

OLIVINE

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# 1. AMENITIES

## 1.1 CHILDCARE

### Will there be childcare facilities?

Mirvac has partnered with Wallaby Childcare (<http://wallabychildcare.com.au/>), who will be delivering a Private Childcare facility catering for between 100 and 120 children. The Childcare centre is completed and now open and is located on the corner of Olivine Boulevard and Hayes Hill Boulevard.

## 1.2 PLACES OF WORSHIP

### Will there be any churches?

The Masterplan does not set aside places of worship. However, there are places of worship for a variety of faiths and denominations within 20 minutes of Olivine.

## 1.3 LIBRARY

### Will there be a library?

Mini Branch library to be opened as part of the Murnong Community Centre within Olivine. The centre is estimated to open in early 2026. There is currently a pop-up Yarra Plenty Regional Library housed within Shared Cup Café.

## 1.4 LOCAL TOWN CENTRE

### What amenities will be in the Local Town Centre and when does it open?

The Local Town Centre will have two supermarkets, a range of fresh produce and daily essentials, medical facilities, a number of restaurants and cafés as well as leisure facilities such as a swim school and gym. The Town Centre will be a vibrant centre for the Olivine community, where people can meet, shop and eat. It will be located in proximity to two schools and the Council Community Centre and will be serviced by a public bus. We anticipate the Town Centre to be delivered in a number of stages, with the first likely to be delivered within the next 5 years - subject to planning, design and market conditions.

## 1.5 OLIVINE CAFÉ

### Will there be a café?

Shared Cup Café is located at Olivine Place, adjacent to Gumnut Park, and is open 7 days a week. Profits from the café are re-invested back in to the Olivine community through a grant program to support community-based initiatives.

## 1.6 LOCAL CONVENIENCE CENTRE

### **What amenities will be in the Local Convenience Centre?**

The Local Convenience Centre is located adjacent to the future Lockerbie Station and will provide higher density residential living options, specialty retail and commercial spaces.

## 1.7 LOCKERBIE PRINCIPLE TOWN CENTRE (External to the project)

### **What amenities will be in the Principle Town Centre?**

The Lockerbie Principal Town Centre will serve a regional role and function to residents across the north, providing a location for a potential future regional hospital and other higher order health services, education and shopping facilities. It is located in the adjacent Lockerbie Precinct and will be delivered by others.

## 1.8 OLIVINE PLACE & GUMNUT PARK

### **What amenities are in Olivine Place and Gumnut Park?**

Olivine's Gumnut Park and Adventure Playground is inspired by Australian author May Gibbs' Snugglypot & Cuddlepup stories. Set among native river red gums, the playground features whimsical structures, slides and climbing pods to inspire adventure exploration and discovery. Gumnut Park also features picnic shelters and BBQ areas, spacious kick-about areas and a basketball half court. At the heart of Gumnut Park is Olivine Place, a multi-use space including a display suite, dedicated community and a social enterprise café/general store.

## 1.9 COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTRE / KINDERGARTEN

### **What facilities will be delivered by Council?**

Murnong Community Centre will be located to the north of the future Local Town Centre. The facility will deliver essential services to the community, such as maternal healthcare, childcare and sessional kindergarten. The facility will be delivered by Council in the short to medium term.

## 1.10 MEDICAL FACILITIES

### **Will there be medical facilities?**

We anticipate that the Local Town Centre will include medical facilities including a GP and pharmacy.

## 1.11 POLICE STATION / AMBULANCE / FIRE STATION

### **Will there be a police station/ambulance/fire station?**

The Olivine community will be serviced by the local fire station which is located just five minutes away in Donnybrook Rd, Kalkallo. There are currently no plans for a police station. Victoria Police is the authority that will determine if there is a need.

## 1.12 SPORTING GROUPS

### **Will there be organised sporting groups?**

As part of the community development plan, Olivine are building associations with existing sporting/community groups in the area as well as assisting in the creation of new clubs in partnership with Council. Olivine also sponsors local sporting groups including the Donnybrook Dragons Football Netball Club.

## 1.13 SWIMMING POOL

### **Will there be a community swimming pool?**

There is no plan for a swimming pool at this stage. A year-round indoor public aquatic centre is located at Craigieburn. Also within a 20 minute radius of Olivine are high-quality Summer season public pools at Wallan and Whittlesea. There is also a closer swimming pool located in Mickleham at Merrifield City. It is called Paul Sandler Swimland.

## 2. BUILDING

### 2.1 BLOCK

#### **Can I drive and see my block?**

The visiting of blocks is strictly prohibited during construction to preserve safety of the public and any trespassing will be reported to local police. Upon registration of titles for your stage, your Olivine Customer Relations Representative will provide confirmation when you can inspect your lot prior to settlement.

### 2.2 BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL (BAL RATING)

#### **What does the BAL rating mean, will it be removed?**

The Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) indicates the construction requirements for building within a Bushfire Prone Area determined by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

A BAL Report is required to determine the BAL rating for a property located within the Bushfire Prone Area and informs the requirements for construction. These requirements include the upgrading of window frames, openings and sarking to your roof to protect against embers and other fire-related risk.

We are working with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to progressively reduce the BAL rating to BAL-LOW (i.e. no additional construction costs) by excising the stages from the Bushfire Prone Area (BPA). This process usually takes 6-8 months from application. Parts of Stages 1-17, and 22-23 have had excisions gazetted to date.

Some lots will have a higher Bushfire Attack Level which is similar to all new developments. A BAL 12.5 Rating generally equates to about \$5-10k (subject to individual builders costs/charges) of additional cost when compared to the BAL Low Rating.

### 2.3 CORNER LOTS

#### **Are there special treatments for corner lots?**

Homes on corner lots should address the corner by having an articulated facade on the secondary frontage. For more details refer to the Olivine Design Guidelines and the Plan of Subdivision.

## 2.4 IRREGULAR LOTS

### How do I design a house for an irregular lot?

Not all land lots are rectangular. Irregular lots are often larger and provide residents with more space to design their dream home. The additional space can be used for a larger alfresco area, pool, veggie patch or storage, all of which can add value to your home.

An experienced builder will be able to help you position your new home to get the most value out of an irregular lot.

## 2.5 DESIGN APPROVAL PROCESS

### What is the process to getting my house plans approved?

Generally your builder will manage this process on your behalf. They are required to submit conforming plans and associated documentation to the Design Review Panel (DRP). Refer to the Olivine Design Portal on the Olivine website for further information.

### How do I submit my plans?

Plans are to be submitted through the Olivine Design Portal. The Design Portal features the Olivine Design Guidelines and information to ensure a successful and seamless design and build process. The online mapping tool will provide access to all information relating to your lot, including the location of services, the location of your driveway crossover and any specific design covenants that apply.

### Can I submit my house plans prior to settlement and before formally engaging a builder?

Yes, you can submit your plans to the DRP prior to settlement and it is strongly encouraged. Dependent on the current volume of applications being received plans will generally be assessed and responded to within 30 business days from receipt of your application. For any other queries relating to the design guidelines and approvals process please email [viccustomer@mirvac.com](mailto:viccustomer@mirvac.com). Email queries will generally be responded to within 3 business days.

### What happens if my house plans are not approved by Olivine's Design Review Panel?

Your builder will generally manage this process on your behalf. In the event that changes may be required to your plans, your builder will work in conjunction with you and the DRP to achieve a positive outcome for both parties.

### What should be included in my house plans?

Refer to the Olivine Design Portal and Olivine Design Guidelines for what is required to be submitted.



## **What if I wish to change the design after my plans have been approved?**

It is important that plans are resubmitted and approved by the DRP prior to construction commencing. If your completed dwelling differs from your approved plans, the DRP will issue you with a non-compliance notice and you will lose your eligibility for your complimentary front landscaping package. If the non-compliance is not rectified the matter may be subject to further legal action. We strongly encourage you to ensure your building is constructed as per your approved plans as rectification works may be very costly.

## **2.6 DISPLAY VILLAGE**

### **Will there be a display village?**

Olivine's has recently opened its second display village. The new display village features Metricon Homes, Kincaid, Mimosa Homes, Carlisle Homes, Kingsbridge Homes, Eight Homes, Dennis Family Homes and Home Group.

## **2.7 FENCING**

### **What are the fencing requirements?**

You will be required to install boundary fencing at your own cost. The fence type is a minimum 1.8m timber paling and timber post fence that is set back 1m from the front facade. Corner lots require a lapped and capped fence, minimum 1.8m high and set back minimum 4m from the front facade. Details of the fencing requirements are included within the Olivine Design Guidelines. No fencing is permitted past the primary building line of your front yard lot.

Some lots will be nominated to include feature fencing treatments. If a feature fencing treatment has been nominated, Mirvac will make contact with the purchaser to facilitate the installation.

### **Do I need to have temporary fencing before building commences to protect my block of land?**

Yes, this is a mandatory requirement. Prior to building works, your builder will erect temporary fencing to deter unauthorised people entering the site and to prevent litter impacting the community. If you have yet to engage a builder we strongly encourage you to organise temporary fencing for your block. Failure to provide temporary fencing may leave you at risk of having materials illegally dumped onto your site, requiring removal at your own cost.

### **Will my neighbours pay half of the cost of the fencing?**

#### **What about corner blocks - how are the fencing costs divided in this case?**

You and your neighbour share an equal cost responsibility for the dividing fence on your block. If you have purchased a corner block, you are solely responsible for the cost of the fence that faces the road – shared costs with neighbours only applies to common boundary fencing. Alternatively you can find out your neighbour's details to arrange fencing by contacting the City of Whittlesea.

## **How are the fencing costs shared if my fence shares a boundary with land owned by Mirvac?**

Pursuant to your contract of sale, you will have to pay the full cost of any fencing that shares a boundary with land owned by Mirvac and costs will not be recoverable from Mirvac. Once the neighbouring lot has sold and settled, you will be able to claim the fencing costs from your neighbour.

## **2.8 FRONT FENCES**

### **Can I have a front fence?**

Whilst front fencing is not permitted there may be some areas where front fences will be applicable, most likely in areas where townhouses will be constructed, the Olivine Boulevard entrance and Display Village homes.

## **2.9 FRONT LANDSCAPING**

### **What is included in my front landscaping package?**

Purchasers are able to pick from three landscape styles; Classic, Modern or Contemporary. The inclusions are dependent on lot size, lot frontage and configuration of dwelling. Refer to the [Landscape information pack and e-Brochure](#) for inclusions.

### **What is included in 'edible garden' package?**

Olivine is the first masterplanned community in Australia to offer purchasers the opportunity to select a front garden landscape package with a 100% edible plant palette. The package includes a FoodCube wicking garden bed. It is expected that a solid uptake of this package will enable an informal food-share system to evolve at Olivine, assisted by our Social Enterprise café.

### **How do I get my landscaping installed?**

You need to submit your Certificate of Occupancy to our Customer Relationship Team ([viccustomer@mirvac.com](mailto:viccustomer@mirvac.com)) to confirm that construction of your home has been completed. The DRP will inspect your home to confirm it is compliant with the Olivine Design Guidelines and approve your home for landscaping. Once approved by the DRP you will be eligible to request installation of the landscaping. Landscaping will typically be delivered within 12 weeks of approval and will vary depending on the time of year.

## **Can I upgrade or change my landscape package?**

We will only deliver the standard choice of packages as set out in the contract of sale and landscape e-Brochure. There are no variations to the packages. The purchaser can select from three different styles and three different colour palettes. A purchaser may undertake their own modifications such as retaining walls or pavement treatments prior to or post the package installation, as long as they are in line with the guidelines and have been previously approved by the DRP. Any retaining walls that may be required to the front yard are to be in accordance with the Design Guidelines and installed prior to Mirvac's complimentary front landscaping commencing installation. If a batter is to be used, this should not be more than 1:6 gradient. Consult with your builder, engineer, or architect to determine if any retaining is required.

Additionally, a path from your front door to the residential footpath must be level prior to the front garden installation. The path must be level (in a condition where there are no slip or trip hazards) for the team to install the front garden.

## **2.10 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK**

### **Will I have access to the NBN from day one?**

NBN Co have delivered the backhaul infrastructure to provide optic fibre to Olivine, and agreements are in place for supply of all stages sold and currently selling. NBN reticulates fibre on a per stage basis within 17 weeks after completion of civil construction, in readiness for first residents in a stage. Timing of reticulation and availability to connect remains subject to NBN Co control.

### **What do I need to do to connect to the NBN?**

In the design of your home your builder is to ensure Category 6 cabling is installed, your home is fibre ready and space is provided for an internal cabinet. Refer to guidelines available on NBN Co's website. All builders are aware of the requirements to ensure fibre can be provided to your home.

## **2.11 RAINWATER TANKS**

### **Do I need to install a water tank?**

Water tanks are strongly encouraged; however, they are not mandatory. Installing a rainwater tank can help you achieve the minimum regulatory requirements when constructing a new home and reduce your ongoing water bills.

## 2.12 ROADS

### **Will each street be wide or just some?**

Street widths have been pre-planned to have a hierarchy of roads based on traffic volumes and connectivity within the estate. There are no cul-de-sacs planned and all streets are in accordance with Council requirements.

## 2.13 ROCK

### **Will my builder hit rock?**

An experienced and reputable builder should be well aware of the geological conditions on the site and should plan accordingly to ensure minimisation of delays, if any, to the construction of your home.

## 2.14 SITE COSTS

### **How much will the site costs be?**

Site costs will vary from builder to builder however we anticipate site costs will generally be between \$15K to \$30K. House and land pricing advertised by builders typically account for a suitable level of site costs for this location and Olivine's display builders have delivered many homes in the area. The Builders structural engineer will generally require their own independent soil test in order to design the slab.

## 2.15 SLAB HEAVE

### **Will my home be subject to slab heave?**

The homeowner is to discuss appropriate slab design and warranties with their builder. The builders provide long term structural guarantees for the homes built. Any concerns should be discussed directly with your builder and with respect to future front and rear landscaping to your home.

## 2.16 SOIL TESTING

### **When can my builder do a soil test?**

Your block can be accessed for soil testing once settlement of your lot has been completed.

## 2.17 SUBDIVISION

### **Can I subdivide my lot?**

The plan of subdivision will restrict the number of dwellings on a lot. Some corner lots will allow a maximum of two dwellings per lot and all other lots will only allow one dwelling per lot. Future subdivision will be subject to permit approval from Council and must comply with Olivine's Design Guidelines. Please note; there is a minimum size requirement for any corner subdivision. We recommend you seek expert planning advice prior to purchasing.

## 2.18 TIMEFRAMES

### **What is the timeframe to build?**

Construction must commence within 12 months of the settlement date. Once construction has commenced, the dwelling must be completed within 12 months.

### **Will you keep me informed of progress on my block?**

Purchasers will receive regular construction updates via email communication, website updates and calls from Mirvac's Customer Relationship Team. Updates will be provided at each major milestone and will include information on title timeframes.

### **When can I start building on my block?**

Building can commence after settlement as soon as your house plans have been approved by Olivine's DRP and you have the relevant building permit from the City of Whittlesea or a private licensed building surveyor (both of which will be organised by your builder on your behalf).

### **How long will it take for my builder to commence building?**

We recommend that purchasers engage with their builders well in advance of settlement as it is typically a 4 - 6 month process for the builders to commence on site from the point a building contract is signed.

## 2.19 YOUR BLOCK

### **Who is responsible for any rubbish that may be dumped on my block after I settle? Can Mirvac remove it?**

Prior to settlement Mirvac will remove any rubbish located on your block. Once you have settled, the block belongs to you and any rubbish removal is your responsibility at your cost.

**What happens if the pegs are missing from my block before settlement?**

Prior to settlement if you discover that pegs are missing, please contact the Customer Relationship Team to arrange for re-pegging. After settlement, the block belongs to you and re-pegging will be at your cost.

**Where have the pegs been placed on the block and how do we know they are in the right position and to the right block measurements?**

We engage a licensed surveyor from design through to construction to mark out the boundaries of each individual lot and a Peg plan will be provided at settlement. If there aren't any pegs missing but you still wish to confirm the size of your lot, we suggest you engage the services of your own surveyor. This service will come at your own cost; however, your builder can also assist with this process.

**Why do site costs differ depending on the block? How is this calculated?**

Site costs can vary depending on the type and size of your proposed home, type of soil, extent of engineered fill and slope on your block. The type of soil and slope determines how your house must be built. Your builder will organise for their own engineer to conduct a soil and contour test to establish the best type of foundation for your new home to suit the ground conditions.

**What type of fill is used to fill the blocks? How do I get a report on what this is for my block?**

Olivine uses clean fill that has been tested by a geotechnical and environmental consultant and has been classified as suitable material to achieve Level 1 compaction to Australian Standards.

**When will I be notified of my street number, if I haven't been at time of settlement?**

Street numbering is allocated by the City of Whittlesea. Mirvac can assist to provide you with your allocated street number prior to Settlement. For any queries, please contact the City of Whittlesea. You will be required to provide your lot number and street name.

## 2.20 RETAINING WALLS

**Who is responsible for construction of retaining walls on my block?**

Unless earthworks and engineering plans contained in your Contract of Sale indicate inclusion of structural retaining walls on your block as part of Mirvac's civil construction works, purchasers are wholly responsible for construction of retaining walls to the standards specified in the Olivine Design Guidelines. Mirvac recommends that you work with your Builder to identify retaining walls upfront on your dwelling design plans to be approved by the DRP. Plans for any retaining walls must be submitted to the DRP for approval prior to installation and installed prior to Mirvac's complimentary front landscaping package being delivered.

## 3. COMMUNITY

### 3.1 RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

#### **Will there be a residents association?**

An Olivine community group has been established with a cohort of Olivine residents that meet with Olivine's development and community team on a regular basis. Our plan is that resident representatives will be formally involved in dialogue that will determine the future shape of the Olivine community, including transport, education, recreation, culture and health services. Furthermore, it is anticipated that a Residents' Association, lead by the Shared Cup social enterprise Café operators and will work closely with the developer, local government and service providers to promote long-term positive community outcomes. This will be a best practice demonstration of the Growth Areas Social Planning Tool (GASPT) partnership between Council and Mirvac.

### 3.2 SAFETY

#### **What are you doing to protect residents from crime?**

The urban design incorporates passive surveillance and crime prevention principles. As a part of our community development plan we will work with the community and local police to deter any crime and implement a development wide strategy. Residents will also be requested to help actively work to make our community safer through the implementation of home alarm systems. There are security cameras around the high traffic areas of Shared Cup Café and the Olivine estate entries.

### 3.3 SECURITY

#### **Is there security on site?**

Mirvac has installed license plate recognition cameras at key entries of the estate, along with areas that interface with future land to be developed.

## 4. DEVELOPERS AND VENDORS

### 4.1 MIRVAC

#### **Who are Mirvac and what credentials do they have?**

Mirvac is a leading integrated property group, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") with activities across the investment and development spectrum. Established in 1972, Mirvac has more than 50 years of experience in the property industry and has an unmatched reputation for delivering quality products across all of its businesses.

Within the Australian residential market, Mirvac has a proven track record of delivering innovative and quality products that exceed customers' expectations. Mirvac's Development Division in Victoria is responsible for some of Australia's leading residential projects including the Yarra's Edge precinct at Docklands, The Melburnian and Tullamore in Doncaster.

### 4.2 BORAL

#### **Why is Boral specified as the Vendor for my block?**

For land lots within Stages 22 and beyond at Olivine, Mirvac has entered into a Development Management Agreement to develop the land on Boral's behalf whilst Boral remain the landowner. As Mirvac will remain as the site developer, they will continue to handle all of the developer responsibilities and remain your primary point of contact.



## 5. EDUCATION

### 5.1 HUME ANGLICAN GRAMMAR

#### **When did Hume Anglican Grammar open and what type of school is it?**

Hume Anglican Grammar (HAG) opened in Term 1 2019 with enrolments from Prep to Grade 3. HAG will ultimately provide for 1,200 students from Prep to Year 12 through adding a grade stream per year on the expansive eight-hectare site.

#### **Will Olivine residents be guaranteed a placement at Hume Anglican Grammar?**

Hume Anglican Grammar is an integral part of the Olivine Community. In order to build and support a strong local community HAG believes it is favourable to enrol children of local residents who choose to apply for enrolment. Final placement however, is at the school's discretion and will be dependent on individual circumstances and enrolment capacity at the time of application. Mirvac is unable to directly or actively guarantee enrolment success. Further information is available at [www.humegrammar.vic.edu.au](http://www.humegrammar.vic.edu.au).

#### **Will Hume Anglican Grammar have a childcare?**

Hume Anglican Grammar plan to open an early learning/childcare centre. The proposed childcare will open once there is sufficient demand and at Hume's discretion.

### 5.2 GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

#### **Will there be a government primary school?**

Yes, Donnybrook Primary School opened in 2023, helping the growing local population get great education close to home. The school is open for enrolments from prep to grade 6.

#### **Will there be a government secondary school?**

No Government Secondary School is planned for Olivine. Hume Anglican Grammar provides an affordable secondary school option. The Department of Education can be contacted if you wish to identify where future State secondary schools will be located nearby to Olivine. School zone catchments for existing government secondary schools can be found at [www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au).

## 6. ENVIRONMENT

### 6.1 CONTAMINATION

#### **Is there any contamination on site?**

No known contamination is present at Olivine and the site is suitable for sensitive residential and community uses.

### 6.2 RECYCLED WATER

#### **Will Olivine have recycled water?**

Yarra Valley Water is the responsible authority for delivering recycled water supply. While recycled water infrastructure is being installed throughout the Olivine development, the supply of recycled water to the site is not yet available. Until this occurs, Olivine residents will receive drinking water through their recycled water system until the recycled water supply is available and the cost of the water will then revert to recycled water rates.

#### **When will we get recycled water?**

Yarra Valley Water is responsible for providing recycled water infrastructure to Olivine. Residents will be contacted well in advance and Yarra Valley Water can be contacted for further information.

#### **Is my builder required to provide a recycled water connection?**

As required by the Olivine Design Guidelines builders must incorporate a recycled water connection into house designs in order to achieve developer approval.

#### **Why do I have two meters?**

One meter tracks your drinking water usage and the other purple meter will track your recycled water usage. The recycled water will be connected to homes for toilet flushing and for outdoor uses like watering gardens and washing cars. Until recycled water supply is available drinking water will be supplied through both pipes.

#### **What service charges will I receive?**

Residents in Olivine will not be charged a service availability charge for recycled water, until the recycled water supply is switched on. Only one set of drinking water availability charges will apply until recycled water is available.

### 6.3 MERRI CREEK

#### **What are you doing to enhance Merri Creek?**

The Merri Creek is an important conservation asset and will be beautified over the long term and perform its primary role as a hub for biodiversity and conservation of important flora and fauna species.

Mirvac will work with the responsible authority to hopefully incorporate walking and cycling connections.

## 7. INFRASTRUCTURE

### 7.1 WETLANDS

#### **What is a wetland?**

Wetlands are used to store and treat the storm water run off from roads and houses before the water enters surrounding waterways. They are designed to remove pollutants such as rubbish, sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus.

## 8. LEGAL

### 8.1 RE-SALE

#### **Can I sell my block before I build?**

No. Sales boards are strictly prohibited. Resale of a lot prior to constructing a dwelling is prohibited by Olivine unless specifically allowed under the contract of sale. All purchasers are aware of this restriction at the time of purchase and this restriction is intended to prevent investors speculating on the land and on-selling without making a contribution towards the growth of the Olivine community.

### 8.2 SETTLEMENT

#### **What is my responsibility once I have settled my block?**

To ensure it is regularly maintained, free of rubbish, debris and overgrown vegetation and secured to ensure others do not dump material. The developer will regulate presentation of vacant lots and completed lots to ensure regular maintenance of gardens/nature strips is undertaken by residents.

#### **How will I find out when my block is titled and ready to settle?**

Your legal representative will inform you of the proposed settlement date when they are notified by Mirvac's legal representative, Maddocks Lawyers. The Olivine Settlement Team will provide construction updates and will notify you directly once titles have registered.

#### **Do I need to have legal representation to settle on my block?**

It is strongly recommended that you engage the services of a conveyancer or lawyer who specialises in the legal requirements carried out during the settlement process.

#### **Why does the timeframe for settlement sometimes get extended?**

There are many parties involved in the process for getting all the approvals required. There are relevant authorities such as water/sewer, power and NBN Co, the Council's team and Olivine's own consultants. Olivine's development team works diligently to ensure the forecast timeframes are achieved but sometimes things occur that are out of our control. Purchasers will be communicated with regularly regarding the progress of construction and forecast title registration.

#### **Can I delay settlement?**

No. A delay in settlement will incur a \$550 fee plus a daily penalty interest, which will be calculated at the time (10% at time of publication). This means that for every day that you cannot settle, it will cost you more.

**Do I have to attend settlement in person?**

No, you do not have to attend settlement. Your legal representative will undertake all tasks needed to ensure the settlement process is carried out successfully with typical settlements now completed digitally through PEXA.

**What are my responsibilities during the settlement process?**

It is your responsibility to make sure you are in a position to settle on time. This entails organising finance approval at least 3 months prior to settlement and contacting your bank or mortgage broker to ensure that the funds will be available at least 24 hours prior to the advised settlement timeframe. In addition, it is recommended to conduct a site inspection of your block to ensure any rubbish has been removed and that survey pegs, which define the boundaries of your block, are all in place.

**Can I conduct an inspection of my block before settlement?**

Yes, we encourage you to do a site inspection. The Olivine Settlements team will let you know when you can inspect your block, typically once titles are registered. Valuers for finance can typically access the site 4 weeks prior to title release.

## 9. MASTERPLAN

### 9.1 DENSITY

#### **Will smaller blocks, townhomes or apartments be available?**

Medium density townhomes are being planned around the future Local Town Centre. Townhome precincts are carefully master planned and involve expert architects and builders.

The first precincts of Mirvac built Parkscape Townhomes have sold out. The townhomes were 3 and 4 bedroom townhomes and fronted onto parks and green spaces. The Evergreen Release of Mirvac Townhomes are currently available to purchase. Please contact our friendly sales consultants for more information.

The delivery of apartments will be subject to economic feasibility and is envisaged to occur once the Local Town Centre is established. Some corner lots will allow two lot subdivisions and will be nominated in plans of subdivision.

#### **Will the blocks get smaller?**

Land sizes will progressively get smaller in order to achieve planning regulated density targets. Densities will logically increase adjacent to key amenity such as the Local Town Centre and around parks.

### 9.2 ESTATE ENTRANCES

#### **Where will the entrances to the estates be located?**

The main entrance into Olivine is the intersection at Donnybrook Road and Patterson Drive. Residents also have access from Olivine Boulevard and Pollen Place (Left in/Left out roads only).

### 9.3 SIZE

#### **How many lots are there?**

The Olivine development proposes over 4,300 homes of varied housing types to suit a broad range of resident preferences.

### 9.4 TIMEFRAMES

#### **How long will it take to complete Olivine?**

Approximately 15 years subject to future sales rates, economic conditions and delivery of major infrastructure.

## 10. OPEN SPACES

### 10.1 CYCLING PATHS

#### **Are there cycling paths?**

Shared cycling and walking paths will be located throughout the estate and provide convenient connections to schools, the town centre and active/passive open space. On-road cycling lanes will be located on arterial and higher order collector roads.

### 10.2 PARKS

#### **Will there be a dog park?**

A dog park is featured within the Olivine Active Open Space facility and opened to public in 2023.

#### **What facilities will be in each neighbourhood park?**

Neighbourhood parks will be designed to cater for a range of age groups and include distinctive and high-quality play equipment, barbecues, shelters, passive kick-about space and seating.

#### **When will the parks be delivered in each neighbourhood?**

Depending on the planting seasons, parks will typically be completed one year after the title release. This is to ensure parks are open at a time when a majority of the residents are moving in and also prevent damage during construction of houses by residents.

### 10.3 PARK FACILITIES

#### **Do I need to book to use the park facilities?**

Olivine's parks include shelters and BBQ's and are open for public use, bookings are not required.

### 10.4 NATURE STRIPS

#### **When will nature strips be installed and who maintains them?**

Nature strips and trees will be completed when the bulk of houses are completed within your stage to avoid damage during the building construction phase. Once completed, residents are responsible for maintaining nature strips including regular mowing and removal of weeds.



**Who is responsible for maintaining my nature strip prior to house occupancy?**

While it is the owners responsibility, Mirvac understands that this is a difficult time to be mowing and weeding grass so we will maintain the naturestrips to Councils standard until the planting works have been completed.

**Why do I have to maintain my nature strip?**

It is a requirement of the City of Whittlesea for all residents to maintain the nature strips adjacent to the lot.

**What areas are my nature strip?**

Your nature strip is the land adjacent to your land. This includes the land in front of the lot and in the instances of corner lots, the land down the side.

**What happens if I don't maintain my nature strip?**

Maintaining your nature strip is a requirement of the local council and it is a Local Laws offence not to keep your nature strip within the required guidelines. We encourage all residents to maintain their nature strip to prevent fines being issued from Council but also take pride in presentation of the streets.

**Do I have to maintain the tree?**

The tree is maintained by Arborists and does not need to be maintained by the resident. If you would like, you are encouraged to water the tree 2-3 times a week.

## 10.5 RECREATION FACILITIES

**What sporting facilities will be available?**

The Olivine Recreation Reserve is complete and open to the public. It is a 9 hectare active open space precinct which includes 2 x AFL/cricket ovals, 2 netball/futsal courts, cricket nets, workout stations, playground, off-lead dog park and pavillion. The Olivine Recreation Reserve will also include a skate park which is anticipated to commence construction in 2025.

## 10.6 WALKING TRAILS

**Will there be a fitness trail?**

A shared path network encouraging jogging/cycling and walking will be constructed along key routes linking all neighbourhood parks, the active open space and town centre. The network will ultimately connect up to Merri Creek and the Conservation Area.

## 11. ROADS

### 11.1 DONNYBROOK ROAD

#### **What's happening to Donnybrook Road?**

Donnybrook Road will be duplicated to a 4-6 lane carriageway by Vic Roads, depending on traffic volumes and available funding.

A major intersection has been built at Donnybrook Road and Patterson Drive (at the southwest corner of Olivine) which is the main permanent entry to Olivine. Residents also have access from Olivine Boulevard and Pollen Place (However these are Left in/Left out roads only).

### 11.2 OUTER METROPOLITAN RING ROAD (OMR)

#### **When will the OMR be built?**

The OMR does not run through Olivine and the future road reservation is located further north. The OMR is designated as a strategic major arterial road in Plan Melbourne and will be subject to VicRoads policy and decision making. Plan Melbourne and current VicRoads advice envisages the OMR being delivered in stages between 2030 - 2050.

### 11.3 TRAFFIC LIGHTS

#### **Will there be traffic lights within Olivine?**

There will be signalised intersections along Hayes Hill Boulevard, Cameron Street and Gunns Gully Road at key entry points when traffic volumes and safety necessitate an intersection.

## 12. TRANSPORT

### 12.1 BUS

#### **Will Olivine have a public bus service that connects to surrounding suburbs?**

Public Transport Victoria has extended the Route 511 bus service that runs from Beveridge to Donnybrook Station with a connection to Olivine. The bus stop is located on Olivine Boulevard (adjacent to the Sales Office and Experience Centre). The extension of bus routes will be at Transport Victoria's discretion and will align with the growth of the Olivine community.

### 12.2 DONNYBROOK TRAIN STATION

#### **Will the Donnybrook Station be upgraded?**

Yes. Extra car parking and extension of the city bound platform was delivered in 2020 by Rail Projects Victoria to improve amenities and access. More information can be viewed at [regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/shepparton](https://regionalrailrevival.vic.gov.au/shepparton).

#### **When will the V-line service be electrified?**

There are no current or proposed State Government commitments in Plan Melbourne to electrify the current diesel track to Donnybrook Train Station.

#### **Will there be a walking/cycling path to the train station?**

Mirvac is lobbying VicRoads to duplicate Donnybrook Road to provide safe walking and cycling paths to the Donnybrook Train Station. Mirvac will deliver shared paths on it's Donnybrook Road interface for future connection.

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