

Homes among the gums and banksias

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Home sites in the latest land release at Banksia Grove are bound by a parcel of Bush Forever to the north and vegetated parkland to the east.

The new lots, recently released in Stage 36B of the masterplanned estate, range from 338-576sqm and are priced from \$216,000 to \$262,000, with titles expected in June.

They are also close to Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School and the new Joseph Banks Secondary College and minutes from the new Banksia Grove district shopping centre.

Banksia Grove general manager Tony Naughtin said the project had reached a number of milestones already this year, including welcoming its 2000th land buyer, Shaun Norris and the opening of the new district shopping centre and the new secondary college.

Mr Norris, a Perth Wheelcats member who has played for the Australian men's wheelchair basketball team, plans to build a four-bedroom, two-bathroom home at Banksia Grove later this year, with his partner Amber Merritt.

"I chose to buy in Banksia Grove as I found it excellent value for money and it's close to our family and friends," Mr Norris said.

"I also liked the new shopping village and how close the area is to Wanneroo and Joondalup."

Mr Naughtin said he looked forward to welcoming the couple to



Banksia Grove's 2000th land buyer Shaun Norris with Tony Naughtin.

the community at Banksia Grove.

"It's amazing that we are celebrating our 2000th sale years ahead of schedule," Mr Naughtin said.

"We are very proud of the success of the development and the calibre of our buyers and residents.

"We are currently finalising planning for our final precinct, which will contain about 1000 lots and offer a range of affordable home sites, plus a premium release aimed at second and third-homebuyers."

Mr Naughtin said it had been fitting that the red ribbon to open the Banksia Grove Village shopping centre had been cut by City of

Wanneroo Volunteer of the Year Bill McClelland and his wife Myra.

"Along with Coles, the Village has a mix of 16 speciality retail outlets to provide a range of shopping, services and entertainment needs," he said.

"Stage 2 of the district centre is currently in the planning stages, with a proposed Woolworths store and more speciality shops."

Joseph Banks Secondary College welcomed students in years 7 and 8 this year, with groups in years 9-12 to be added over the next four years.

"This state-of-the-art school has a visual arts focus and will be heavily involved in the 'Spring in the Grove' community celebration later this year," Mr Naughtin said.

"The school ovals are jointly owned and managed with the City of Wanneroo and will be used for local sport and community events."

Mr Naughtin said Banksia Grove also had a display village and its Discovery Park had a gated, exploration-based play area for children called Pitstop Park.

■ The Banksia Grove land sales office, on Blossom Way, is open weekends and Mondays from noon-5pm and Wednesdays from 3.30-5pm. More information is available at banksiagrove.net.au or by phoning 9485 1100.



A living stream is part of the public open space at Banksia Grove.