

VILLAGES OF Rothwell

COMMUNITY GUIDE



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Welcome to your new community at Rothwell. The team at Dacland have compiled some handy references to help you settle in and contribute to creating a proud and vibrant place to call home.

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Living in an EnviroDevelopment certified community.

Did you know that the Villages of Rothwell have been reviewed and accredited as an Envirodevelopment certified community by the Urban Development Institute of Australia?

This is a title to be proud of, not just for Dacland, but for the whole community.

The accreditation is an independent measure of best practice and sustainability of the community across a number of measures represented by leaves, including:



Waste – Implementation of waste management procedures and practices to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and recycling efforts.



Materials – Utilisation of environmentally responsible materials and construction methods to lower environmental impacts of material usage.



Ecosystems – Protection and enhancement of Rothwell's native ecosystems and ecological function, and rehabilitation of degraded sites.



Energy – Implementation of measures to optimise energy reduction across the community beyond current regulatory requirements.



Water – Implementation of measures which reduce the use of potable drinking water across the community beyond current regulatory measures.



Community – Encouragement of healthy and active lifestyles, community spirit, local facilities and alternative transport modes. Rothwell's community design welcomes a diversity of people and adapts to their changing needs.

The community is recertified each year against set criteria. Dacland has produced this community guide to help you understand what part you can play in continuing to evolve the Villages of Rothwell as a class leading community.

Living green at Rothwell.

Your community has been designed by a team who truly value the ongoing liveability and sustainability of the places that we create. Here is a snapshot of the considered design process that has gone into the Villages of Rothwell, and how it will create a community that you will love to call home.

WE THINK HOLISTICALLY ABOUT HOW TO BEST USE THE LANDSCAPE AND THE RESOURCES WHICH SUPPORT IT.

We have designed Rothwell around the existing waterway corridor (Dry Creek & Skeleton Creek), that flow through the site and around the site to celebrate and regenerate the established riparian environment. The urban design and landscape concept for the community connects the natural and urban environment through logical green street links and connections from the waterways to central 'urban' passive open space.

Our designs are water sensitive - we not only provide natural drainage, but create attractive and usable water-based assets, ensuring pedestrian accessibility and connectivity to experience the natural waterways that flow through the site.

At Rothwell, a series of major raingardens (totalling approximately 2ha in land area) will benefit the broader community and drainage catchment area, reducing the flow of storm water and acting as a filter so that water quality is improved beyond the garden itself.

Open space network are designed to be easily accessible for all residents within each village, whether it's to the creek, wetlands or local parks, all residents are 5 mins away to a green space.

WE DESIGN ROADS THAT ENCOURAGE THE BEST POSSIBLE FLOW OF PEDESTRIAN, BIKE AND CAR TRAFFIC.

At Rothwell, the streets are designed to provide a pleasant and safe walking or cycling journey to local amenities. Our design ensures that open space or a community amenity is within one minute of every resident's front door. This promotes healthy and active lifestyles within our communities and promote less car use.

WE USE INTELLIGENT DESIGN TO REDUCE ENERGY USE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

Brown coal produces around 80 per cent of Victoria's power, making it a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. At Dacland we implement measures to reduce energy consumption and have a positive effect on the environment.

We use intelligent design to maximise north-south lot orientation and minimise east-west orientated lots. A north-south orientation reduces the amount of energy needed for cooling, because the western sun significantly increases the air conditioning required during hot weather. North-south orientated homes also enjoy north-facing yards and maximise natural light in living areas.

Dacland also uses design guidelines at Rothwell to reduce energy consumption in the community. Our design guidelines stipulate eaves that are angled to reduce the impact of summer sun and maximise winter sun. They also discourage dark coloured roofs which capture heat, reducing energy consumption in all seasons.

Our design guidelines also discourage dark coloured roofs which capture heat, again reducing energy required for cooling.

At Dacland we encourage solar power installations in our guidelines by advocating pitched or gable roofs. We also orientate lots to maximise solar array efficiency so they face the right way to get the most from the sun.

WE ESTABLISH ATTRACTIVE TREE CANOPIES TO REDUCE HEAT GENERATED IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND PROVIDE A COMFORTABLE, SHADY ENVIRONMENT.

All of Rothwell's main boulevards and paths feature canopy trees. We create a shady environment to reduce cooling costs and plant trees, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This is a huge benefit in Melbourne's west corridor which is particularly hot and dry during summer.

OUR DESIGN GUIDELINES ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PLANT RESILIENT INDIGENOUS SPECIES THAT ARE BOTH ATTRACTIVE AND WELL-SUITED TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

Dacland design guidelines encourage people to create sustainable gardens and plant resilient local plants. Our DAC approved plant list contains plants that are selected specifically for the community, suitable for the local climate and soil. This ensures good establishment and growth for all plants. The design layout suggestions are carefully put together for our residents by a qualified landscape architect.

Green Gardens at Rothwell

WE OFFER A GREAT GARDEN PROMISE TO ENCOURAGE PURCHASERS TO PLANT NATIVE PLANT SPECIES IN THEIR FRONT GARDEN

Dacland's Great Garden Promise landscape offer is designed to encourage all residents to complete their front garden landscape within a short period of completing their home so that the community looks attractive and appealing as soon as residents move in.

Buyers can receive \$3,000 cash back for landscaping their front gardens, plus a personal gardener for two years (valued at an additional \$2000). The offer ensures gardens are not only planted but maintained until they are well established. This means that as the community grows, high quality, landscaped front gardens and nature strips create great neighbourhood character and increase the value of all homes.

Dacland's design guidelines ensure housing is in keeping with the quality and character of its communities. Housing design guidelines specify the distances houses are set back from the street, allowing for gardens, porches and entertaining areas. It's all about enabling the choices of our residents.

For a comprehensive guide to establishing and maintaining your garden in a way that contributes to and supports the overall character of the Villages of Rothwell, you can refer to [Rothwell design guidelines](#).

WE ENCOURAGE OUR PURCHASERS TO LIVE GREEN

With all of this in mind, how can you ensure that you make the most of the thinking that has gone into the community and begin to live green? At Dacland we encourage purchasers at Rothwell to take advantage of the many workshops and events offered by the city of Wyndham to help you learn just how easy it is to live green.

Find out more on the [City of Wyndham website](#).

Recycling & waste management.

Once you move into your new home you will need to contact council to arrange delivery of your waste bins. You can do this in person at the city of Wyndham's council offices at 45 Princes Hwy Werribee, calling 03 9742 0825 or by submitting an online form on the [City of Wyndham website](#).

The City of Wyndham offer a range of services to residents to ensure that waste is appropriately managed.

Kerbside bin collection occurs as follows:

- Garbage Bin - Yellow Lid (Weekly)
- Recycling Bin - Blue Lid (Fortnightly)
- Garden Waste Bin - Green Lid (Fortnightly)

To find the collection day applicable for your street, please visit [this page](#) on the City of Wyndham website. For more information, download the City of Wyndham's Waste and Recycling guide, [here](#).

This guide provides information on:

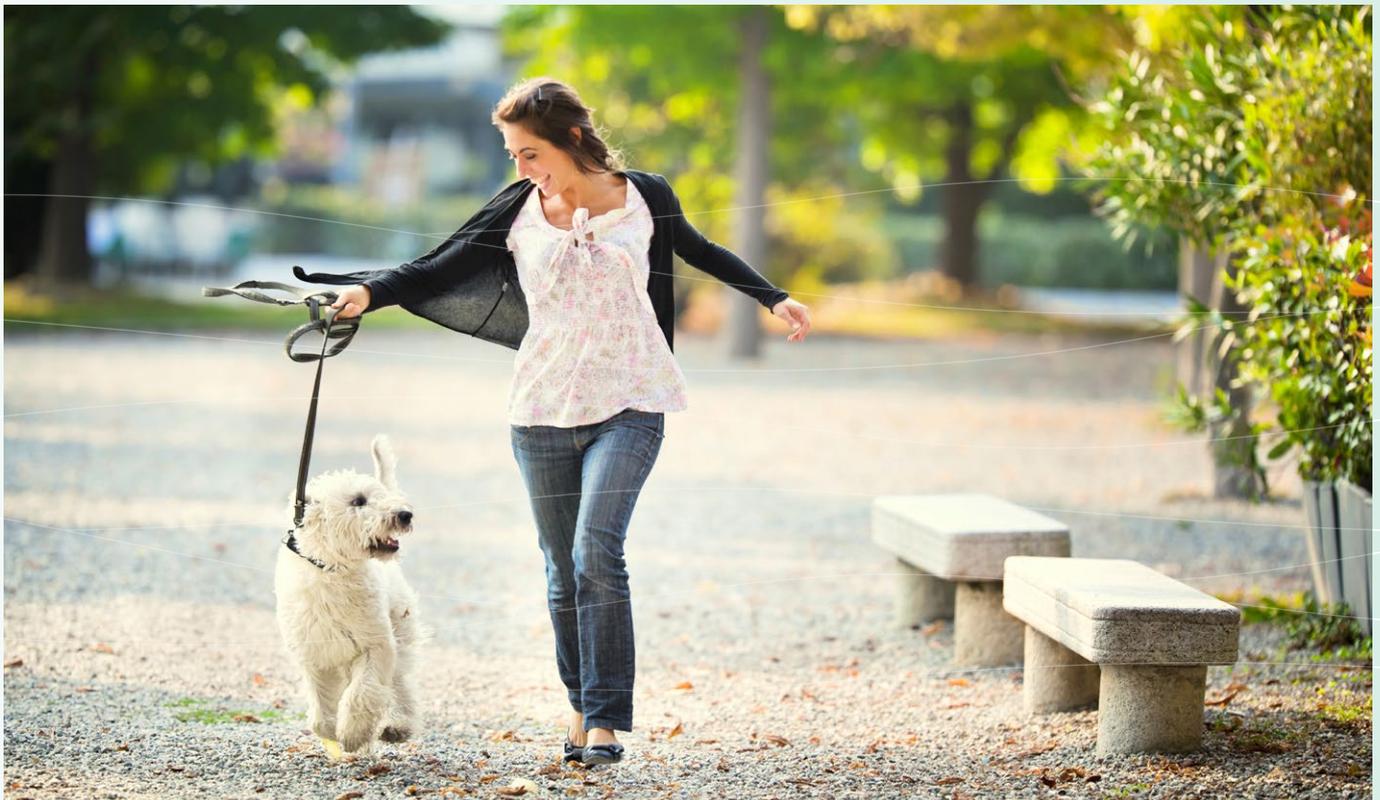
Garbage, recycling, green waste, after collection, hard and green waste collection services, waste and recycling transfer station, recycling stations, other recycling options, and A-Z guide to recycling and contacts for green living in Wyndham.



Responsible pet ownership.

At Rothwell, we have a range of native flora and fauna which are protected. There are some simple measures you can take to ensure the ongoing protection of these species and that the natural elements of Rothwell can continue to be enjoyed by future residents too.

1. Make sure that your dog or cat is registered with the City of Wyndham from the age of 3 months old and microchipped. This will ensure that escapees are returned safely to your home. To find out more call the Wyndham City Council on 03 9742 0777 or visit the [council website here](#).
2. Indoor hours - where possible, overnight, pets should be kept indoors or safely contained within your property to ensure minimal disruption to the neighbourhood or nocturnal fauna.
3. Conservation areas - The parks and reserves of Rothwell are a great place to get out for a walk but if you are taking pets along, they should always be on a lead to ensure protection of these areas.
4. Pick up after your pet - when out and about in the community, be sure to take along a bag or two to pick up after your pet. A small effort from every individual will help to ensure a clean and tidy community for all to enjoy.



Energy & water efficiency.

At Dacland, our communities also provide the opportunity for homes to connect to both recycled water and drinking water, wherever it is available. Here are a couple of simple tips that all homes at Rothwell must follow to ensure reduction of water usage within the home:

- Install showerheads that use ≤ 6 litres of water per minute to reduce water usage within the home.
- Install taps to bathrooms, kitchen & laundry that use ≤ 6 litres of water per minute.
- Use water efficient appliances. For example you could purchase a dishwasher with a consumption of ≤ 14 litres per use.
- Purchase a washing machine that will help you save water.

Purchasing a washing machine with at least a 3.5 star energy rating and 4 star water rating. This will ensure your machine is efficient in both energy and water consumption. Consider a front loader washing machine, as they use roughly 50% less water than top loaders and are generally more energy efficient too. Washing machines with automatic load sensing or reduced load functions can also help save water. Lastly reuse the wash or last rinse water on your garden, to maximize your efficiency.

TAKE A POSITIVE CHARGE AGAINST RISING ENERGY COSTS

To help you stop wasting money on power, Wyndham City Council is partnering with the independent energy efficiency experts at Positive Charge.

Positive Charge is run by a group of independent energy experts, whose mission is to cut carbon emissions and help households, businesses, community groups and schools combat rising energy prices. To find out more visit this page on the [City of Wyndham website](#)

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FREE ENERGY HELPLINE

Get help and advice on ways to save energy (and money!) from their free energy helpline on 9385 8555 or visit www.positivecharge.com.au.

SOLAR POWER

Another way to reduce energy use and limit your environmental footprint is to consider installing solar panels.

Solar power installations are supported Dacland's design guidelines by advocating pitched or gable roofs. We also orientate lots to maximise solar array efficiency so they face the right way to get the most from the sun. [The Consumer Affairs Victoria website](#) offers plenty of resources to help you decide if solar is right for you.

Healthy & active communities.

An important part of belonging to a community is feeling engaged and participating in community activities. It's also great for mental and physical wellbeing!

Our Dacland design team spend a great deal of time, designing our communities to encourage community connection and places for people to meet, interact, share and learn from one another. From walking and cycling paths, to passive and active open space, parks and playgrounds, community facilities and schools, shops and convenience stores, even right down to your very own front yard – your community is your home and we want to ensure every resident has access to enjoy it.

JOIN US!

Throughout the year, Dacland host a range of events and activities for residents. These events are a great way to meet your neighbours and often include an opportunity to learn a new skill, get involved in a new element of the community or at very least an afternoon outing! Keep up to date with upcoming events by checking out the [Dacland Facebook page](#) or visit our [Land Sales](#) office anytime to have a chat to us about what is coming up.

STAYING CONNECTED - NABO

Nabo is a great free tool that helps neighbours to exchange information, skills, knowledge and advice. Whether you are looking to arrange a mums and bubs catch up, a walking school bus, promoting your small business or looking to borrow a lawn mower, Nabo is a great place to see and contribute to what is happening in your area. Visit www.nabo.com.au for more information.

BICYCLE PARKING

To promote active lifestyles, the provision for public bicycle parking are to be provided at all public open spaces, and community facilities for all residents.

The provision of bicycle parking at community facilities and public amenities such as the Childcare Centre, School and Convenience Centres, will be subject to negotiations with the future land owner of these parcels. Dacland will encourage the provision of bicycle parking at a rate of one space per 500 sqm of GFA and advise on the best placement of parking in these areas.

Dacland design roads to favour bicycle and pedestrian traffic. By providing public bicycle parking at community facilities and public open spaces residents are further enabled to live a healthy and active lifestyle.

Healthy & active communities continued.

GETTING ACTIVE

The wellbeing of our future residents is important to us. That's why Rothwell features plenty of open space and the opportunity to walk or cycle, instead of using the car.

We work with local sports clubs to promote healthy active lifestyles in local communities. This is done across the west through our sponsorship of the Western Bulldogs Football Club, through kids' football clinics and their leadership program for year 9 and 10 students.

Through the Werribee Cricket Club kids living at Rothwell have access to free super clinics during the school holidays and the Wyndham Vale Soccer Club, offers reduced membership fees.

What better way to get active and meet new people than to join one of the hundreds of sporting groups and clubs operating in your local area. Don't know where to start? Check out the City of Wyndham's Community Directory Sport, Parks and Recreation. There is a directory for local clubs and groups as well as maps for bike and walking trails!

There are also a range of active kids resources and rewards to ensure our youngest Rothwell residents are getting active too! [Find out more here.](#)



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“EnviroDevelopment is a scientifically-based assessment scheme that independently reviews development projects and awards certification to those that achieve outstanding performance across several areas, these are - ecosystems, waste, energy, materials, water and community.

EnviroDevelopment assists homebuyers to recognise and select more environmentally sustainable developments and lifestyles.

By purchasing a home at Rothwell, you know that you are living in a community with minimal impact on the environment, one that encourages safe, healthy and active lifestyles and results in lower household energy and water costs.

The Urban Development Institute of Australia, implemented the EnviroDevelopment program in 2006 to recognise developments across Australia that protect the environment and use resources responsibly. Rothwell by Dacland not only meets the stringent EnviroDevelopment criteria, but offers a range of benefits to home owners, industry and government.

By choosing to live here, you are contributing to creating a holistic community that will serve both you, future residents and the environment, in the years to come.”