A message from the Chair

Hello everyone, and welcome to our November newsletter! With summer just around the corner and the Committee now in the second quarter of its term, there's plenty to share about life at Willsmere and what's coming up.

Now in my third year on the Committee and second as Chairperson, I'm delighted to keep contributing to a community I'm proud to call home. A big thank you to everyone who nominated for the Committee this year. Giving your time to support our community means a great deal, and I'm grateful to everyone who put their hand up.

It's lovely to be working alongside returning members Marcus, Carl, Thomas and Jalal again. A warm welcome to Catherine and Tamie for their first term on the Committee! You'll find a little introduction from each of them in this edition.

In this edition, we're sharing updates on our refreshed subcommittees, the new Heritage Works Management Policy, and works completed and planned around the estate. With the festive season approaching, you'll also find Christmas Party details and ways to lend a hand, along with summer safety reminders, useful contacts and tips for staying connected through MYBOS.

I'm looking forward to catching up with many of you at the Christmas Party on 13 December. It's a lovely chance to meet new neighbours, catch up with familiar faces and enjoy an afternoon together. I hope to see you there, or around Willsmere over the coming months!

Thank you for all the ways you contribute to life at Willsmere. Your involvement, neighbourly chats and willingness to help all make our community such a welcoming place to call home.

Bec
Chairperson
Willsmere Owners Corporation

First-time Committee members

Meet Catherine: I have a long association with and affection for Willsmere. I raised my two sons here for more than a decade, then left for two years before returning recently after purchasing several months ago.

I am a passionate cook and food and travel writer, with a background in natural skincare (some of you will remember receiving samples of Aromababy for eczema or sensitive skin). I also take care of marketing and social media for a handful of clients. I look forward to contributing to the community and to meeting more of you over the coming weeks.

Meet Tamie: One of the things I love most about living here is being able to take my dog for a walk, regularly bump into a diverse range of people, enjoy friendly conversations and build meaningful connections with fellow residents.

Having lived at Willsmere for four years, I welcome the opportunity to become more involved in the Owners Corporation and develop a greater understanding of how it supports our community. As someone who genuinely enjoys living here and values the relationships I have built with fellow residents, I am keen to give back and contribute to maintaining and enhancing the community we all enjoy.

Focusing on what matters

At our last AGM, the community voted to reduce the Committee from the previously preferred size of nine members to seven. With a smaller Committee, we've taken the opportunity to refresh how we prioritise our work and simplify our subcommittee structure.

We now have three subcommittees:

- Finance
- Major Projects
- Heritage, our newly established subcommittee

This simpler structure helps us focus our time and energy on Willsmere's biggest priorities while staying connected with owners and residents across our community.

Caring for Willsmere's heritage

Our heritage is an important part of what makes Willsmere such a unique place to live.

To support our new Heritage Subcommittee, we've spent considerable time reviewing our existing heritage processes and practices, including the legislative requirements that apply to heritage works.

After many hours of collaboration and consultation with external experts, the Committee has developed and adopted a formal Heritage Works Management Policy.

The policy brings our existing practices together into one clear framework. It will help provide greater consistency in how heritage works are considered and managed, both now and for future Willsmere committees.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, knowledge and expertise to this work. It has been a genuine collaborative effort.

View the **Heritage Works Management Policy**.

Or visit: https://www.willsmere.net/news/heritage-works-management-policy

Willsmere Christmas Party 🎄

🗓️ 13 December 2026
🕛 12 noon to 4 pm
📍 London Courtyard

We're looking forward to bringing neighbours, families and friends together for our annual Willsmere Christmas Party. We'd love a few volunteers to help on the day. Whether you can spare a short time or a little longer, we'd really appreciate your support. Please contact Jin at MiCM and let her know if you would prefer to help with:

- setting up before the party
- helping during the party
- packing down afterwards

The Christmas Party is made possible through the generous support of our suppliers. Their contributions help us create a fun afternoon for our community to come together and celebrate.

We greatly appreciate their generosity and support of the Willsmere community. A very big **thank you** to:

- Melbourne Building Management, sponsoring face painting
- Bennet's Butchery, sponsoring sausages
- Simon Mills Plumbing, sponsoring party bags
- D's Better Gardening and A-One Gardens, sponsoring the bouncy castle
- MiCM, sponsoring catering

Recent works completed around Willsmere

There's been plenty happening around the estate, with several maintenance and improvement projects now completed.

- 160 metres of heritage guttering and associated downpipes replaced
- Gate 4 rollers replaced
- Estate irrigation repaired, upgraded and prepared for summer
- Tennis courts cleaned and maintained
- Pool toilet window replaced
- Gate 1 pedestrian gate handle repaired
- Underground water leak investigated and works completed
- Scheduled pool and gym servicing completed

Approved works

Several approved works are planned for the near future, subject to contractor availability:

- Pool filter media replacement
- CCTV camera upgrades and expansion of coverage
- Restoration of large heritage doors (approved by Heritage Victoria)
- Heritage fence restoration in the front car park (approved by Heritage Victoria)

Enjoy summer safely at Willsmere

With the warmer weather here, it's lovely to see more residents enjoying Willsmere's pool, gardens, BBQ areas and shared spaces. A few friendly reminders to help everyone enjoy them safely:

- Please keep a close eye on children around the pool.
- Make sure pool gates and shared access gates close behind you.
- Take care when using the BBQ areas and leave them safe and tidy for the next person.
- If you spot damaged equipment, faulty lighting or another safety issue, please report it through MYBOS.

Thank you for helping look after each other and our beautiful Willsmere community.

Stay connected with Willsmere

Keeping your MYBOS details up to date helps make sure you receive important information about Willsmere, including critical notifications by SMS.

- Changed your email address or mobile number? Please take a moment to update your details in MYBOS.
- New to Willsmere? Welcome! Please register your details with MYBOS so you can receive important community updates from the start.

It only takes a few minutes and helps us keep everyone informed and connected. Please update your contact details in MYBOS. If you need to register or need help updating your details, contact Willsmere's Facilities Manager, Robert.

How do I…?

Access official Willsmere information • Emergency and out-of-hours contacts • General information • Maps • Resident information • Rules and regulations	**www.willsmere.net**
Access MYBOS • Report a maintenance issue • Book the function room • Book a tennis court • Receive resident communications and emergency alerts	**MYBOS V4 application** To register, please contact Robert 0466 554 534 facility.manager@Willsmere.net
Contact Jin, Owners Corporation Manager (OCM) at MiCM • Communications to the Committee • Questions about breach notices • Levies • Proxy votes • Owners Portal (Property IQ)	**Jin Xu** 0466 421 366 jxu@micm.com.au
Contact Robert, Facilities Manager • Register for MYBOS • Request a fob and/or gate remote • Register your details for the intercom	**Robert Regan** 0466 554 534 facility.manager@Willsmere.net
Connect to library Wi-Fi	**Network:** Willsmere Guest **Password:** 0466554534