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RURAL LIFE CLOSE TO CITY

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SPRING MOUNTAIN estate at Greenbank is recognised for its spacious country living close to Brisbane's CBD yet the quality land is now also available in smaller parcels.

Developer Peet Limited has recently released the first half acre lots in the rural setting.

The 19 home sites, ranging in size from 2345sq m to 4980sq m, are located in the new section of the estate, which is a short walk from planned parkland and public reserve being developed on the foreshore of the community's largest natural lagoon.

Prices start from \$235,000 for the relatively flat sites, which have full-pressure town water.

Brad and Amanda Walker are no strangers to the perks of the Spring Mountain lifestyle having recently purchased a 5053sq m lot in Bushlark Place.

Construction has started

on the couple's five-bedroom house after a long and frustrating search for their dream home.

"We looked at heaps of houses and put in a couple of offers," Mr Walker said. "When Amanda discovered Spring Mountain

and her chance to design our ideal home, the decision to buy was easy.

For the price of the land, the location and size of the lot, it was a much better choice."

While Spring Mountain may feel a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of city living, Mr Walker said their new home is surprisingly accessible and an easy drive to his apprenticeship job at Murarrie.

"It's only 25-30 minutes from Spring Mountain to work," he said.

"You've got Springfield Central around the corner, which is massive, and the motorway is just there." Mr Walker grew up in Yeppoon and wanted his young family to experience a similar freedom of space. "When we moved to

Brisbane we looked to buy a place near Amanda's family and work in the Wynnum to Capalaba area but we struggled to find something," he said.

"Nowhere was big enough for a shed and on Saturdays I used to like riding around on the lawnmower.

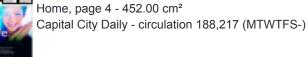
"You can't do that in the city."

Mr Walker estimated the build of their home would take 16-20 weeks.



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PLENTY OF SPACE: Amanda and Brad Walker with daughter Mia, 2, have bought a 5053sq m lot at Spring Mountain near Greenbank.