EVOLVE HOUSING NEWS

SUMMER – DECEMBER 2026

VICTORIA



Concept design for new homes in Bacchus Marsh

Save the date



KidZonia visit to AquaPulse
Wyndham City AquaPulse
12PM - 2PM
Thur 14th Jan 2027



Women's Midweek MeetUP
Ascot Vale Leisure Centre
11AM
Wed 20th Jan 2027



Communal Garden Workshop
Happy Life Garden
1.30PM
Thurs 21st Jan 2027

New homes in Bacchus Marsh

Evolve Housing is set to welcome renters into **40 new social and affordable homes** in Bacchus Marsh.

The development includes **10 social housing single level villas and 30 affordable standalone homes**, offering a mix of one, two and three-bedroom dwellings for eligible renters, including low-income earners, frontline workers, families and households seeking greater housing security.

Located close to everyday amenities, community facilities, education, employment and transport links to Melbourne's CBD, the homes will support renters to establish themselves in a growing community with access to the services and connections they need.

The completion of the development reflects our commitment to increasing the supply of quality social and affordable homes for people and families who need them most.

We look forward to welcoming our renters into their new homes soon.

Acknowledgment of Country:
Evolve Housing acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land where we deliver our housing services. We acknowledge and pay our respects to all Elders past, present and future. We welcome all First Nations Peoples to our services, as we walk together towards reconciliation.

Support services during the holidays

AskIzzy

Ask Izzy provides information about local services, including accommodation, financial assistance, family violence support, counselling, mental health support, food, clothing, legal assistance and local health services.

https://askizzy.org.au/

Safe Steps

Safe Steps is a specialist support services for anyone in Victoria who is experiencing or afraid of family violence.

1800 015 188 (Open 24 hours)
https://safesteps.org.au/

1800RESPECT

1800 RESPECT is the national telephone service for people impacted by sexual assault, abuse and family violence. They provide confidential information, counselling and support services, 24 hours a day.

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

Lifeline

Lifeline provides 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

131 114 | **lifeline.org.au**

Beyond Blue

Beyond Blue offers free phone, online and webchat counselling 24/7 for suicide prevention and mental health.

1300 224 636
https://www.beyondblue.org.au/

13 YARN

13 YARN is a free 24-hour crisis support line for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

13 92 76 | **13yarn.org.au**

RAG Chat

Our Victorian Renter Advisory Group (RAG) has developed a project promoting responsible rubbish disposal and better waste management across Evolve Housing communities.

In response to renter feedback about the cleanliness, safety and presentation of shared spaces, members worked together to create practical resources that encourage positive waste disposal habits.

An **educational video** now offers clear, accessible guidance on using bin chutes correctly, sorting waste and keeping communal areas free from rubbish and dumped items.

Watch the video

The project shows the positive impact renters can have when they help shape solutions for their communities, supporting shared spaces that are cleaner, safer and more welcoming for everyone.

Annual Report

Our Annual Report for **FY 2025 - 26** is available for download from our website.

Impact Report

Our Impact Report showcasing the measurable effect of our **ESG Strategy** is ready to download from our website.



Download the reports

Evolve Housing holiday office closure

As the holiday season is nearing, we wanted to let you know that the Evolve Housing office will be closed from **12pm on Tuesday 22nd December 2026** and will reopen on **Thursday 7th January 2027 from 9am**.

During this time, online forms and emails will not be checked. For emergency maintenance* during this period, please call **1800 693 865**.

**Emergency maintenance may include gas leaks, fire, flooding, electrical faults, and any major plumbing issues.*

Upcoming events

January

All Renters

KidZonia visit to AquaPulse

Thurs 14th Jan | 12PM - 2PM

AquaPulse
80-82 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

All Renters

Women's Midweek MeetUP

Wed 20th Jan | 11.00AM

Ascot Vale Leisure Centre Cafe
Corner Epsom Road & Langs Road, Ascot Vale

To RSVP, please contact **Eliza** on **0421 348 040**

Ascot Vale Renters

Communal garden workshop

Thurs 21st Jan | 1.30PM

Happy Life Garden
Outside up the stairs behind 26 Dunlop Ave, Ascot Vale

To RSVP, please contact **Eliza** on **0421 348 040**

February

All Renters

Women's Midweek MeetUP

Wed 10th Feb | 11.00AM

Ascot Vale Leisure Centre Cafe
Corner Epsom Road & Langs Road, Ascot Vale

To RSVP, please contact **Eliza** on **0421 348 040**

Ascot Vale Renters

Communal garden workshop

Wed 17th Feb | 11AM

Happy Life Garden
Outside up the stairs next to 28 Dunlop Ave, Ascot Vale

To RSVP, please contact **Eliza** on **0421 348 040**

All Renters

Mums and Bubs (Infant – 4 years)

Thurs 25th Feb | 12.00PM

Little Amigos Highpoint
Level 3, 120 – 200 Rosamond Rd, Maribyrnong VIC

To RSVP, please contact **Eliza** on **0421 348 040**

Event highlights

We love bringing our residents and their families together through fun, inclusive community events. From celebrations to workshops, there's always something happening for you to enjoy!

Sunshine North mural



AFL Grand Final BBQ



Kidzonia rollerskating



Competition corner





WIN
a Coles gift card!

As the year comes to a close, we'd love to hear about a moment that made you smile. It could be a community event, a neighbourhood friendship, a family celebration, a personal achievement, or simply a special moment from your year.

THE PRIZE

We have ONE prize to give away. The winner will get **1 x $100 Coles gift card**.

HOW TO ENTER

Submit a photo and a short story (up to 100 words) about a moment this year that made you smile by **SMS** to the Community Engagement team on **0421 348 040**. Start your SMS with the word **"Smile"**. Please include your full name, Evolve Housing address, and phone number.

All complete entries will go into the running to win, then we will draw one winner randomly. Selected entries may be featured in our next newsletter anonymously.

Please note you must be an Evolve Housing renter to enter.

Entries close **8am Monday 14th December 2026**, and we will contact the winner directly.

WHAT MADE YOU SMILE:

Stay safe this summer

As temperatures rise and fire risks increase across Victoria, now is a good time to refresh your household fire safety knowledge. Simple steps such as staying attentive while cooking, checking smoke alarms are working, and preparing for hot and dry conditions can help keep you and your family safe.

Fire Rescue Victoria also provides useful information on fire safety, cooking fire safety and summer fire safety tips.

For the latest advice and resources, visit the Fire Rescue Victoria website.



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Send your compliment or complaint to:

ihear@evolvehousing.com.au

1800 693 865

or scan the QR code for our compliments, complaints and appeals forms

How to lodge an appeal

If you are unhappy about a decision made about your tenancy you can lodge an appeal within three months from the date of the original decision. To lodge an appeal, fill out our Appeals form on our website by scanning the QR code above or contact our office on **1800 693 865.**