

Marsiling

Yew Tee

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OUR Home,
Heart
& Hope





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Para Penduduk yang Dihormati,

Saya teruja dapat menyertai keluarga Marsiling-Yew Tee dan berharap untuk mengenali para penduduk dengan lebih baik.

Dengan maklum balas anda, kita telah melihat banyak transformasi yang telah dirancang untuk Bandar kita. Antaranya, taman permainan ikonik untuk kanak-kanak di Taman Yew Tee; kawasan riadah berumput di Taman Limbang untuk kenikmatan semua peringkat umur; jalan penghubung berbumbung untuk menghubungkan para penduduk Marsiling dengan pusat-pusat aktiviti yang baru; dan meningkatkan aksesibiliti para penduduk Woodgrove melalui pembukaan Laluan Thomson-East Coast (TEL) dan jabanah yang menghubungkan kawasan perumahan dengan Pusat Serantau Woodlands. Yakinlah bahawa kami akan terus bekerjasama dengan anda untuk mewujudkan persekitaran perumahan yang lebih baik.

Walaupun tahun ini kita tidak dapat mengadakan acara-acara secara fizikal kerana COVID-19, namun saya terharu melihat semangat interaksi komuniti kita semasa acara perayaan tahunan, dan perhatian dan sokongan yang kita tunjukkan antara satu sama lain.

Selagi kita bertahan dalam perjuangan kita melawan COVID-19 dan menerapkan norma baru, marilah kita terus mendukung nilai-nilai Rumahku, Hatiku dan Harapanku (My Home, My Heart, My Hope) di GRC Marsiling-Yew Tee. Bersama-sama, kita boleh mengatasinya!

Setulus Ikhlas,
Cik Hany Soh
Naib Pengerusi

அன்பார்ந்த குடியிருப்பாளர்களே,

மாரசிலிங்-இயூ டி குடும்பத்தில் சேர்ந்ததில் நான் மிகுந்த மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன். நம் குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் அனைவரையும் மேலும் தெரிந்துகொள்ள ஆவலுடன் எதிர்பார்த்திருக்கிறேன்.

நீங்கள் அளித்த கருத்துகளுடன், நம் நகருக்குத் திட்டமிடப்பட்ட பல உருமாற்றங்களை நாம் பார்த்திருக்கிறோம். இயூ டி பூங்காவில் சிறுவருக்கான தனிச்சிறப்பு வாய்ந்த விளையாட்டுத்திடல்; அனைத்து வயதினரும் இன்புற லிம்பாங் பூங்காவில் நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்துவதற்குரிய புல்வெளி; உயரமான கூரையுள்ள இணைப்புப்பாதைகளுடன் குடியிருப்பாளர்கள் புதிய நடவடிக்கை மையங்களுடன் மறுஇணைப்பு; தாம்சன்-ஈஸ்ட் கோஸ்ட் வழித்தடத்தின் திறப்புடன் உட்கொரோவ் குடியிருப்பாளர்களின் நடமாட்டத்தன்மை மேம்பாடு, குடியிருப்பு வட்டாரங்களை உட்கொரோவ் வட்டார மையத்துடன் இணைக்கும் சுரங்கப்பாதைகள் ஆகியன அவற்றுள் சில. நாங்கள் உங்களுடன் சேர்ந்து மேம்பட்ட இல்லத்தை உருவாக்க, உங்களோடு ஒன்றிணைந்து செயல்படுவதைத் தொடர்வோம் என உறுதி அளிக்கிறோம்.

கொவிட்-19 காரணமாக இவ்வாண்டு அதிகமான நிகழ்ச்சிகளை நடத்த இயலாத போதிலும், வருடாந்தர விழாக்கால நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் நமக்கிடையிலான கலந்துறவாடலிலும், நாம் ஒருவருக்கொருவர் காட்டும் அக்கறையிலும் ஆதரவிலும் நமது சமூக உணர்வு வலுவுடன் நீடிப்பதைக் கண்டு நான் மனம் நெகிழ்கிறேன்.

கொவிட்-19 கிருமிப்பரவலுக்கு எதிரான நமது போராட்டத்தை நாம் விடாமுயற்சியுடன் தொடர்ந்து, புதிய இயல்புநிலையை ஏற்கையில், மாரசிலிங்-இயூ டி குழுத்தொகுதியில் "என் இல்லம், இதயம், நம்பிக்கை" எனும் பண்புகளைத் தொடர்ந்து கடைப்பிடிப்போம் என நம்புகிறேன். ஒன்றிணைந்து, நம்மால் இதனைக் கடந்து வரமுடியும்!

தங்கள் உண்மையுள்ள,
செல்வி ஹெனி சோ
துணைத் தலைவர்

Dear Residents,

I am excited to join the Marsiling-Yew Tee family and look forward to getting to know all our residents better.

With your feedback, we have seen many transformations planned for our Town. These include an iconic playground for the young at Yew Tee Park; an event lawn at Limbang Park for the enjoyment of all ages; re-connecting residents of Marsiling to new activity hubs through a series of high covered linkways; and enhancing accessibility for residents of Woodgrove via the opening of the Thomson-East Coast Line (TEL) and underpasses linking residential precincts to the Woodlands Regional Centre, to name a few. Rest assured that we will continue to work together with you to co-create a better Home.

Although we may not have as many physical events this year due to COVID-19, I am heartened to see that our community spirit remains fundamentally strong through our interactions during annual festive events, and the amount of care and support we continue to show one another.

As we persevere in our fight against COVID-19 and embrace the new normal, let us continue to espouse the values of My Home, Heart & Hope here at Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC. Together, we can overcome!

Yours Sincerely,
Ms Hany Soh
Vice-Chairman

敬爱的居民们，

我很高兴能加入马西岭—油池这个大家庭，并期待能更深入认识我们的居民。

通过您的反馈，我们已见证到许多市镇规划的脱变。其中包括位于油池公园内具有标志性的儿童游乐场；为提供所有年龄层居民活动空间而建设在林邦公园的活动草坪；连接马西岭居民到新活动中心而建设的一系列有盖走道；汤申-东海岸地铁线（TEL）的开通与地下通道也为邻近区域的林景区居民提供了许多便利。我们将继续与您携手合作，共同创造一个更舒适的家园。

因为 2019 新型冠状病毒肺炎（COVID-19）的关系，我们今年无法进行许多活动。令我感到欣慰的是，通过在一年一度的节日活动，我们之间的互动以及对彼此展现的关怀与支持和社区精神依然保持坚韧不拔。

在我们坚持对抗新型冠状病毒肺炎（COVID-19）并接受新常态的同时，让马西岭-油池集选区的我们继续拥护“我的家，心与希望”的价值。让我们同在一起，克服所有困难！

此致，
苏慧敏女士
副主席

Marsiling-Yew Tee

Town Map



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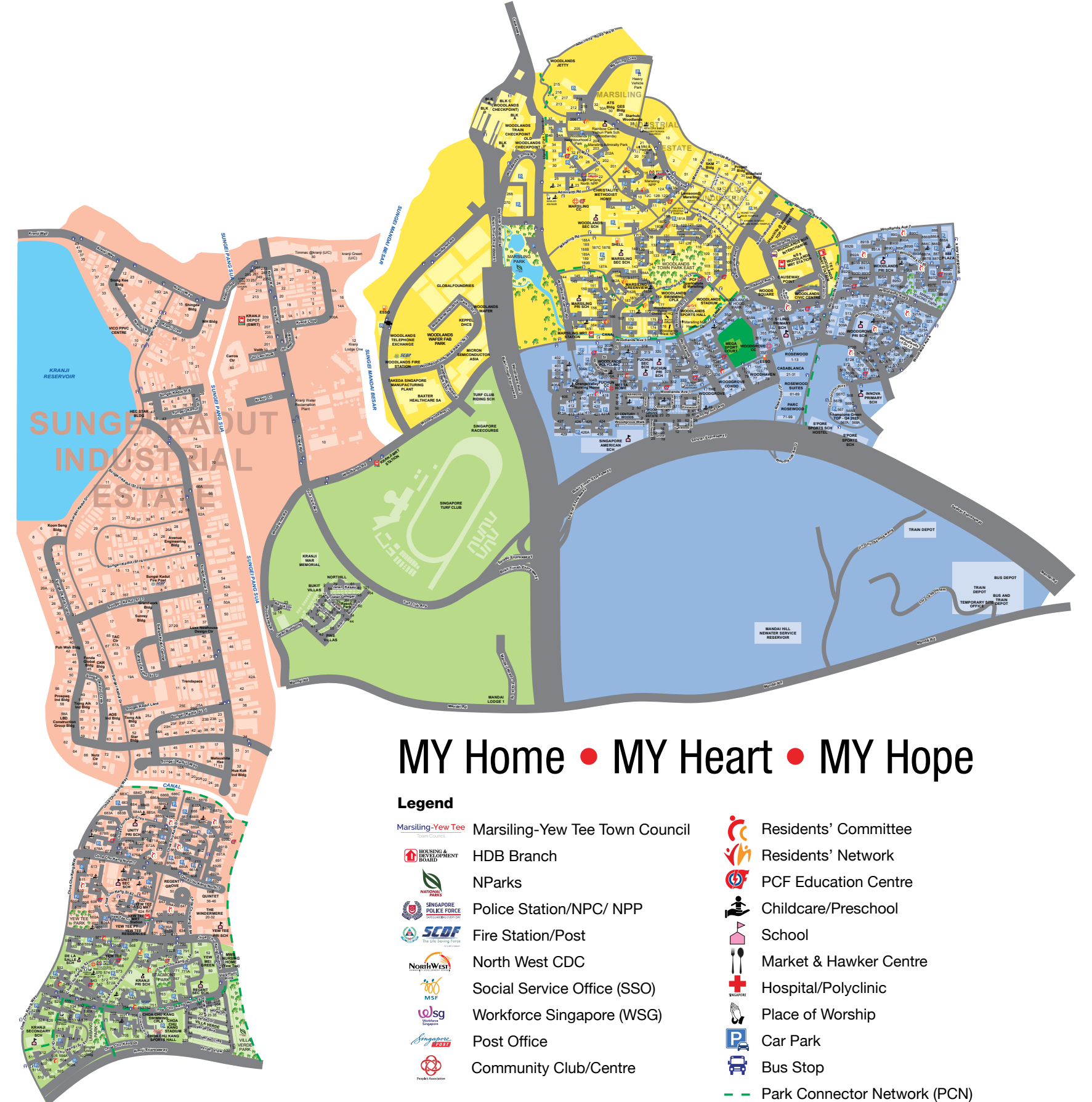
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| Legend | Marsiling-Yew Tee Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council | | Residents' Committee |
| | HDB Branch | | Residents' Network |
| | NParks | | PCF Education Centre |
| | Police Station/NPC/ NPP | | Childcare/Preschool |
| | Fire Station/Post | | School |
| | North West CDC | | Market & Hawker Centre |
| | Social Service Office (SSO) | | Hospital/Polyclinic |
| | Workforce Singapore (WSG) | | Place of Worship |
| | Post Office | | Car Park |
| | Community Club/Centre | | Bus Stop |
| | | | Park Connector Network (PCN) |

Our Home

Inter-Generational Playground Brings Residents to the Yard

There is fun for all ages at the Yew Tee Iconic Playground. Completed under the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme for Blocks 601 to 621 and 625 to 627, the new playground was opened near Block 607 on the eve of Chinese New Year, just in time for festivities.

Children were delighted with the various new play equipment available both inside and outside of the Play Tower. The main attraction, a giant 20-metre tube slide hugging the hill slope, was an instant hit. As the slide is fully enclosed, children can play freely and safely. The new swing sets are toddler-friendly, encouraging more play time between parent and child. These additions welcome families and kids of all abilities to learn, play and grow together.



Parent-child swing



Gym guru fitness equipment



Event community pavilion



LED directional boards



Seating areas



Multi-purpose hall



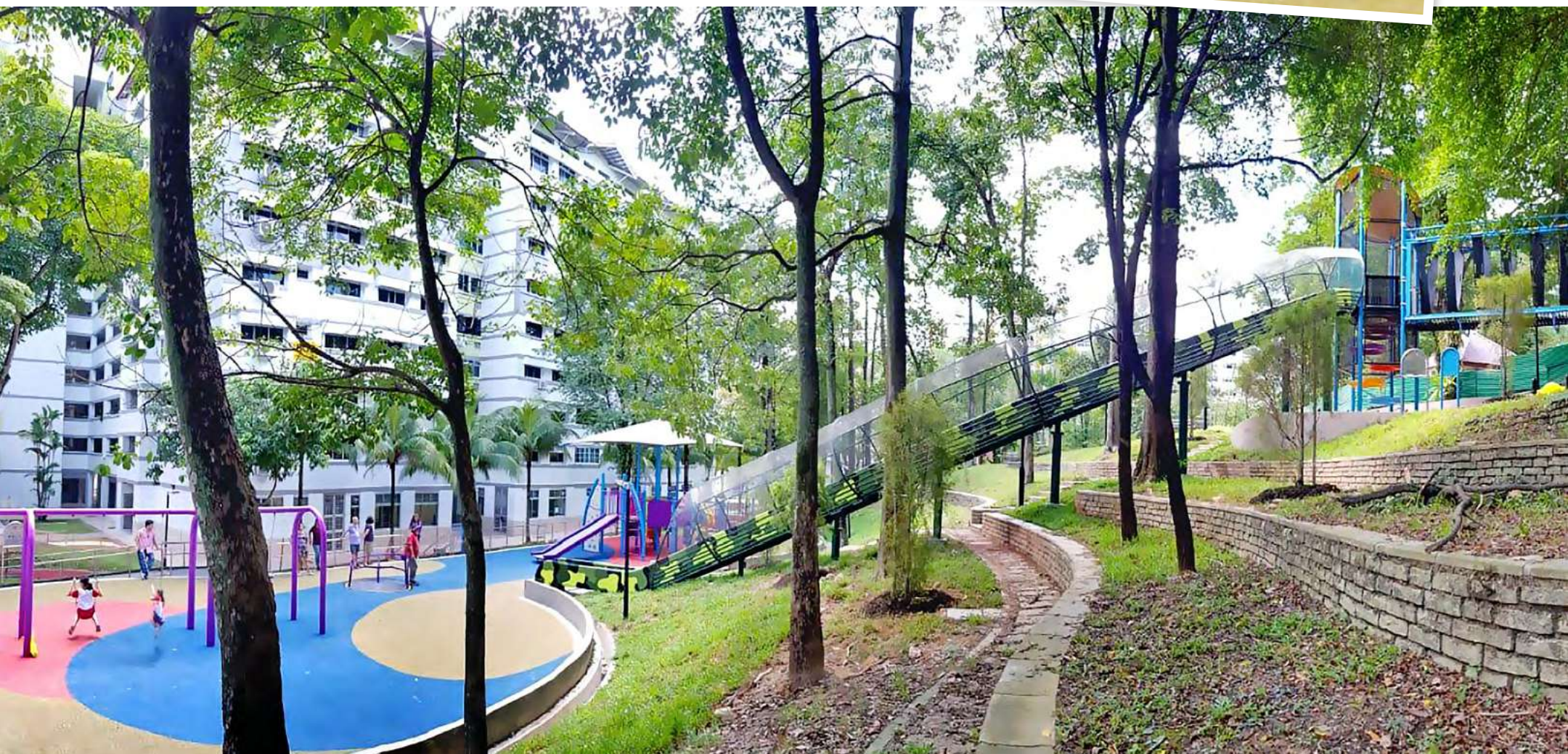
Barbecue pit area

Areas surrounding the playground also saw a much-anticipated facelift. New LED directional boards, notice boards and trellis structures refreshed the look of the estate. Those looking to live a healthier and active lifestyle will be thrilled with the new running track around the playground area and GymGuru fitness equipment.



New running track around playground area

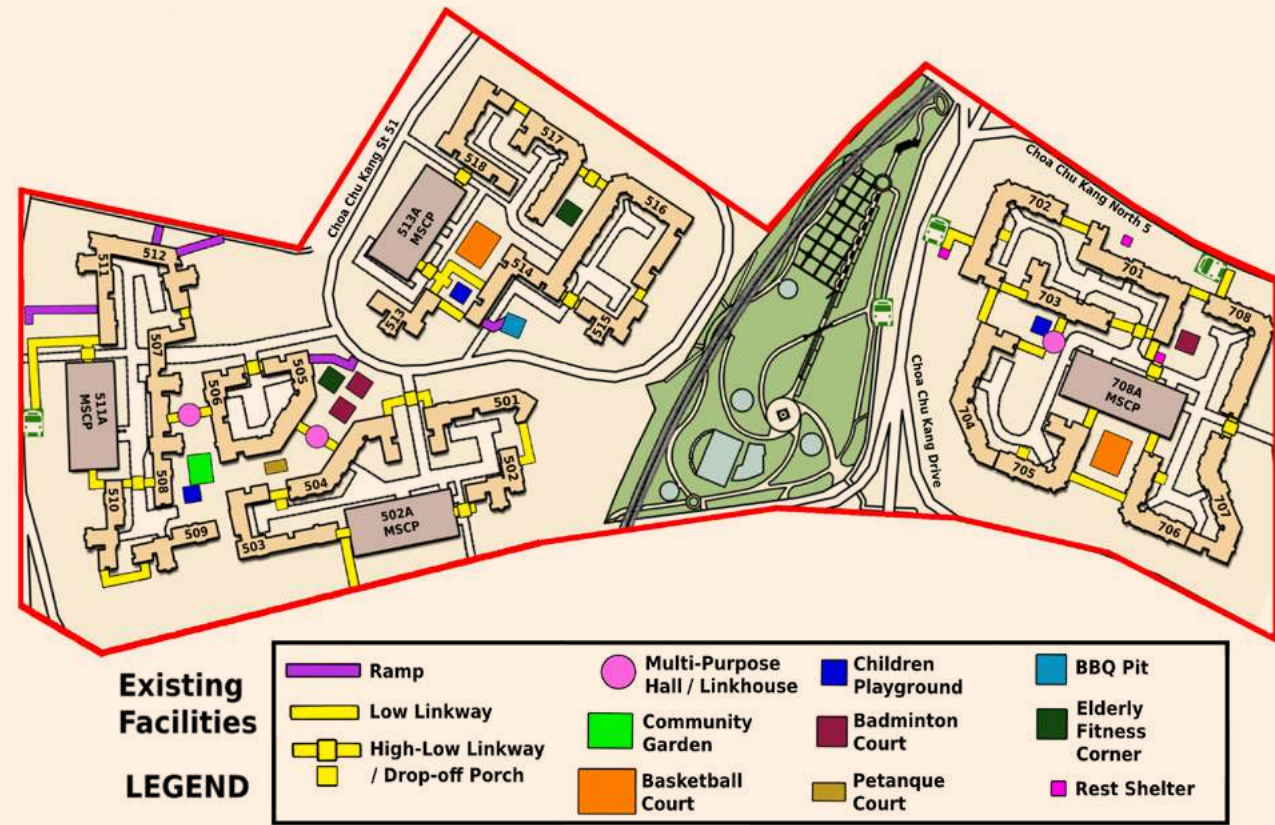
Residents who love cooking for friends and family while enjoying the outdoors can also look forward to the new barbecue pit area, furnished with new seating. The community/event halls and community garden enable more opportunities for our residents to interact and foster stronger communal bonds.



Your Town, Your Choice!

In February & March 2020, we held two resident engagement sessions for the upcoming Limbang Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) for Blocks 501 to 518, Blocks 701 to 708, and Limbang Park.

We welcome more suggestions and ideas on improvements that residents would like to see around their estates. You may email them to pr@mytc.org.sg along with your block and unit number.



Upcoming Projects



Event lawn & stage in Limbang Park



Playground



Rest shelter



BFA footbridge in Limbang Park



Community garden

We thank residents for their involvement in making our town a better place. More details on future discussions and exhibitions will be provided at a later date.

** Illustrations are artist's impressions and not actual representations.*

New Linkways Widen Access

Taking our residents' feedback into account, there was a consensus for greater connectivity around the neighbourhood.



On 27 February 2020, linkways and the Barrier-Free Access (BFA) ramp between Blocks 886C to 889A were completed. This improvement provided residents staying at "Treetrail" (Blocks 889A-890B) and "Treegrove" (Blocks 886A-887C) better access and improved convenience to 888 Plaza, for their day-to-day essentials.

This is one of the many efforts in creating a seamless connection throughout our town. We look forward to more of your feedback and providing more improvement works in your estate!

Stay Connected, Rain or Shine



Blk 12 Marsiling Lane Bus Stop



Blk 154 Woodlands St 13

We are always looking to improve connectivity and accessibility for residents.



Blk 19 Marsiling Lane

Having received your feedback and suggestions on potential areas for covered linkways, we have been able to identify and shortlist these areas as shown below:

- Blks 178 to 183C
- Blks 154 to 182
- Blks 1 to 7A
- Blk 19 to bus stop opposite Blk 19
- Blks 12 to 180C

All required approvals will be obtained and further site inspections will be conducted to ensure appropriate safety criteria are met prior to construction of these covered linkways.



Blk 178



Blks 1 to 7A

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Our Hope

Advanced Lift Replacement Programme in Limbang & Yew Tee

Residents in Limbang and Yew Tee can look forward to faster, safer and more spacious lifts under the advanced Lift Replacement Programme (LRP).

This first batch comprises a selected total of 50 lifts in Yew Tee and 154 lifts in Limbang, and will be replaced in four phases. The works were scheduled to begin in March 2020 but have been delayed due to the current COVID-19 situation.

200 LIFTS REPLACEMENT

NEW LIFT DESIGN

Criteria for lift replacement:

- 25-year-old lifts
- Chronic lifts

New Lift Features:

- Faster speed (90-105 metre/min)
- Increased passenger capacity from 8 to 10 pax (680kg weight limit)
- Automatic brake checking
- Multi-beam door sensor
- Lift monitoring device (LMD)
- Heat detector
- Hydraulic buffers
- Lift regenerative power feature (20-30% more energy efficient)
- Smart Lift Surveillance System (LSS)



This initiative is a response to calls for advance replacement of chronic lifts before their usual replacement cycle of 28 years.

Tan Choon Hwa Alvin, 58, has been a Limbang resident for 23 years and a Grassroots leader for 15 years. While he takes lift breakdowns as opportunities to get more exercise, he said, "It is worrying for small children and senior citizens, in particular. Children might get scared if they're stuck alone in a lift and senior citizens might experience health problems."

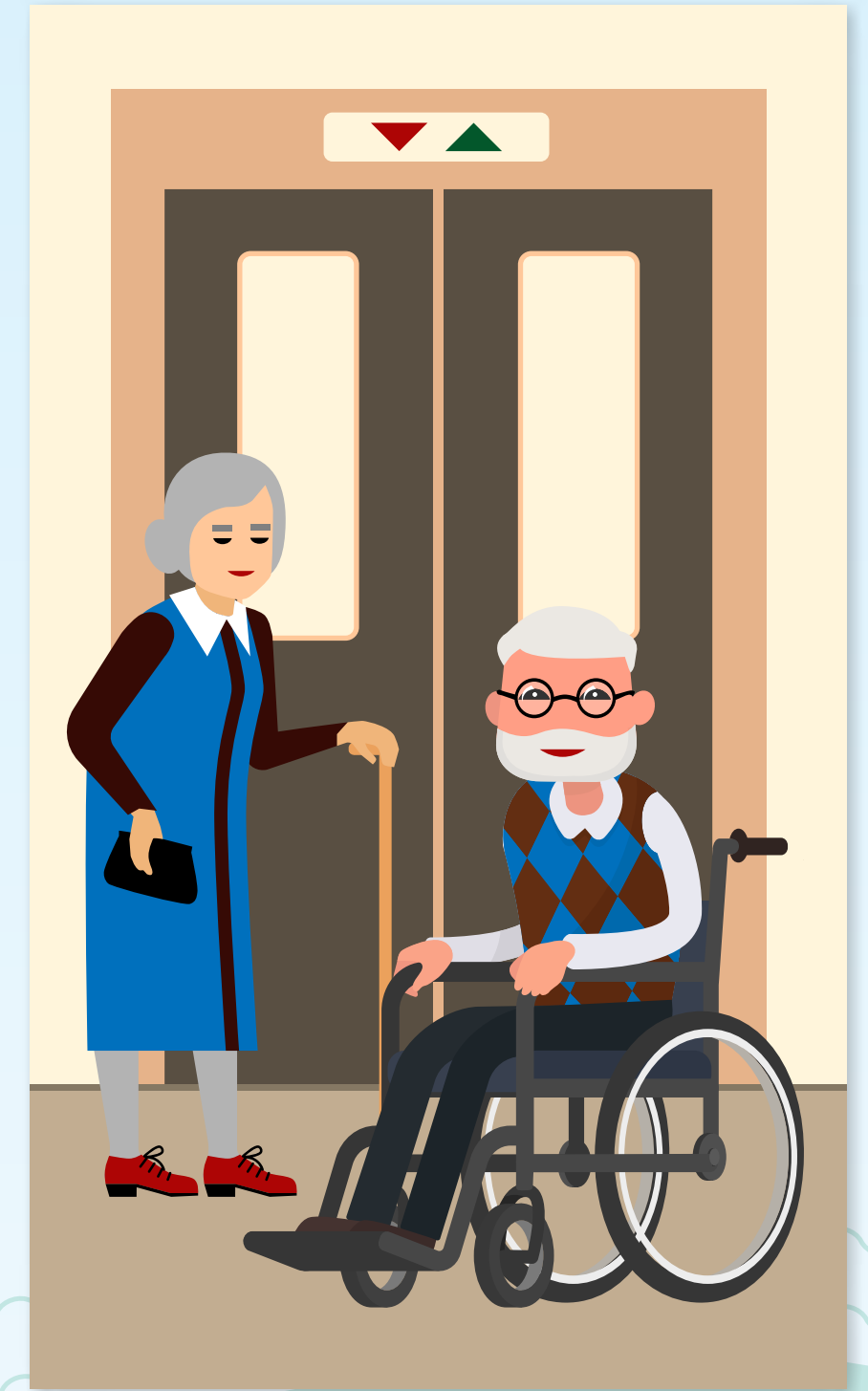
Alvin is glad that the Town Council is taking action. He said, "It's normal for lifts to experience wear and tear after many years. A case-to-case basis should be followed when chronic technical problems arise instead of residents having to wait out the full 28-year duration."

The lift upgrades will also make it easier for wheelchair-bound residents. Increased space capacity will also allow for better flow during peak hours, especially for residents living on higher floors.

Another resident, Shermin Tan, voiced her concerns about upgrading work and how it will affect daily life. As her unit is right by the lifts, she hopes that the works would not be too disruptive. She also said, "Presently, the lifts in my block are fine other than the occasional faulty lift buttons. There is a child care centre in my block though, so better technology and newer infrastructure could be beneficial."

The lifts in each block will be replaced one set at a time, adhering to the latest safety guidelines on new lift installation laid out by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA).

The installation works schedule will be made known to all residents once it is confirmed.



ONGOING PROJECT

DIGITAL MEDIA BOARDS



Proposed location:
Lift lobbies

Digital Board Design



size: 19" x 32"

The MRT Network

As part of the Land Transport Authority's (LTA) Master Plan 2040 to connect Singaporeans from all over the island, residents of Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC can reap the benefits of new MRT lines, stations and entrances - completed, in progress and in future plans.

The TELEconnection

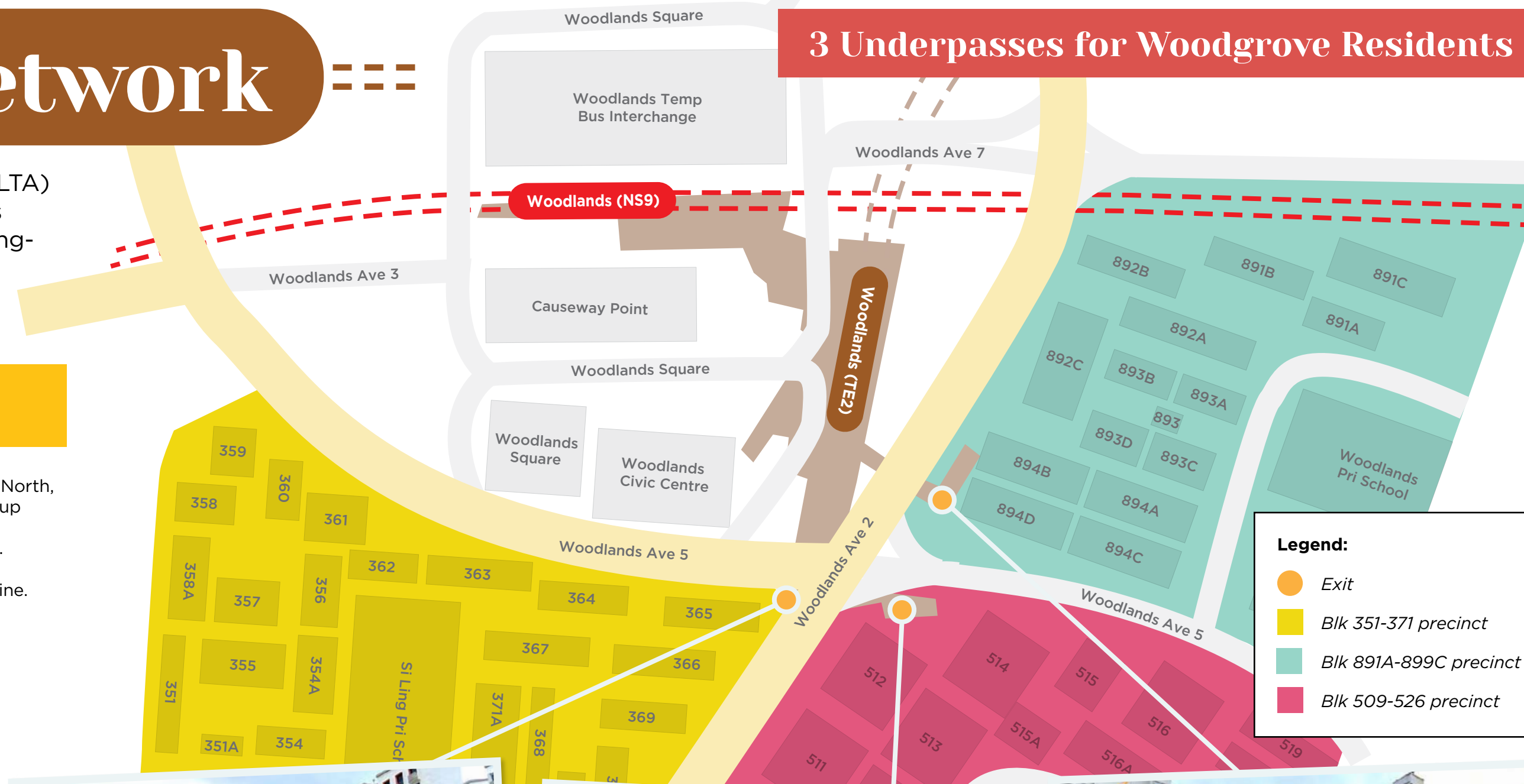
On 31 January 2020, three new MRT stations - Woodlands North, Woodlands and Woodlands South - were opened, making up the Thomson East-Coast Line 1 (TEL1). Intersecting the North-South Line, residents can enjoy greater convenience. The TEL1 is the first phase of many that will be rolled out progressively over the years to form Singapore's 6th MRT line.



Source: LTA

TE Thomson-East Coast Line

3 Underpasses for Woodgrove Residents



Legend:

- Orange circle: Exit
- Yellow square: Blk 351-371 precinct
- Teal square: Blk 891A-899C precinct
- Pink square: Blk 509-526 precinct

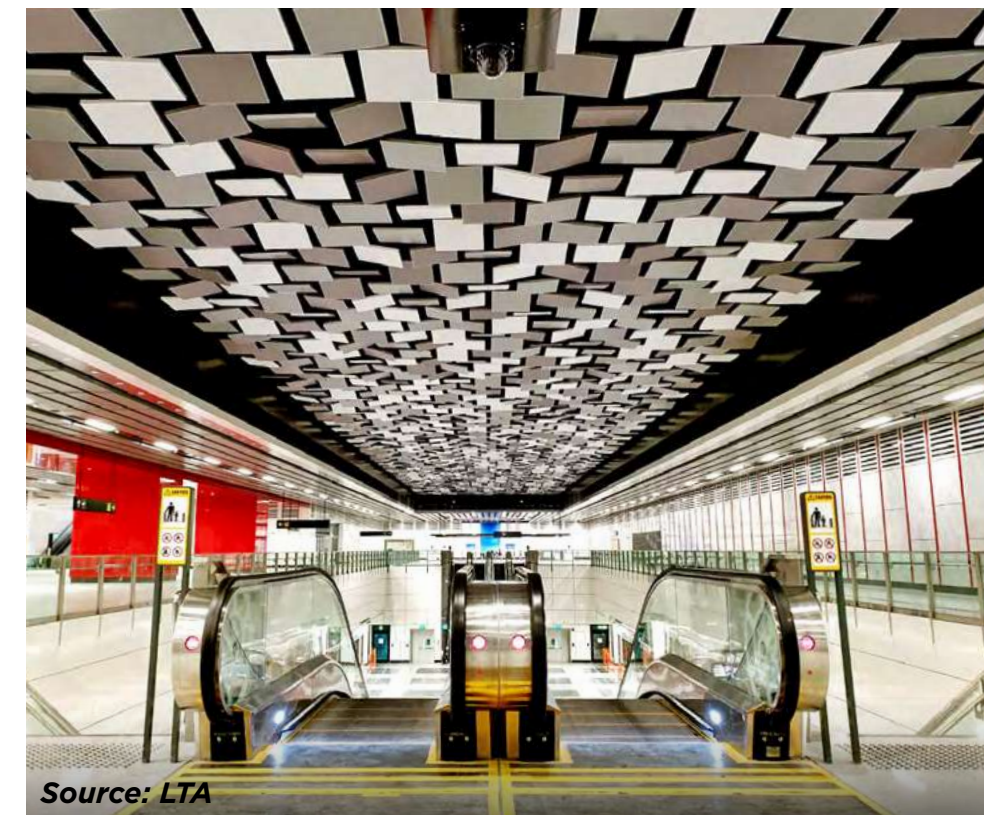
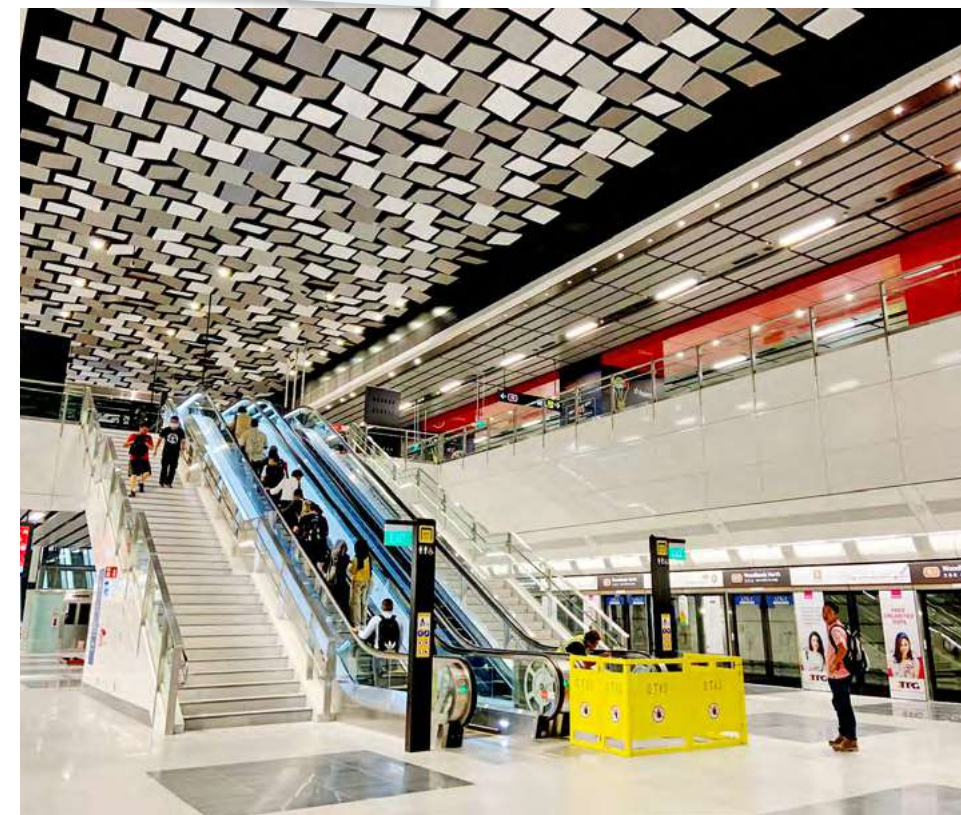


Source: LTA

Commuters can look forward to upgrades, such as new train cars featuring five doors on each side compared with the usual four, which will help smooth traffic flow especially during peak hours. Three new underpasses also provide Woodgrove residents with sheltered access to Woodlands Regional Centre and Republic Polytechnic, among other points of interest. Featuring visionary artwork by local artists and intricate architecture, the new stations not only preview a modern public transportation system but also promise a unique experience for all commuters.



By 2024, the complete TEL, spanning 43 km, will include a total of 32 stations and eight interchanges linking with the existing five MRT lines. Expecting to serve approximately 500,000 to 1,000,000 commuters by 2025, the TEL will increase accessibility for all Singaporeans while significantly reducing commute time into the city. Areas like Thomson, Marina Bay and Sungei Bedok will be added to the line in upcoming stages.



Source: LTA

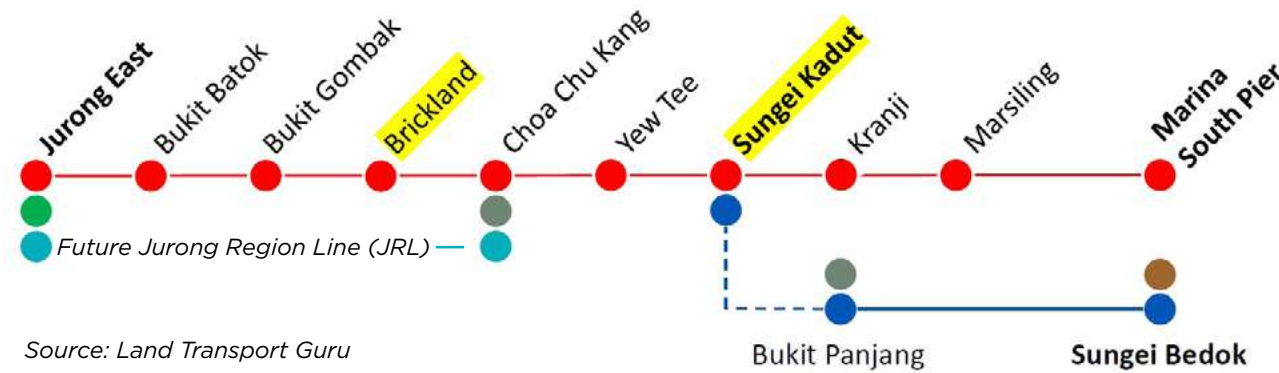
Sungei Kadut: Growing with the Times



For many decades, Sungei Kadut - the oldest industrial estate - has been the heart of Singapore's manufacturing industry, housing businesses like furniture, construction, timber and waste management. As part of the Sungei Kadut Eco-District Masterplan, new facilities will be built to cater new and transforming growth sectors, such as agri-tech and environmental technology. Multi-user developments, such as trendspace, Kranji Green and TimMac, will see relocation of existing companies into these facilities. The eight-storey trendspace was completed last year.

While these new developments create higher-value jobs for Singaporeans, there is also increased urgency to make these job locations accessible for residents all over the island. Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC residents, being one of the nearest, will stand to benefit the most.

Along with the TEL opening, two new MRT stations "Brickland" and "Sungei Kadut" will be added to the North-South Line. Sungei Kadut station, which intersects the Downtown Line, on top of other improvements in bus



Source: Land Transport Guru

and transport services, will improve daily commuting time to both the industrial estates and downtown area.

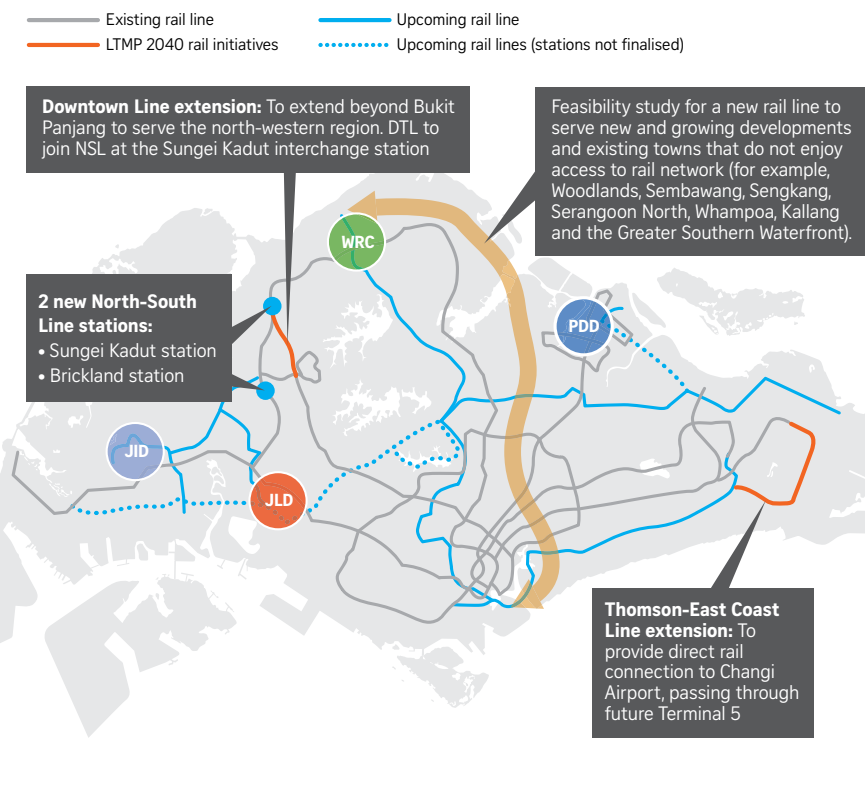
Sungei Kadut will be transformed into a vibrant mixed district, where residential and business communities can merge and co-curate a myriad of activities. Biodiversity trails will connect to neighbouring nature reserves, such as Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, providing holistic experiences for workers and residents.



Source: JTC

Moving towards Singapore's zero waste target, the Sungei Kadut Eco-District will pilot the circular economy approach - converging and tapping into different agencies in the district to close waste and energy loops. As such, the revamped Sungei Kadut will be a hub unifying both people and the economy in an effective and sustainable way. Among the 500 ha of estate to be developed, 200 ha will be reserved to accommodate future growth.

RAIL NETWORK: BETTER CONNECTIVITY, SHORTER COMMUTES



Source: LTA, ST FILE, JTC, KCAP, SAA, ARUP, S333, Lekker Sunday Times Graphics

Additional employment centres which are a part of the improvements to the overall connectivity, also help to bring jobs closer to homes and shorten daily commutes.

Sungei Kadut & the TEL are two of the transport initiatives supporting the four new employment centres outside of Central Business District (CBD).

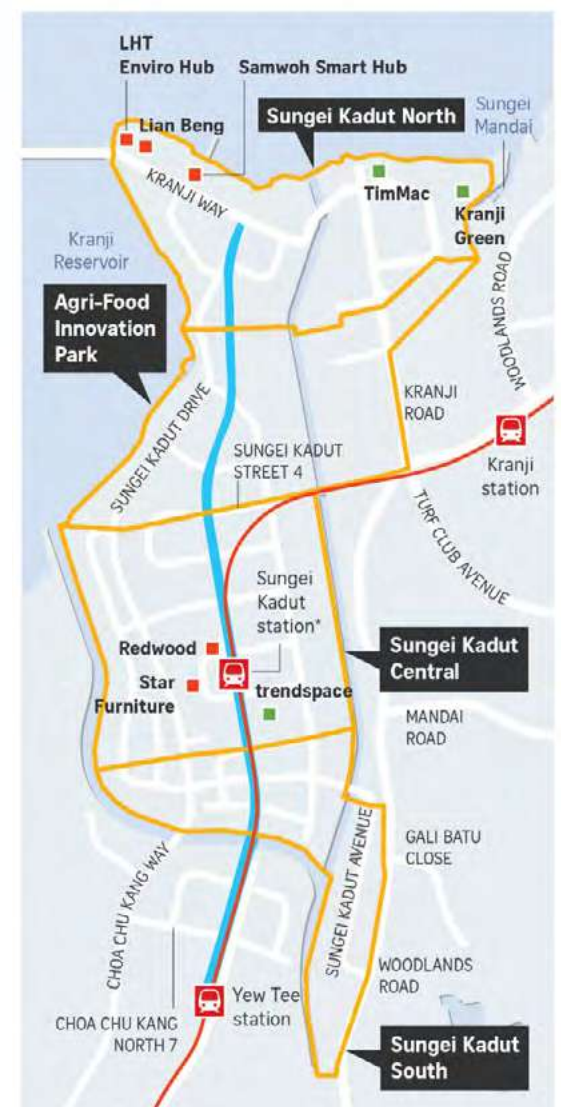
- Jurong Lake District (JLD)
- Jurong Innovation District (JID)
- Woodlands Regional Centre (WRC)
- Punggol Digital District (PDD)



Source: JTC

Rejuvenation of Sungei Kadut industrial estate

- Precincts
- Mobility Corridor
- North-south MRT Line
- Companies with new facilities
- New shared facilities



NOTE: *The location of Sungei Kadut MRT station is indicative and still under study.

Source: JTC, Straits Times Graphics



Source: JTC

Key Takeaways for Residents from Budget 2020

Solidarity, Resilience, and Fortitude Budgets

Goods & Service Tax (GST) Moderation



Guarantee that GST will **REMAIN AT 7%** until the end of 2021.

\$6 billion package to cushion GST increase, enabling every Singaporean adult to get **CASH PAYOUTS OF \$700 - \$1,600*** over five years.

SkillsFuture Enhancement

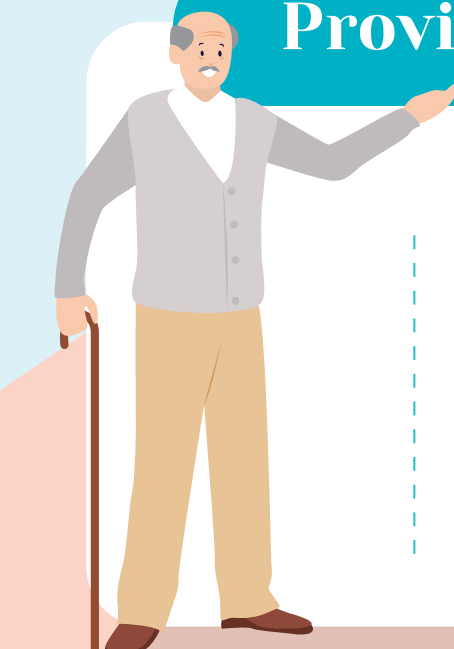


Allowance for self-employed persons (SEPs) to **INCREASE TO \$10 PER HOUR.**

Singaporeans aged 25 & above get a **ONE-OFF \$500 TOP-UP.**

Those aged 40 to 60 get an **ADDITIONAL \$500 CREDIT.**

Provisions for Elderly



Matched Retirement Savings Scheme* to run from 2021-2025 for Singaporeans aged 55-70. Government will **match every dollar of cash top-up** made to individual's CPF retirement account (capped at \$600 annually).

Quarterly payout of **Silver Support Scheme (SSS)** to **INCREASE 20% beginning 1 Jan 2021.**

UP TO 80% SUBSIDY at public healthcare institutions & aged care services.

COVID-19 Support

\$600 - \$1,200* **CASH PAYOUT** for every adult Singaporean.

Adult Singaporeans living in 1- or 2-room HDB flats get

\$300

IN GROCERY VOUCHERS in 2020 and an **ADDITIONAL \$100** in 2021.

U-Save rebate for eligible HDB households doubled for FY2020.



ADDITIONAL 2.5 TIMES usual rebate for households with five or more members.

ADDITIONAL \$300 for Singaporeans with at least one child aged 20 & below.

ADDITIONAL \$100 for Singaporeans aged 50 & above.



Service & Conservancy Charges (S&CC) rebates to continue for another year.



Jobs Support Scheme to co-fund 75% of first \$4,600 of every local worker's salary in April 2020. Wage support of varying levels to continue till the end of 2020.

Those eligible for Workfare Income Supplement (WIS) in 2019 will receive a

ONE-OFF \$3,000 CASH PAYOUT.



Three quarterly cash payouts of \$3,000 each* for self-employed persons (SEPs). Annual Value threshold raised to \$21,000.

\$800

MONTHLY GRANT* for unemployed persons due to COVID-19 for three months.

SGUnited to provide



JOBS OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND TRAINEESHIPS to fresh graduates.

NTUC MEMBER

Eligible NTUC members to receive a **ONE-OFF \$50 - \$300*** **PAYOUT.**



Eligible families whose livelihoods are affected by COVID-19 to receive a **ONE-OFF \$500 CASH PAYOUT.**



UP TO \$30,000 RELIEF PAYMENT to dependants of those who contracted COVID-19.



Government fees & charges, loan repayments and late HDB mortgage payment charges & interests to be suspended for three months up to one year.



\$300 per vehicle for taxi and private hire drivers every month till September 2020; **One-year road tax rebate and 6-month parking charges waiver** for private bus owners.

*Subject to certain eligibility criteria

Our Heart



Keeping the Harmony Alive

Every cultural festivity in Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC is a reason to celebrate our town's diverse population. Residents have always turned up at various community events to take part in all cultural festivities, and not just those that are specific to their community.

Although being physically apart during the circuit breaker measures, residents found ways to celebrate Hari Raya with family, neighbours and friends nonetheless. Our residents showed their care and support for one another, keeping their kampong-spirited passion alive through community bonding despite the restrictive circumstances. Here are some snaps of our lively Hari Raya celebrations at home across the divisions!



Having the Heart for Others

In collaboration with Health Promotion Board (HPB), Marsiling Hearts was held on 8 December 2019 at the Community Plaza covered basketball court beside Block 123, Marsiling Rise (Marsiling Zone 3 RN). The event promoted the importance of health and well-being within the community. MOS Zaqq Mohamad was the guest of honour.

Chronic Disease Screening and Functional Health Screening were set up for eligible residents, aged 40+ and 60+ respectively, to help detect potential early functional decline and other health risks. Seniors were introduced to a health curriculum to adopt simple health tips. Cooking demonstrations and physical activity programmes for all ages also taught residents how to achieve an overall healthier lifestyle.



Grocery Distribution @ Limbang

Despite COVID-19, our monthly grocery distribution continues for residents staying at rental flats in Blocks 536-537. Safe-distancing measures were observed during this time.



Stepping Up Our Efforts

The Big Spring Clean @ Yew Tee

On 18 January 2020, residents of Yew Tee came together for the annual tradition of spring cleaning around their neighbourhood. MP for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC, Mr Alex Yam, started this initiative to inculcate a sense of community and joint responsibility in keeping the estates clean.

Equipped with gloves and determination, they beautified the surrounding greenery by picking up scattered litter. Collection points were also set up at Blocks 619 and 626 void decks for residents to drop off their unwanted bulky items in the lead up to Chinese New Year.



Marsiling: Decluttered

Adhering to the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) advisory on fire safety, Marsiling residents took great efforts to declutter common areas, such as the corridors and stairs.

Residents are encouraged to comply with the following guidelines:

Common Corridors

Larger items placed must be easily folded or removed in times of emergency to avoid obstruction

Small shoe rack for the sole purpose of keeping shoes

A minimum clear escape passage of 1.2m width clearance

Staircases and Landings

Strictly no placement/storage of objects at staircases and its immediate landing

Together, we can reduce the risks of fire hazards while practising being considerate to one another.

HOW DOES MGP BENEFIT YOU?

FOOD, RECREATION AND HEALTH PROGRAMMES FOR FREE!

\$100 PAssion Silver Card top-up to:
Buy items at designated EZ-Link merchants:

- Yew Tee Point
- Marsiling CC
- Woodgrove CC

Pay for activities:

- Cooking demonstrations
- Health screenings
- Gym and pool facilities managed by ActiveSG
- Public transportation

CHEAPER MEDICAL BILLS

Yearly MediSave top-ups until 2023 able to offset:

- Outpatient treatments
- Chronic disease management
- Health screenings
- Premiums of the Government's elderly support plans

DISCOUNTED MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

Additional 25% discount at polyclinics and public specialist outpatient clinics and **higher subsidies** at CHAS clinics when being treated for common illnesses, dental services, chronic conditions and health screenings.

These offers are valid for a limited time! Redeem them by presenting your MG Card at the respective merchants.

VALID TILL 31 DEC 2020

\$4 movie tickets every Tuesday at Cathay Cineplexes.

3% discount at Sheng Siong every Tuesday

20% off total bill for Treasured Flavours of Singapore a la carte lunch buffet every Tuesday



MGP Roadshow a Hit Among Our Residents

The Merdeka Generation (MG) Package roadshow was held at the open field in front of Block 19 Marsiling Lane on 9 February 2020. The well-attended event was held to honour Singaporeans born between 1950 and 1959, and whose contributions to Singapore during its nation-building years were essential to our country's flourishing. MPs for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC, Minister Lawrence Wong, Mr Alex Yam, Mr Ong Teng Koon (then-MP), and Adviser to Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC Grassroots Organisations, MOS Zaqy Mohamad, officiated the event.

"We appreciate all that you have done and thank you very much. Without your contribution, we will not have today's Singapore. We are very grateful to all of you."

- Minister Lawrence Wong

Through various booths, seniors learnt how they can lead a more active, purposeful lifestyle while staying healthy and protected through a host of benefits. Mr Chiang Yek Koon, 68, was elated. "Now I know I can use the one-off \$100 PAssion Silver Card top-up to pay for swimming sessions at my usual swimming spot, the Woodlands Swimming Complex," he said, grinning.

Mdm Ngamtiah Binte Jubri, 65, received the MG Welcome Folder last year. "I came here today to find out which benefits are applicable to me," she said.

The roadshow also touched on topics like Lasting Power of Attorney and advanced care planning.

Together, We are the Difference



For most of us, we have the privilege and luxury of working from home during this COVID-19 situation. However, our frontliners in the medical and hospitality sectors do not have this option as they are working hard to ensure the safety of our community.

Since February 2020, increased cleaning and disinfection efforts of common areas have been implemented. Not to be confused with standard cleaning procedures, disinfection control involves special chemical solvents and technology, such as cold fogging that kills viruses. Despite having to quickly learn how to utilise the new equipment while implementing safety measures, our workers have been diligently carrying out these additional duties in their daily work.

Residents staying in certain smaller communities have also come up with their own initiatives of providing small bottles of hand sanitisers in each lift car around their estates. These initiatives are inspiring and reflect our strong community bonds during this period.

On 15 February 2020, Town Council Chairman Mr Alex Yam organised "Cookies for our #SgHeroes" event where community volunteers baked cookies and packed care packs with encouragement cards to thank and honour our brave frontline workers. Staff from Gain City were also part of this joint collaboration effort, offering the use of their electrical appliances to speed up the baking process. By the end of the day, 1000 care packs were successfully completed and were arranged to be given to the staff of Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) & Ng Teng Fong Hospital (NTF) the following Monday.

Additionally, on 29 February 2020, Town Council Chairman Mr Alex Yam spearheaded "Operation We Ok!" alongside community volunteers. Going to every block in Yew Tee and the Town Centre, they gave out advisories on COVID-19 and assured residents to remain calm during this period.

While our frontliners and Town Council cleaners carry out their responsibilities, let us not forget ours as individuals. Please continue to practise social distancing and good hygiene habits. Should residents feel unwell, there are a total of nine PHPC clinics in Yew Tee and Limbang, providing convenience and subsidies to see a doctor. Together, we can overcome.



Marsiling's Kampung Spirit – Growing Our Social and Community Foundation



Employment has been affected to a great degree – residential unemployment rate went up by 0.6% from 3.3% to 3.9% in the 2nd quarter of 2020. With long term challenges arising from the pandemic, a group of Marsiling volunteers have banded together to help promote job opportunities for residents via a local support network called "**Marsiling CAREERS (CARE Empowered by Residents in Solidarity)**".

It is a ground initiative 'by residents for residents' which helps residents to access comprehensive job vacancies, skills training, retraining opportunities and financial support. This initiative aims to benefit both young and old communities – fresh graduates, seniors, PMETs, homemakers, and other job seekers – in Marsiling by tapping on the collective resources of key Government agencies (e.g. WSG, E2i, SkillsFuture, etc), business partners (e.g. FastJobs, Frasers Hospitality International Pte. Ltd., SMRT, etc) and NGOs (e.g. SG Assist).

Concurrently, these partnerships will also pilot **Singapore's first Community Support Marketplace** where residents are able to offer care for their neighbours and help create small work opportunities (i.e. micro-jobs) in the community. Residents can look forward to outreach

activities such as **posting of micro-jobs, virtual job fairs, walk-in job interviews and career talks** over the next few months. For the time-being, they will only be specially tailored for the Marsiling Community.

Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Senior Minister of State for Manpower and Defence, Adviser to Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC GROs (Marsiling) said, "*We have felt the impact of this pandemic to our jobs, our livelihoods, especially for families that depend on their breadwinners. Marsiling CAREERS is our effort to get targeted help for affected residents to secure new jobs and training opportunities. We want to encourage residents to participate in looking for available opportunities and gain relevant skills to boost their employability. Marsiling residents are resilient, in solidarity and committed to leaving no one behind.*"

Ms Samantha Toh, a resident who has benefitted from this initiative, said, "*We are blessed with the status of Singapore Citizens to use Career Connect resources free of charge. Mr Glenford has been professional. The process of landing into a reasonable contract has transformed my attitude. Thanks to everyone, even the MP (Mr Zaqy) morning visit, in making it happen.*"

Spot the Difference!

The photos below were taken at the Limbang-Yew Tee 2020 New Year Countdown. Can you spot the five places where the two photos differ? Circle them in the entry form and you could win a \$30 NTUC Fairprice voucher!




CONGRATULATIONS
*to the four winners of
 the December 2019 Puzzle:*

Lee Kok Peng
Lee Tee Chai
Seow Hoe Tiong
Lilian Pat Lai Chue

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

IC No. (only last 4 digits): _____

Contact No.: _____



Send your entry to: Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council, Block 306A Woodlands Street 31, #02-00, Singapore 731306
 Closing date: **31 December 2020**


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