



# CATHERINE PARK

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# Welcome to our newest resident



## CATHERINE PARK ESTATE WELCOMES NEW 10-METRE TALL RESIDENT

Catherine Park Estate's newest resident is from Mangrove Mountain on the Central Coast and is lively, welcoming and environmentally-minded. 'Fifi' – a 10-metre high Ficus Hillii fig tree – will welcome residents from her central position on the second roundabout on Catherine Park Drive, adjacent to the Kensington precinct and sports fields.

The new green addition to Catherine Park Estate was delivered before dawn on Friday 16 March. It arrived on a semi-trailer and was planted with the help of an entire team of people, along with two cranes.

It highlights Harrington Estates' focus on mature plantings and bush regeneration that has set the estate apart from the very outset.

Managing Director of Harrington Estates, Terry Goldacre, personally hand-picked the tree and was onsite to welcome her on Friday morning. Mr Goldacre is a great advocate of blending built form with sustainable environmental initiatives.

"The development has been focused on trees and Harrington Estates strongly supports the need for trees in urban areas. Adding and preserving large green areas has been a standout priority of Catherine Park Estate," says Mr. Goldacre.

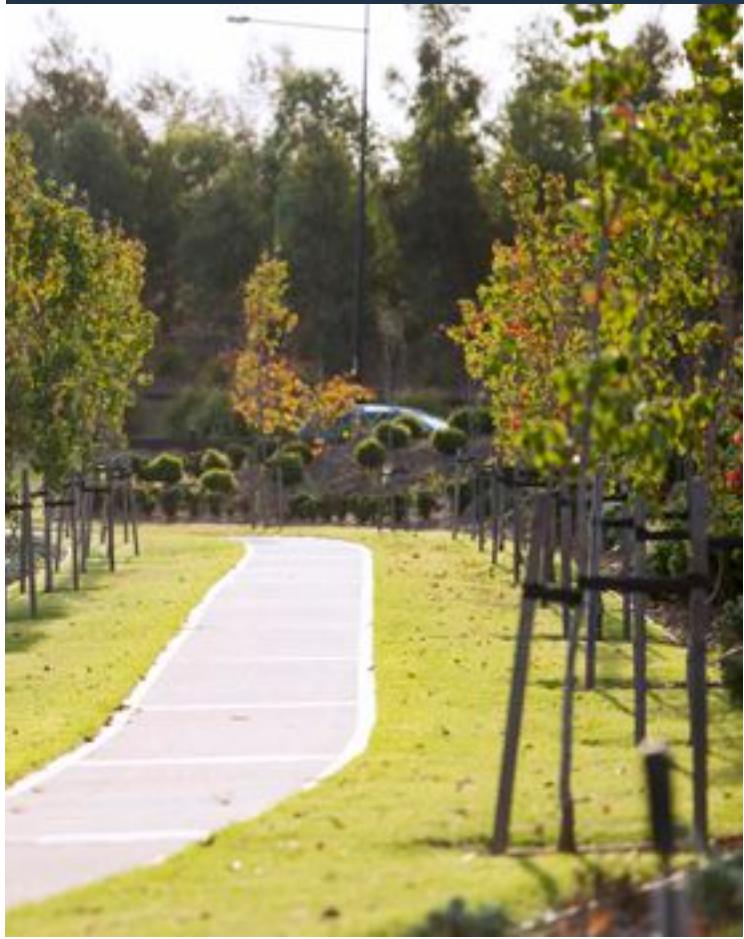
"Welcoming our majestic new fig tree this morning was a proud moment, another green initiative we are honoured to deliver for our residents," he says.

An Australian native, the evergreen Ficus Hillii fig tree is known for its glossy green leaves and dense lush appearance.

An impressive tree with a broad canopy and a dense crown of slightly weeping branchlets, a Ficus Hillii fig tree can grow to a typical height of 15 to 20 metres with a spread of 8 to 12 metres.

The majestic new fig exemplifies work Harrington Estates is proud of, to boost and revegetate the areas within and surrounding its projects, providing a long-term environmental solution for the benefit of all its residents.

# Nurturing green beauty



Catherine Park Estate - like its predecessors Harrington Park and Harrington Grove - is renowned for its leafy tree-lined streets and preserved green areas.

The vision for such a green community takes a great deal of planning and investment, from the initial research into the species that will thrive in the area, as well as the planned placement of trees.

Then there is a lot of work undertaken by the landscaping staff to plant and nurture them to maturity.

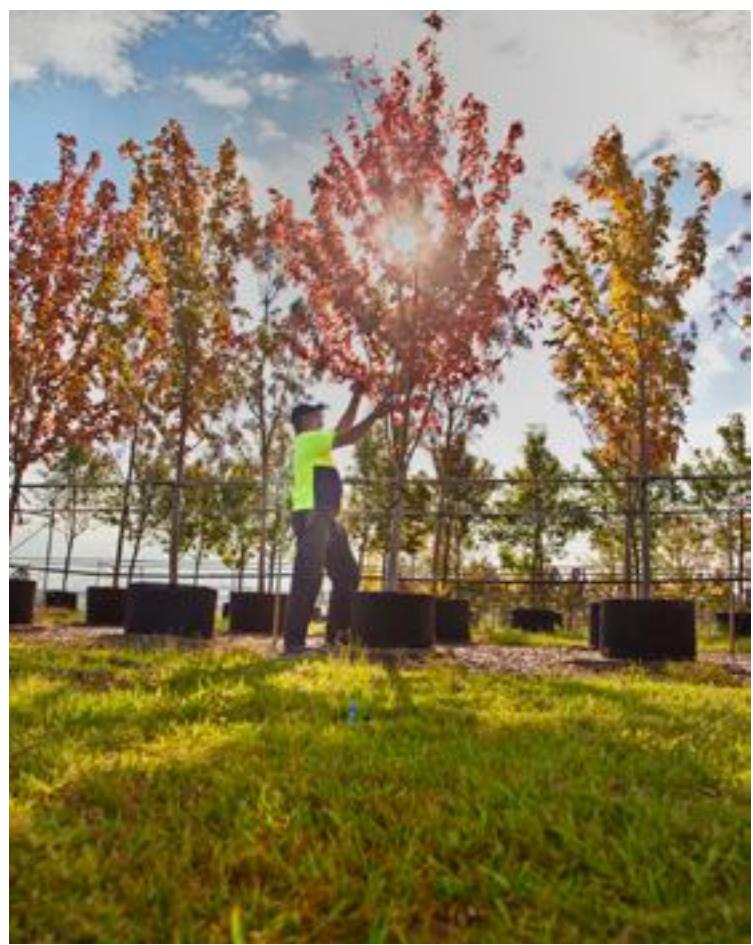
Catherine Park Estate is also in the fortunate position of being able to draw from the Harrington Estates commercial-scale plant nursery which provides many of the thriving trees across all Harrington Estates communities.

At the helm of all things green is Dave Van Houten. Dave is known as Harrington Estates' tree expert and strives to support the environment and nurture the growth of the tree-lined streets and surrounding forest land.

His experience in the local area is extensive; he planted the first tree in Harrington Park in 1993. Here Dave shares his behind-the-scenes insights and top tips for gardening at Catherine Park Estate.

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## Dave Van Houten ☺ the tree expert

### WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GET INTO THIS FIELD?

Ever since I was young, my parents were avid gardeners. I loved seeing the rewards in the growth of the flowers and vegetables and fruits. When I was 17, at school, I did work experience at a nursery and fell in love with the field. After this, I managed to score an apprenticeship, and the rest is history. It has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember.

### WHAT IS YOUR TOP TIP/S WHEN PLANTING A GARDEN?

To keep it simple. Plan for the future. Always start with a good garden bed, as it is the base of a good garden – always think about the roots first. Then ensure you give the garden and trees enough water. It sounds obvious but not enough people realise how important a good soaking is.

### WHAT MAKES CATHERINE PARK ESTATE DIFFERENT TO OTHER ESTATES FROM A VEGETATION PERSPECTIVE?

It is the epitome of a tree-lined, leafy suburb - with the master-planned parks and recreation areas, carefully considered tree species lining the streets, and ensuring the trees and plants compliment the landscape. It creates a beautiful suburb that residents would be proud to reside in.

### WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF PROFESSIONALLY?

With a career spanning over 35 years, I am proud of the estates and tree farming I am blessed to be a part of. Growing young plants over decades and seeing them mature into fully grown trees that line several local estates, Western Sydney University in Campbelltown, Sydney CBD and places in Wollongong, has been an incredibly rewarding and humbling experience. Also being a part of an award winning development team in creating beautiful suburbs.

### WHAT PROCESS DO YOU GO THROUGH WHEN PLANTING TREES?

First, we identify and select trees that are suitable and compliment the homes in each street. Then we mark the position of the trees and ensure all residents are aware of the process by placing a pamphlet into their letterbox. The trees are then planted and grow to become a beautiful addition to the community for many generations to come.



# Interview New Resident

## Shannan and Janelle Nelson



### HOW DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT CATHERINE PARK ESTATE?

**Shannan:** We came for a drive and we were looking for land this way and we loved it out here. We loved Harrington Grove and Harrington Park and the size of the land was good. We were looking to buy a block of land and this one was quite nice, and we knew Catherine Park was being built by the same people as Harrington Grove, and we loved the way they did that development so we really like it here.

### HOW LONG WERE YOU LOOKING BEFORE YOU BOUGHT THIS BLOCK?

**Shannan:** Well there's a story in that. We weren't actually planning on buying but we were just having a look and started talking to the salesperson, and within 20 minutes we'd put a deposit on a block of land. So then we had to try and sell our house.

**Janelle:** Well we were thinking of buying, but we weren't planning on doing it that day, we were just asking questions. But we realised that land in the first release was being snapped up quite quickly and we had an idea about the size block we wanted, and it was becoming a bit more limited in that first release, so we decided 'what the heck – let's just go for it!'

### WHAT MAKES CATHERINE PARK ESTATE DIFFERENT TO OTHER ESTATES YOU VISITED?

**Shannan:** The way it's been landscaped. I'm an electrician so I see other areas – how they've been constructed and planned, and Catherine Park just has a really good feel and a good vibe.

**Janelle:** Also the proximity to Camden Valley Way in the respect that we're not too far in. It's the road we take everyday, and there's not a great distance to get there.

### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE ESTATE IN THREE WORDS TO A FRIEND?

**Shannan:** Beautiful, location, peaceful. It is very peaceful here on weekends. Even though you're sort of close to your neighbours and Camden Valley Way, on weekends its quiet. Its peaceful. I enjoy it because I can hear kids running around and playing, and I love it.

### HOW DID YOU FIND THE SALES PROCESS?

**Janelle:** The women in the sales office were so helpful. Shannan has knowledge about the building side of things and reading plans, but I have no knowledge so they were quite patient in my novice questions, whereas Shannan's questions were a bit more complex because he understood what the diagram meant and what this stood for and what that stood for. So we had very different questions and they were able to help both of us. We hassled them a hell of a lot – we became regulars.

### HOW HAVE YOUR EXPERIENCES BEEN WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS?

**Janelle:** We only have one side without any neighbours – all the others are there. We have only experienced positive things with our neighbours.

**Shannan:** Yeah we have fantastic neighbours. We have no dramas at all. Next Christmas we are planning a street Christmas party, so we have excellent neighbours.

**Janelle:** [Not knowing your neighbours is] the scary thing when you don't know where you're going! And we did have fantastic neighbours at our old house too, so we hoped they'd be great here.

There's such a varied demographic out here. There are people who have downsized and grandparents and first-home buyers without any children and people with children, there's such a wide variety of different age groups.

### WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR CATHERINE PARK ESTATE AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

**Shannan:** The way that they're developing Catherine Park Estate, I think it will actually look like a country town like Harrington Grove, with those nice colourful flowers and trees. Everything will be established, we will really know our neighbours. It will be good to see what the football fields across the road look like – what types of sporting grounds they will set up there.

# What's in a (street) name

## Part 1

### MEANING BEHIND STREET NAMES

Building a new home means knowing every intimate detail of the lot, the home, the orientation and the area. But for many, the meaning behind their street name can remain an unpondered mystery.

All streets in Catherine Park Estate have been named after either previous landowners in the area now known as Catherine Park Estate or eminent Australians (Companions of the Order of Australia). As residents begin moving into St James, we present some of the namesakes behind the addresses.

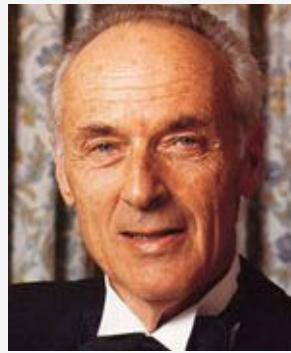




#### **STREET NAME: O'KEEFE DRIVE**

**Barry O'Keefe, AM, QC**, (20 May 1933 – 24 April 2014) was an Australian judge and lawyer who served his working life as a justice of the Supreme Court of NSW, Commissioner of ICAC and the Mayor of Mosman. O'Keefe dedicated a large part of his life to the prevention of institutional corruption, developing a model accepted by Australian states which extended beyond the countries bounds. He was a long term friend and advisor to Lady Mary Fairfax, and as Chairman of the Development Board of Harrington Estates, was pivotal in the development of Harrington Park and Harrington Grove. O'Keefe was also a committed and influential member of Australia's Catholic Community.

[nswbar.asn.au](http://nswbar.asn.au)



#### **STREET NAME: MYER WAY**

**Kenneth Baillieu Myer, AC, DSC** (1 March 1921 – 30 July 1992) was an American-born Australian patron of the Arts, devoting his career to the humanities and sciences, business, and philanthropy. He was also a member of the Australia retailing "Myer" family, and chairman of the Australia Broadcasting Corporation. Throughout his time, Myer made significant contributions to the development of institutions such as the National Library of Australia, the Howard Florey Laboratories of Experimental Physiology and Medicine, and the Victorian Arts Centre. Myer's positive outlook on society, and his curiosity and love of science created a lifetime of impact on education in Australia.

[science.org.au](http://science.org.au)



#### **STREET NAME: OLLEY AVENUE**

**Margaret Hannah Olley, AC** (24 June 1923 – 26 July 2011) was an Australian painter and held over 90 solo exhibitions during her lifetime. Olley was awarded Life Governor of the AGNSW and a Twentieth Century European Gallery was named in her honour. She was also appointed an Officer Order of Australia, and Companion of the Order of Australia. Olley dedicated her life to art and in her later years donated 130 of her works valued over \$7 million to the Art Gallery of NSW.

[artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)



#### **STREET NAME: HOLLOW'S DRIVE**

**Frederick Hollows, AC** (9 April 1929 – 10 February 1993) was a New Zealand born Australian ophthalmologist whose love of science drove him to restore eyesight for more than a million people across the world. Hollows dedicated his life to fighting for better access to eye health and living conditions for Indigenous Australians, and people of war torn countries. When diagnosed with cancer, Hollows continued training as many eye specialists as possible and established the Hollows Foundation to ensure his work would continue on, as did his legacy.

[hollows.org.au](http://hollows.org.au)



#### **STREET NAME: KIRBY WAY**

**Sir Richard Kirby, AC** (22 September 1904 – 25 October 2001) was a long-serving president of the Australian Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission (1956-1973), having first been appointed to the Commission in 1947. Kirby also devoted a large part of his career as a member of the Australian War Crimes Commission. In 1973, he retired from this post due to ill health. Kirby filled his retirement with continuing associations with industrial relations societies. He served as chairman of the Advertising Standards Council from 1973 to 1985. He also served on the Council of the University of Wollongong which conferred on him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters. He was in every way an active public citizen.

[fwc.gov.au](http://fwc.gov.au)



#### **STREET NAME: PHILLIPS AVENUE**

**John Phillips, AC, QC** (18 October 1933 – 7 August 2009) was an Australian judge and author. Phillips eventful career saw the solution of many murder trials (including the defence for Michael and Lindy Chamberlain during the 1980s) which led to the appointment of Director of the National Crime Authority. Phillips worked for a life of righteousness and ended his career as the tenth Supreme Court of Victoria's Chief of Justice.

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