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Shearwater wetlands to benefit local environment

With work well underway on the first homes at FKP's Shearwater on the Island at Cowes on Phillip Island, the wetlands that form part of the Shearwater residential estate are contributing to the improved quality of the environment around Cowes and the Rhyll Inlet.

The wetlands are designed to capture and treat stormwater from a 210 hectare catchment, including parts of Cowes. The wetlands are intended to reduce localised flooding in areas including the neighbouring Phillip Island Golf Course.

FKP's Executive General Manager Residential and Communities, Evian Delfabbro, said the wetlands are intended to build a bond between Shearwater and its surrounds.

"The wetland is meant to both enhance and protect, filtering sediments that would otherwise flow into the Rhyll Inlet, as well as assist flood waters designed for the 1 in 100 year storms," said Ms Delfabbro.

"This will enhance the quality of the natural environment on this part of Phillip Island, and provide a wetland and waterfront precinct not just for residents of Shearwater but for the broader community beyond."

Other features of the wetland reserve include a shelter and viewing platform along with a network of paths and boardwalks which will connect to Settlement and Coghlan Roads and provide access to the wider Phillip Island community. The new footpaths connect with existing paths that extend into the centre of Cowes.

Early works at Shearwater have been completed and works for Stage 3 of the development are due to start in the next month.

Home sites around the park are priced from \$135,000, and already more than a quarter of them have been accounted for and 80 percent of the first two stages have already sold.

In total, it is anticipated Shearwater will comprise of 256 allotments over nine stages. For sales information on the Shearwater, contact 1300 SHEARWATER or visit www.shearwaterestate.com.au.

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