

LOCAL LIVING

Warragul Bedding & Furniture Centre grand opening sale now on



The team of Warragul Bedding & Furniture Centre at 136 Queen Street, Warragul from left: Rachel Wills (seated), Brad Sharlott, Coralie Knight - Gizycki, Brett Wills and Mark Angerame.

Call in and check out Warragul's brand new bedding and furniture superstore now open in Queen Street, Warragul.

The Warragul Bedding & Furniture Centre now not only offers a huge variety of bedding and bedroom furniture but also a huge range of lounge, dining and occasional furniture in a massive 1000 square metre central location.

Call in and see proprietor Brett Wills and his fully trained, friendly team and inspect their extensive range of furniture for all the rooms in your house plus bedding, home decorator items, rugs, lamps, paintings, cushions, alfresco furniture, pavers and coming soon, water features for your alfresco.

The Warragul Bedding & Furniture

Centre's grand opening sale is now on with fantastic deals storewide including 20% off everything in store and 40% off selected grand opening specials for a limited time only.

The same great local service and advice you have received for the past 28 years through the Warragul Bedding Centre is still available but now with a bigger and better range in a new huge location.

Support your local bedding and furniture specialist - keeping the town's money local.

Visit the Warragul Bedding & Furniture Centre today at 136 Queen Street, Warragul (the old Retravision store) 9am - 5.30pm weekdays and 9am - 2pm Saturday. Phone 5623 1940.

Waterford Rise rolls out the red carpet

LOCAL TEEN WINS INAUGURAL \$1000 BAW BAW RAW! FILM PRIZE

In what could be the first step toward a career in Hollywood, 15 year-old Warragul student Lauren Brewer became the first ever winner of the Best Film category at the BAW BAW RAW! Awards Ceremony earlier this month.

Lauren was rewarded for her commitment, creativity and hard work with the \$1000 first-place cash prize after the judging panel deemed her short film *Archer Returns Home* the most entertaining, polished and creative of the four shortlisted finalists.

Chaired by Mr. Wayne Dwyer from the West Gippsland Arts Centre, the BAW BAW RAW! judging panel carefully and individually evaluated each entry and assigned a point score across six key criteria - Story, Editing, Special Effects, Music or Sound, Screenplay and Cinematography.

The remaining shortlisted entrants included Runners Up in the Best Film category Giorgi Boucher and Shae Kahan who shared \$500 in prize money for



The BAW BAW RAW! final four from left: Dana King, Giorgi Boucher, Lauren Brewer, Shae Kahan and Tomi Yusef.

their short film *Home*, as well as Dana King who took home the Best Story and Best Screenplay gongs for her entry *Lost* and 11 year old Tomi Yusef, whose entry *Hitchhiking* was awarded Best Use of Special Effects.

To mark the conclusion of the Inaugural BAW BAW RAW! Film Prize and celebrate the finalists' amazing effort and creativity, the Waterford Rise Display Village threw a Movie Night-themed party following the ceremony

which the entire Shire was invited to!

Hundreds of guests, ranging from family and friends of the finalists to local residents looking to soak up a bit of local culture were treated to free pizza, popcorn and ice creams, fantastic live local music, and plenty of entertainment to keep the kids distracted, including face painting and a giant Mickey Mouse jumping castle.

If you couldn't make it along on the night, never fear! All BAW BAW RAW!

FINAL 4 shortlisted entries have been uploaded to the Waterford Rise Facebook page for public viewing and can be accessed at www.waterfordrise.com.au

For more information visit www.waterfordrise.com.au

Find Waterford Rise Warragul on Facebook, or contact Estate Manager Ann Maree on 1300 737 094.

The Press Cellars running Barefoot campaign

The Press Cellars have combined with Barefoot Wines to run a campaign to raise money for West Gippsland Healthcare Group for their 'Building Better Healthcare Accommodation Project.'

Two dollars from each bottle will be donated to the hospital's fundraising efforts. The range consists of Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, White Zinfandel and a Moscato. They are enjoyable drinks and represent excellent value.

They can't think of more responsible consumption of alcohol than that which benefits



Margo Walker and Stuart Hay from The Press Cellars have combined with Barefoot Wines to raise money for the West Gippsland Healthcare Group for their "Building Better Healthcare Accommodation Project".

a worthy cause.

The Press Cellars believes strongly in the value of having such an excellent hospital available to a country community.

The wines are \$11.99 a bottle and can be purchased by the six pack at \$10.80 a bottle.

If you enjoy a glass of wine, then come in and taste the range with its

brand manager at The Press Cellars on Friday 22 May, between 4 and 7pm.

The Press Cellars are located at 1/80 Smith Street, Warragul.

Telstra visits Drouin



Joan Adams from Drouin (second from right) thanks the Telstra team in Drouin last week for helping her with her account. From left: Lyn Gray, Brendan O'Neil, Joan Adams and Gary Austin.

A nationwide initiative rolled into several Gippsland communities last week to assist customers with their tech issues face-to-face.

A Telstra 'Check-In' bus and store-on-wheels visited a cold and blustery Drouin last Wednesday complete with Telstra technicians and customer service representatives.

Gippsland Telstra Country Wide Area General Manager, Loretta Willaton, said she hoped to make more visits to smaller towns and communities, more often.

"Although we have stores in most major regional centres, we do recognise there are some customers who can't travel, sometimes long distances, to get to their closest Telstra shop," she said.

"We want to get out and visit our customers in Gippsland to help them get the most from their Telstra products and services.

"I hope tours like this will fill the gap for people who can't have their problems and questions solved over the phone and internet."

In addition to offering local tech advice and tackling any issues customers might be experiencing, Telstra will donate \$1 for each customer they spoke with in Drouin to the Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network.

Mick Murphy, CEO of the Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network said all donations are extremely valuable. "This money will support young people in the region through the 'Gippswebs for Business' program.

This program provides opportunities for young people to link with local businesses to develop websites and page designs through their learning and training programs" Mick said.

Rare chance to live the park life at Waterford Rise

Brand new Waterford Rise Stage 16 land release now on sale

Warragul's Waterford Rise residential development has just released its premium Stage 16 'Kestle Park' land release, which offers buyers a rare opportunity to live right beside what is set to be the estate's largest parkland precinct.

In what is a constant theme at Waterford Rise, Stage 16 comprises fantastic value for money, ready to build home sites that will give growing families all the space they need to spread their wings with big blocks up to 895m2 and prices starting from only \$142,000.

Waterford Rise is located just a half hour drive from Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary, but offers buyers a level of 'bang for their buck' unimaginable within metropolitan Melbourne's growth areas.

Once completed, Waterford Rise's flagship Kestle Park precinct will afford Stage 16 purchasers an added element of natural beauty and a laid back regional lifestyle that has made the estate so popular with Melbourne 'treechangers' and locals alike.

Its premium parkside position means residents will enjoy the additional amenity of sheltered picnic and BBQ facilities, a half-court basketball court, extensive walking paths and meticulously landscaped native vegetation just outside their front gate.

Since its release just weeks ago, enquiries at the development have surged from buyers coming from either end of the Princes Highway with two blocks already reserved, so anyone looking to lock in this limited offer should contact Ann Maree at the Waterford Rise sales office immediately.

Waterford Rise General Manager, Mr. Glenn Sanford, said Stage 16 offered some of the best land within the entire development and advised those interested to visit the Waterford Rise website to see the wide range of house and land packages that suit the release.

"Go to waterfordrise.com.au and follow the links to check out our new interactive 'House and Land' comparison tool," he said.

"Many home buyers we have spoken to said it gave them much-needed info right when they were beginning to feel overwhelmed by the often arduous process of choosing a lot, a builder, a house and then deciding on all the options and additions available."

This important online tool allows buyers to browse the wide range of fantastic packages currently offered by the estate's extensive range of display village builders.

"From the comfort of your own home you can explore all your options on a single website," Glenn said. "Try to set your search based on things such as desired lot size and location within the estate, as well as your pre-approved price range and preferred builders - or a combination of these variables. It will help to ensure you have all the information you need to make the right decision."

For more information visit www.waterfordrise.com.au/now-selling/house-and-land-packages/, find Waterford Rise Warragul on facebook, or contact Estate Manager Ann Maree on 1300 737 094.