

# Development is under way

Construction on Mitchell Shire's newest residential community — Mandalay at Beveridge — commenced last week, paving the way for an influx of about 6000 new residents.

Mitchell Shire Mayor Bill Melbourne last Tuesday officially turned the first sod of the development to announce the commencement of construction.

The residential estate, by joint partners Urbex and Metricon Developments, will bring more than 2000 homes together with first-class amenities and proposed on-site facilities.

Mandalay will also comprise an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse, a proposed primary school, vast parklands with scenic walking and bike paths, and more.

Set to be a 'lifestyle environment', Mandalay will form an extension to Lithgow St and sit on the boundary of Patterson Rd in Beveridge, and is easily accessible from Hume Fwy.

The golf course, designed by golfing legend Peter Thomson's firm Thomson Perrett, is already under way and will nestle amid the overall development plan.

Cr Melbourne said the delivery of new housing developments would offer an exciting

future to the region by bringing homes and services that attract new families and friends, eventually forming a strong community and breathing life into the shire.

"Mandalay will eventually bring thousands of people to Beveridge, that together with the on-site amenity it will deliver, will ultimately provide a wonderful facility and thriving destination for the community at large," he said.

Mandalay development manager Rod Binedell was present at the sod-turning ceremony and presented the mayor with a token of appreciation for the council's role in helping deliver the project to Beveridge.

Mr Binedell said the project was timely and offered a perfect opportunity to revitalise the outlying areas of the shire, which falls into the proposed new urban boundary for Melbourne.

"The council's co-operation and understanding of the need for new developments in the Shire of Mitchell, such as Mandalay, has ensured a smooth process in getting to this point," Mr Binedell said.

"Located a minute's drive from the Beveridge on-ramp to the Hume Highway, Mandalay

is approximately 50 km from the CBD, and will offer buyers a fresh alternative to other growth corridors.

"With works now well under way, we will quickly see this once sleepy town come alive with activity and develop into a wonderful place to live and grow."

In light of the recent fires which heavily devastated much of the shire, Mr Binedell said it was even more important that Mandalay delivered new homes to the region.

"We, like so many others, have been shocked by the devastation of the recent fires, and are now hoping we can deliver new home opportunities to people that have been touched by this tragedy," Mr Binedell said.

"Mandalay will play a central role in rebuilding this whole community, and we are very honoured to be in the position to do so."

Mandalay will commence sales to the general public in the coming months and is accepting expressions of interest from potential buyers through the website

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