hope you find this interesting.

## **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

There has been some chatter on the Facebook pages about when the AGM will be held. This has also been high on the list for discussion at CoM meetings.

The CoM considered this carefully and reluctantly made the decision to postpone the AGM until such time that we can meet safely. This decision was made so as not to discriminate against any owners who may not be able to participate.

More information shall be made available when known.

## **ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT?**

If you're a new resident to Willsmere, welcome! Willsmere truly is unique in Melbourne. To help you get familiar with Willsmere you're encouraged to visit our website at [willsmere.net](http://willsmere.net) and register your email for updates and notices of importance to the Community.

While you're on the web you may want to join the Willsmere Facebook page, it's a social connection point and general information source for residents of Willsmere. In Facebook just search for 'Willsmere'.

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### **CONTACTS**

Building Manager, Jay Murray	0466 554 534
MICM AH Help Desk	1300 006 426
Police/Fire Emergency	000
Boroondara Police (non-emerg)	8851 1111

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### **Ambulance**

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- Identify the address as '1 Wiltshire Drive, Kew'
- Then state the apartment number where the ambulance is required.
- AmbVic have Willsmere recorded in their system with instructions for units to go to front of the main building to gain access.

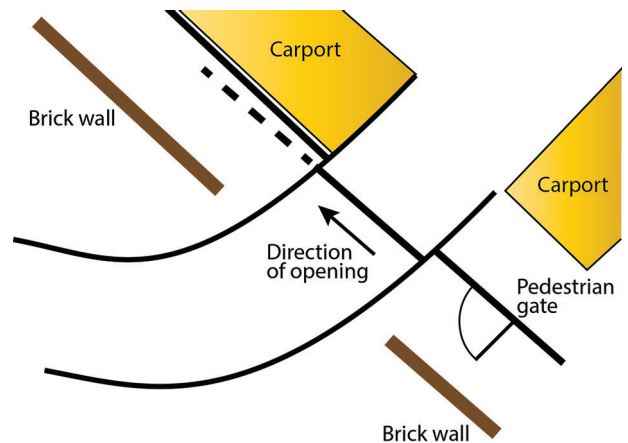


## WORKS TO GATE 4, 9-14.AUG20

Gate 4 is beyond economical repair. It is old and despite the works carried out to keep it going it continues to break down. Between 9 & 14.Aug, works to replace Gate 4 will commence. The works will initially involve removal of the existing gates, digging up the roadway at the gate to pour concrete and other infrastructure works, followed later by the installation of the new gate.

The impact on residents is that during this period Gate 4 cannot be used for vehicle entry/exit to the property. Those residents living on the eastern side of Willsmere will need to enter and exit via Gate 5. The pedestrian gate shall still be open to residents for pedestrian access to Main Drive.

The new gate will be a retractable, roller-style to replace the aged swing-gate. The new gate shall retract behind the fence as shown in the illustration.



The CoM apologises for the inconvenience caused by the gate closure and asks for your patience over these days. We are confident, however, that with these works we'll have a better, more reliable gate which will help restore some security to Willsmere and serve us for many years to come.

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## THE POOL

The CoM has been engaging with consultants to try and get the various issues regarding the pool resolved. While we have had some setbacks we are confident we shall soon be at a point where we can recommence filling. The CoM is committed to getting our pool restored to the condition where we can all enjoy it in the manner we used to, ASAP. However, in trying to get it done ASAP we are not going to cut corners. We have a couple of actions yet to complete that unfortunately must now wait until the latest lockdown is lifted. We do not expect the pool to be open until the end of September at the earliest.

The CoM understands the frustration that has been expressed in various quarters - after all, we are residents ourselves. We are, however, working to ensure that after this outage we are in a better position moving forward so that future CoMs can take appropriate action with all the facts at hand regarding the pool.

### ***Kids Program***

***A program for the kids of Willsmere is being developed to beat the COVID blues!***

***More details shortly on the website!***

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## COVID RESTRICTIONS

- Nightly curfew from 8 pm to 5 am
- You can only shop within 5 km of your address
- No more than 1 hour of exercise done within 5 km of your address
- The only reasons to be out during curfew are to give care, receive care, going to work or being at work.
- Police will be enforcing

Jay will still be on the job together with the cleaner. Other relevant points:

- No gardening or mowing for the next six weeks
- Only essential repairs to be undertaken - both OC and private residents
- No reno work allowed due to Govt restrictions
- As the situation changes, we will keep you informed via the Willsmere website [willsmere.net](http://willsmere.net)