

# Our place for community

## Welcoming new residents

A big welcome to Anees & Shazia and their children Zaram Khan and Alisha who are joining the Highlands community!

The Khattak family are very excited to build their future home and move into the area. When asked why the family chose Highlands, Anees said, "Highlands is a well developed and planned community. For us, the convenience of green spaces, walking trails, wider streets and close by amenities are very important. The community is young, vibrant and supportive. We are very happy with our decision to live in the beautiful Highlands."

Congratulations again and welcome to the community!



## Rare birds visit Highlands

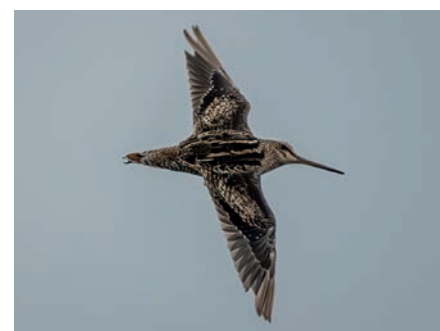
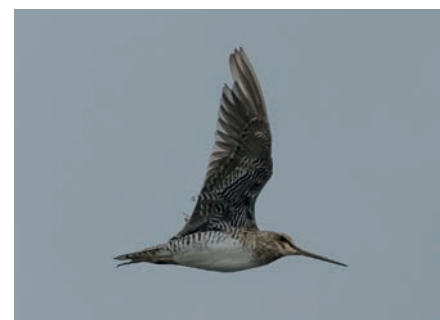
**At Stockland we are committed to protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment.**

That's why we are excited that Latham's Snipe, a very rare and migratory bird species has been identified within Aitken Creek at Highlands.

The species migrates from Japan to feed in a couple of very select freshwater wetlands in and around Melbourne and Geelong over Spring and early Summer.

The Latham's Snipe is usually found in natural, high value conservation area wetlands away from urban areas.

This is testament to our management of the natural environment in and surrounding the community at Highlands.





## Supporting our local community

Stockland Highlands is proud to support local charity, the Craigieburn Corps Salvation Army and help raise awareness for the work they are doing within the community.

The Craigieburn Salvos usually operate through their thrift shop, community hall hire and community lunches, all of which were unable to continue during COVID19 restrictions.

Stockland Highlands donated \$5,000 to help with the charity's new initiatives that could operate during Stage 4 restrictions. This included working with The Doorways Emergency Relief Program, which provides food donations to local families in need.

Craigieburn Salvation Army Captain Peter Brookshaw said: "Supporting people who are doing it tough is even more important this year. We continue to do what we can through our welfare services to help families who are struggling to make ends meet. We are so thankful for the support of Stockland Highlands, together we can make a difference and we can support each other through this pandemic."

To contact The Emergency Doorways team for emergency relief support, call 8339 4987. The service is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays 9.30am-3pm.

## Development update

### Mt Ridley Road

Upgrade works on Mt Ridley Road between Merrica Court and Highlander Drive are currently underway and will be complete mid 2021. When complete, this upgraded section of road will still feature one lane in either direction, as well as a footpath along the southern side of the road and two new road connections to Sustainable Drive and Highlander Drive.

### New Display Home Village

Our next display home village along Craigieburn Road is set to open late 2021, with homes anticipated to commence construction in early 2021.

### New playground coming soon!

Hume City Council are in the midst of constructing a new playground at the Hume Tennis Centre, within Highlands. The playground is currently under construction and it's anticipated that it will be complete early in the new year.



## Proposed Ambulance Branch coming to Sustainable Drive

Ambulance Victoria responds to over 1,300 emergency calls every day across Victoria. The location of each ambulance branch is carefully selected and evaluated against a number of driving factors to ensure the best possible coverage is provided for the community to deliver the best ambulance service.

In order to maintain necessary response times within the community, a new ambulance branch is proposed on the corner of Portobello Drive and Sustainable Drive, within Highlands.

Further information can be found on the Highlands website under News & Events.



\*Any proposed infrastructure referenced in this newsletter is proposed for Stockland Highlands as at November 2020. The delivery and location of proposed infrastructure, facilities, amenities, services and destinations is indicative only and may change due to future circumstances.

### What's Coming Up

Keep a look out for Highlands Light Up Christmas Lights competition. More information coming soon.



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