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\$120m development will result in 400 new homes on former army camp site

Bright new dawn for Brighton

A MAJOR housing development comprising 400 dwellings is under way at the former Brighton Army Camp site. The largest housing development in Brighton for 70 years, the project has been officially launched by Brighton Mayor Tony Foster.

Brighton Council has approved the development of 120 lots to accommodate 400 new dwellings on the 62-hectare former Army Camp Estate at a value of about \$120 million.

The project is being undertaken by developers Trivona International, with major projects that are happening here, including the Brighton Sports and Leisure Centre and the development of a new housing estate.

for residential development in the area. "Importantly, it demonstrates how developers are recognising the growth of the municipality and vision that we have for future development for the area," Cr Foster said.

"Over the next six years Brighton's population is set to climb from 16,000 to 20,000.

"This exciting development will allow young people to stay in the district in which they have grown up and encourage others to move to the area. It will also complement other major projects that are happening here, including the Brighton Sports and Leisure Centre and the development of a new housing estate as more businesses and industry relocate because of the Brighton transport hub."

The estate will feature a thorough road for public transport access, and the larger Macquarie Reserve sports ground, were precluded from unit development.

Peter Ryan, project manager for the Trivona International development, said land prices in Brighton had gone up dramatically over the past few years and young people had been priced out of the market.

"With prices ranging from \$80,000 to \$150,000, this estate offers enough lots to satisfy that post-up demand," he said.

Most of the old buildings have since gone and the grassy level site is being developed as one of the largest housing estates in Tasmania.

Brighton Council has approved the sale of 120 lots. The first 20 lots were on sale on March 15 and 17 were sold in the first 24 hours – all but three sites being sold to builders.

Lot range in price from \$80,000 to \$150,000.

"This subdivision will be good for the growth of the municipality. We've been over-run with inquiries from people wanting to live here," said Brighton Mayor Tony Foster.

The Brighton transport hub – a key feature of the 13-year – will be opened by late 2012, when they hope there will be residents in several hundred new homes on Brighton Estate.

"If some of the residents about to work at the hub it will be only five minutes to work," he said.

When Brighton Estate is completed it will fall within an estimated five years, 400 dwellings will live there in a mix of dwellings which will encourage a feeling of community.

The precinct will be established by underground power and gently curving roadways to slow traffic. Direct access to the Midland Highway will not be available until the Brighton project is complete.

A key feature of the subdivision will be the creation of the army parade grounds in a open space for passive recreation – this represents 15 per cent of the site being built.

Housing site has history and heritage to be preserved

By JOHN HILL

THROUGHOUT the 20th century, Brighton was the centre of military training in Tasmania.

Twenty-nine to the First World War and World War 2, training in public works and the Midland Highway was held to train soldiers going to fight in World War 2.

The final chapter on these military achievements has concluded with the subdivision of the 62-hectare Brighton Army Camp.

Volunteers, conservationists and local residents have been active in the area and other necessities of army life at the camp.

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