

Display village planned for Flagstone

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FLAGSTONE Rise will soon be home to Jimboomba's first display village as development at the master-planned greenfield site continues.

Representatives from some of Australia's largest building companies gathered at a park on Honeygum Place, Flagstone recently to participate in a lot draw to determine which of the 25 800 square metre blocks of land at Timbertop Stages B and C each would develop.

The development of the site comes in the wake of last month's announcement by Premier Anna Bligh to fast track the release of residential land at Flagstone to tackle the housing affordability crisis.

Ms Bligh said planning for Flagstone would be accelerated to deliver "developer-ready" blocks within 12 months to create an "integrated community" for 15,000 people.

Construction of the 25 display homes at the MTAA owned site, jointly managed by Knight Frank and KGJFS, will begin in October with completion set for April 2009.

MTAA development fund senior manager Grant Whitaker said the Flagstone Rise estate was important for the Jimboomba area and inte-



Flagstone Rise sales administrator Lisa Teale, Queensland Master Builders Association display villages manager Martin Kerwin and Queensland Master Builders representative Paul Lamorer take part in the lot draw.

gral to providing more homes for Queensland.

"MTAA acquired the estate eight years ago and since it has sought to improve the quality of development in Flagstone," he said.

Over this period, Flagstone has developed from a rural residential to an urban subdivision.

"The master plan project for Flagstone is well on its way. It's an excellent time for Flagstone, an excellent time for people investing in the state and an excellent time for south-east Queensland."

Knight Frank land marketing and sales manager Michael Rozik said the development of Flagstone Rise Stage 13B and 13C as a display village was only one facet of the estate's fast-

tracked development, with clearing of about 1240 hectares of land to the east of the railway already under way.

"We've got enough land to keep us rolling," Mr Rozik said.

Master Builders Queensland display villages manager Martin Kerwin said the Timbertop display village was a sign of growth in the region.

"This is the first display village in the area and we're excited because there's huge potential growth for the region and our members," he said.

Mr Kerwin said the development would provide those looking to build a house with a hands-on guide to what was available with the different combinations of products going well beyond the 25 designs.

"We'll be showcasing the work of our professional master build members," he said.

"It's a showcase of the best products at the present time. It offers people an insight into overall design and product.

"A lot of people can't build from a plan - if they can see it built, it can help them make a decision."

Homes on display will feature designs and products by Bella Q Properties, Clarindon, Coral Homes, GJ Gardiner, Hallmark Homes, Plantation Homes, Perry Homes, Plan Build, Rivergum Homes, Ross Beamy and Orbit Homes.


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