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What? You live in Officer?

When you're at a BBQ and people ask where you live, it's highly likely that "Officer" will produce a few blank looks. Sounding more akin to an episode of *The Bill* than a Melbourne suburb, Officer got its name from the Officer family who were early pastoralists in the area.

Despite Officer's growing population and booming housing market, the suburb remains relatively unknown among people who don't live close by, and our sales team at Arcadia get plenty of questions on what it's like living in Officer.

To help you get better acquainted with this hidden gem, surrounded by Beaconsfield and Pakenham, we've compiled our own list of things (which we will post this week) you may not know about Officer, ranging from where to get a great chicken parma to new schools in the area.

Ten things you might not know about Officer.

ONE: Officer's Gum Scrub Creek is an example of award-winning environmental restoration. It was recognised at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) state awards in 2015 as the winner of the land management category. It was described as "an agricultural drain" changing "into a meandering creek system".



TWO: Officer is home to an unclaimed fortune. TattsLotto is still on the lookout for a resident or visitor who bought a ticket at Arena Lucky Lotto on Christmas Eve last year. The prize a cool \$757,320.06.

THREE: House prices are going up. The median sales price for houses in Officer in the last year was \$425,000 based on 137 sales. That's a 117.9% over five years, which equates to a compound annual growth rate of 16.9%.

Source: www.realestate.com.au/invest/house-in-officer,+vic+3809



FOUR: This is a suburb with its very own winery. Apparently, the topography of Officer makes an excellent site for growing cool climate varieties such as Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Grigio. Find out for yourself at D'Angelo Estate Vineyard, located at 41 Bayview Road, Officer. [FB@DAngeloEstateVineyard](https://www.facebook.com/DAngeloEstateVineyard)

FIVE: Arcadia's new 35-home display village features residences constructed by some of Australia's most trusted homebuilders – from Homebuyers Centre and Boutique Homes to Metricon and Porter Davis – and there are floorplans, designs and interior finishes to suit every taste and budget.

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SIX: Club Officer is a great place to unwind with friends. Loads of dining options and they do an awesome chicken parmigiana. @ClubOfficer 3809

SEVEN: Officer Primary School turned 130 last year. In its first year its single classroom accommodated 20 children and one teacher.



Source: schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au

EIGHT: Gum Scrub Creek Primary School is coming. The new primary school, plus an integrated early learning centre, will be designed to accommodate long-term student enrolments of 475 students with a peak enrolment of up to 900 students. The expected completion date is late this year.

Source: www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Gum-Scrub-Creek-%28Officer%29-Proposed-P6.aspx

NINE: The recently opened Officer Secondary School represents the future of Victorian school buildings. It boasts an enormous gymnasium, an outdoor amphitheatre, kitchen facilities styled on celebrity cooking programs and open plan classrooms with acoustic panelling and break-out pods.



Source: a4le.org.au

TEN: Arcadia is lucky to be blessed with natural surrounds. The development includes more than 20 hectares of parklands and there's 2.5 hectares of active open space spread across three sites within the development.