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Peet Limited's new Brigadoon community receives stamp of approval

Peet Limited's planned Special Rural community at Brigadoon has been given the green light from the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC).

The WAPC has approved Peet's Outline Development Plan and subdivision application for Stage 1 of its planned new community that will see 214 Special Rural homesites created as part of the final stage of existing Brigadoon.

This decision follows approval from the Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts in October 2009 and Local Government approval of the Outline Development Plan in early 2008.

Peet Limited Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Brendan Gore said this important milestone recognises Peet's commitment to creating a sustainable community in keeping with the existing natural environment.

"Peet Limited has worked closely with Local, State and Federal governments as well as the community to reach this milestone and has a best practice plan in place for the development of this future Brigadoon community," Mr Gore said.

"Our new community will reflect Peet's long-standing commitment to responsible and sustainable planning which will be carried through by the new residents in the way they build and establish their new homes."

Mr Gore said Peet Limited is anticipating the release of first homesites to purchasers in spring 2010.

Since planning began for the new community in 2005, Peet has worked closely with some of Western Australia's leading environmental, bushfire management and planning consultants to ensure that the environmental requirements are met and, wherever possible, exceeded.

Key areas that have benefited from the planning for the new community have included:

- protection of habitats for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and Baudin's Cockatoo;
- reducing the risk of bushfire;
- the protection of on-site and adjacent waterways;
- vegetation retention, protection and re-establishment (revegetation);
- the inclusion of public open space and additional community facilities; and
- the protection of Aboriginal heritage sites.

The preservation of almost half the property – or around 393 hectares – as natural bushland also provides an ecological link between the community and the adjoining 10,000 hectares of protected bushland including Walyunga National Park.

To date, almost one thousand people, including many from the local and surrounding areas, have registered their interest in becoming a part of the newest part of the Brigadoon community.



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