

ALKIMOS BEACH

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WELCOME

Summer is here and 2014 is set to see Alkimos Beach take off, not only in terms

of construction but also as a community. Our Purchaser Christmas Party at the end of last year was a huge success and we've included photos and feedback from our Kitchen Table Tales in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone that came and made the event so wonderful – it's great to see the community forming before our residents move in.

We've started the year off with a bang with the opening of the Escarpment Park. Already we've had incredible feedback about the park and facilities on offer. It's essential that we provide these facilities before residents move in, allowing them to get out and enjoy their new community.

2014 is a big year for Alkimos Beach – our first residents moving in will kick start the community but there's a lot more on offer this year in the way of events, new community initiatives and key infrastructure delivery. We can't wait to share the details with you but in the meantime, read about our first school and the opening of our parks, here in this edition.

If you have family and friends interested in Alkimos Beach, invite them to come have a look. Enjoy an ice-cream at the Sales and Information Centre or have a cup of tea or coffee. Feel free to drop in, we're open every day.

Martin Gaedke,
Alkimos Beach Project Director

CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY

What a difference a few months make at Alkimos Beach. Construction is underway on our 22-home display village with an exclusive list of builders.

A grand opening will be held in Autumn 2014 once the display homes are complete. We've also opened Lookout Park and The Escarpment, ready to be enjoyed and already providing the community with a place to meet, relax and play. Major landscaping on our key roads is also complete and future residents can look forward to seeing the start of construction for the new private school this year.





PURCHASER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Almost 400 people turned out to the Purchaser Christmas Party at Alkimos Beach on Sunday 15 December 2013 for a great day that included ice-cream, face painting, water slide and stalls.

These events are held to help residents meet each other and build a community prior to residents moving in. A special smoking ceremony was performed by Noongar elder Ingrid Cumming to acknowledge the traditional land owners of the Alkimos Beach region.

We know you love Alkimos Beach but the Purchaser Christmas Party gave us insight into just how much when some of you shared your hopes and dreams for the community at our Kitchen Table Tales. Here are some of the comments:

"Looking out of my kitchen window over the Indian ocean is more than I have dreamed."

"Love this place."

"My house is one of the first to be built here so I love the feeling of being a pioneer in this awesome community."

"My dream for Alkimos Beach is a place where neighbours genuinely look out for each other."

"I would like Alkimos Beach to explore new ways of being sustainable – not just something written in a brochure."

"I dream of contentment by the beach."

SCHOOL IS IN FOR 2015

Many future residents of Alkimos Beach were excited to hear the announcement of a new Anglican school, St James', to open in 2015.

The coeducational Kindergarten to Year 12 school sets Alkimos Beach apart, and will ensure families moving into the area have access to a range of educational opportunities.

St James' Anglican School will be located on a 10 hectare site on Marmion Avenue – on the corner of Graceful Boulevard – and have access to stunning Indian Ocean views.

The construction of stage one will cost \$A17million and begin early 2014. The master plan includes state of the art teaching and learning facilities, a full AFL size oval with a 400 metre running track, a second soccer/hockey field, hard-courts, a chapel, and a gym and performing arts centre.



L-R: Anglican Schools Commission Chief Executive Officer, Reverend Peter Laurence, LandCorp Development Manager, Mark Pawluk, Lend Lease General Manager, Anthony Rowbottom, and students Dion Gilling, Hayley Mann, Chloe Coetzee, Adam Foster.

The school will open in term 1, 2015 for Kindergarten to Year 6. By 2021 the school will offer all classes from Kindergarten to Year 12. At full enrolment, it is expected the St James' school will cater for approximately 1,100 students.

A public primary school will also be available in the region with details on this announcement coming soon.



First park attendees – Dominic McGuire, Michelle McIntosh and (L-R) Ruby (3), Millie (6) and Ronnie (1)

PARK LIFE AT ALKIMOS BEACH

Life at Alkimos Beach just got better with the opening of two new parks in stage one. Lookout Park and Escarpment Park are now open and available for the community to enjoy.

Lookout Park was the first park to be delivered in December 2013. The park takes in an expansive view of the ocean and looks out across the 10,000 year-old dune at Alkimos Beach. The park features a fantastic toddler playground including a pirate ship, treasure chests and action elements.

Escarpment Park opened in January 2014 and is one of the largest parks at Alkimos Beach. The \$2 million park provides a number of children's play areas including structured and nature play areas, barbeque facilities and native and grassed areas.

Alkimos Beach Project Director Martin Gaedke said the Escarpment Park offered the community a central place for residents to interact.

"We've thought about the entire community demographic in this park – we are creating spaces for children, families and

teenagers, but also older residents such as empty nesters and retirees that want to exercise or enjoy the surrounding environment," Martin said.

Key features of the park include:

- Gathering space where several family groups can each find a patch for a picnic or barbeque and have birthday parties
- A "Snakes and Ladders" design, providing access along steeper parts of the park with dense native vegetation
- A formal shared (bike and pedestrian) promenade on the east side of the park provides views to the regional open space and to the ocean
- Nature based play elements positioned in terraced play pods including:
 - Toddlers (1-3yrs) swings and talking tubes near small shelter with immediate low wall seating for parent supervision
 - Adventure play zone with climbing, sliding and balancing equipment
 - Teen play – swings and spinners

"Rather than create a flat, grassed area, we've created a park with interest that allows children to explore the different levels," Martin said.

"Once the native trees grow and create shade, this is going to be an incredible community park – it's great now but watch it improve with age."

Almost 30% of Alkimos Beach is public open space or regional open space with more than 63 hectares of parks and open space in total.



ALKIMOS BEACH; A PLACE FOR THE CARNABY BLACK-COCKATOO

Alkimos Beach is a special place for many reasons, and being home to the endangered Carnaby Black-Cockatoo is one of them. Preserving and creating a habitat for the endangered bird is a key feature of our sustainability initiatives within the community.

The Carnaby Black-Cockatoo is classified in WA as a 'rare and likely to become extinct' bird and is federally listed as Endangered. In the last 50 years there has been a 50 per cent decline in their population. These birds are endemic to WA, meaning they are found nowhere else in the world. It is essential that we protect their remaining habitat as well as the birds themselves for the survival of the species (source: Birdlife.org.au).

We have a target to ensure that 85 per cent of all plants in Alkimos Beach parks and streetscapes are native species. We are also targeting 50 per cent of trees and shrubs in our streetscape and landscaping include plants that are primary feeding plants for the Carnaby Black-Cockatoo. This will create an area equivalent to at least five hectares within Alkimos Beach that replicates the cockatoo's natural habitat.

To raise awareness of endangered species the road names in Alkimos Beach have been named after threatened and endangered flora and fauna. Key road names include Bristlebird Circuit, Leatherback Boulevard and Painted Parkway after the western bristlebird, leatherback turtle and painted button quail respectively.

Alkimos Beach is your home, and also home to the Carnaby Black-Cockatoo – keep an eye out for this special bird in parks and reserves in the area. If you'd like more information visit www.birdlife.org.au



The Carnaby Black-Cockatoo, photo: Jason Hick, Emerge Associates

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