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ENVIRODEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION FOR WRIGHT AND COOMBS

On 30 November 2010 the Land Development Agency (LDA) announced that Wright and Coombs have received EnviroDevelopment certification from the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA).

EnviroDevelopment is an industry certification scheme. It recognises developments that go above and beyond the norm in incorporating sustainability features into their design and execution. Wright and Coombs are the first ACT developments to earn EnviroDevelopment status and the largest in Australia to be certified.

Department of Land and Property Services Chief Executive, David Dawes, and LDA CEO John Robertson accepted the certification at Stromlo Forest Park.

“Wright and Coombs will incorporate sustainability initiatives such as Solar Envelope Controls which maximise solar access, 7 star rated multi-unit developments, the recycling and re-use of green waste and the establishment of a dedicated Home Sustainability Advisor to help people build more sustainable homes,” Mr Dawes said.

These initiatives have seen Wright and Coombs achieve certification in four



UDIA National Council President - Peter Sherrie, LDA CEO - John Robertson, and LAPS Chief Executive David Dawes

EnviroDevelopment categories: energy, ecosystems, waste and community. The design and planning of Wright and Coombs has provided the platform for purchasers to build on this good work through sustainable building choices.

UDIA National Council President, Peter Sherrie, congratulated the LDA on its commitment to challenging the traditional mindset and making the first suburbs of Molonglo Valley sustainable.

“I think it speaks volumes for Molonglo Valley and the LDA that this outstanding project has qualified for the program and recognition in four elements is an outstanding result.”

Certification for the water element is pending on the take up of water efficient fittings by future residents of Wright and Coombs.

For further information visit www.envirodevelopment.com.au



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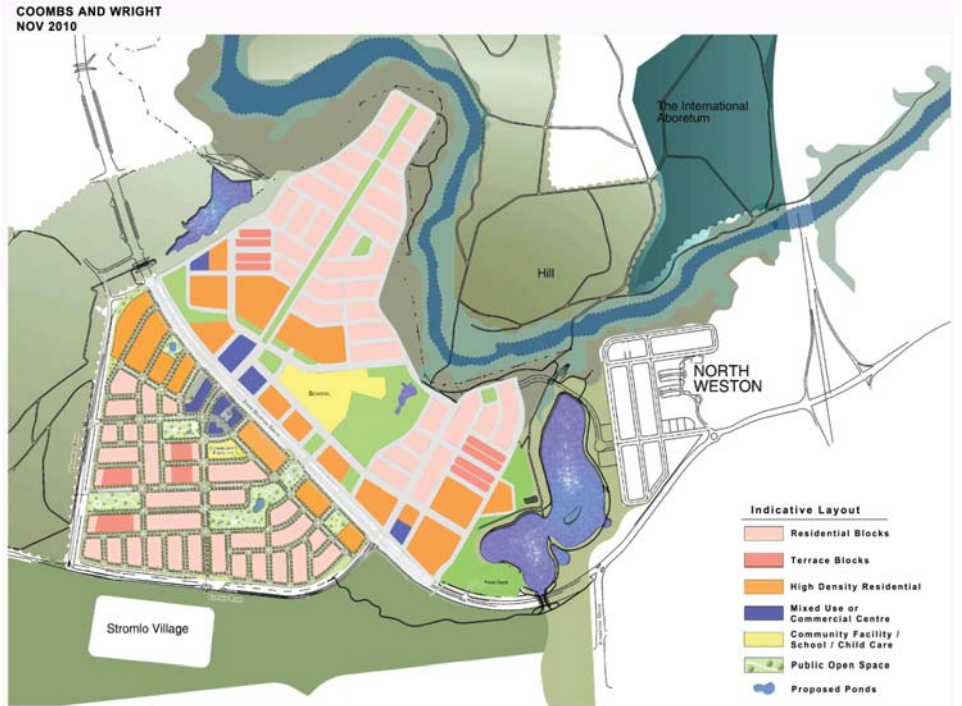
The LDA commenced the Sustainable Living at Molonglo Valley program in November 2010 with a series of information sessions for buyers. The sessions were run by the LDA's Home Sustainability Advisor, Greg Burghardt, who spoke about buyer's obligations under the LDA's Wright Stage 1 Housing Development Guide, changes to the Building Code of Australia and sustainable house design.

Greg is providing a free service for Wright purchasers which involves him providing advice about how to incorporate sustainability initiatives into their home design. This will assist them in reducing their energy and water bills and help to make them eligible to receive rebates and to comply with bond conditions. It will also enable them to play their part in making Wright more sustainable.

Sustainable Living at Molonglo Valley is a first for an EnviroDevelopment project. Future residents of Wright can help ensure the suburb's continued accreditation by incorporating sustainability initiatives into the design of their home using the advice and education provided as part of the LDA's program.



Greg Burghardt presenting at one of the Sustainability sessions.



Wright and Coombs Estate Development Plan.

COOMBS PLANNING AND DESIGN UPDATE

Planning and design for Coombs is progressing. The Coombs Estate Development Plan (EDP) is scheduled for lodgement with the ACT Planning and Land Authority in March 2011 under the DA process.

The first release of block in Coombs is scheduled for mid 2011.

The image above illustrates the current design layout.

LAND SALES IN WRIGHT

Four commercial opportunities in Wright have been released for sale by tender.

The release includes two packages of residential blocks, a section of terraces and a multi-unit site for 38 to 75 dwellings. Tenders close 2pm 14 December 2010.

The remaining single residential blocks in Wright will be offered for sale to the public in early 2011.

For all sales enquiries for Wright and Coombs please contact Colliers International on 1800 123 230.

COMMUNITY GARDEN CONFERENCE



Canberra Organic Growers Society Community Garden Conference

The LDA has been working with the Canberra Organic Growers Society (COGS) in relation to a Community Garden proposed for Coombs.

The LDA was proud to sponsor the recent Community Garden conference which promoted sustainability, health and inclusion.

Keynote speakers included Myles Bremner, the Chief Executive of Garden Organic, the UK's leading organic growing charity, and Costa Georgiadis, a well known landscape architect and host of SBS gardening series Costa's Gardening Odyssey.

The LDA held a workshop at the conference to generate planning ideas for the proposed Community Garden and looks forward to working with COGS and the new residents of Wright and Coombs to progress this project.

For more information about the Canberra Organic Growers Society visit their website at www.cogs.asn.au



Plan showing stages of subdivision development.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WRIGHT

Construction of the subdivision works for Wright Stage 1A has commenced. The LDA has engaged civil contractors Group One to undertake these works.

Wright Stage 1B is scheduled to commence in early 2011.

See the plan above for stages of subdivision development.

ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL USERS

To ensure public safety, all access between Stromlo Forest Park and the National Arboretum Canberra, including the Bicentennial National Trail (BNT) is closed to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders until further notice.

The ACT Government, ACT Equestrian Association and BNT Coordinator are working together to identify an alternative safe temporary route which will be identified with BNT signage.

For BNT enquiries, contact the BNT Coordinator Jenny Costin on 0412 274 810, or go to the website at www.nationaltrail.com.au for updates to section Guide Book 10.

For other access enquiries contact John Husband from Land and Property Services (LAPS) on (02) 6205 2920.



CONSTRUCTION SITE CLOSURE

Due to the commencement of site works for Wright and Coombs, the former pine plantation bounded by Uriarra Road, Cotter Road, the Molonglo River Corridor and Holden's Creek, has been closed to the public.

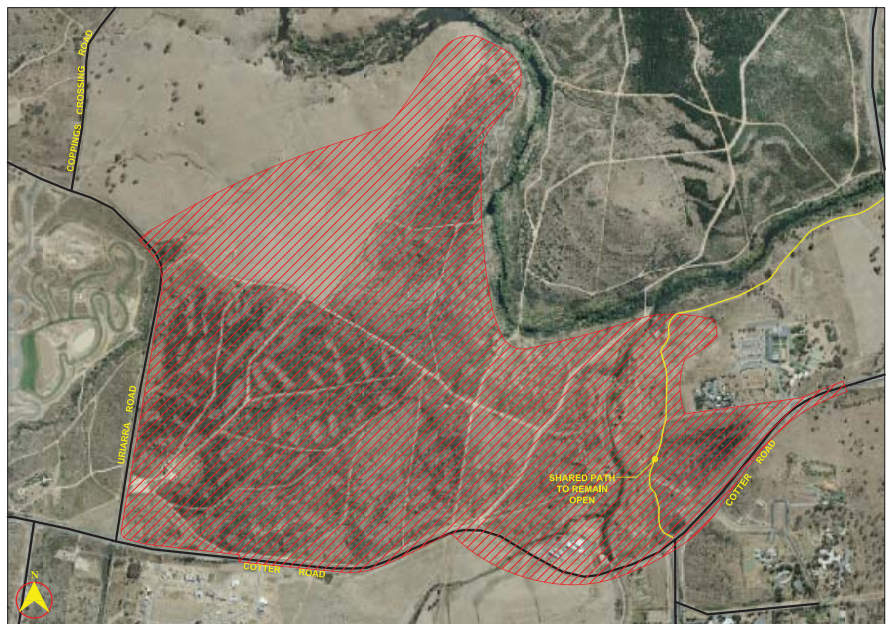
CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

The following capital works projects which will support the suburbs of Wright and Coombs are underway:


- North Weston Pond and realignment of the Cotter Road
- Construction of John Gorton Drive between Wright and Coombs
- Trunk sewer construction in Coombs

Capital works projects scheduled to commence in the next 12 months are:

- Cotter Road and Kirkpatrick Street intersections
- Coombs Ponds



Map of Wright and Coombs showing construction areas.

 Construction area

If you would like more detailed information about construction in Molonglo Valley please contact John Husband from LAPS on (02) 6205 2920.

MOLONGLO VALLEY WEBSITE

Check out the refreshed website for Molonglo Valley at www.molonglovalley.com.au

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