



Green light for Gidgegannup

Gidgegannup appears set to be transformed in a multi-million dollar 15-year project by property developer Port Bouvard Ltd.

The ambitious project, which focuses on 1900 townsite lots and eventually about 4500 residents, has generally been welcomed by the local community of about 1400 households.

Port Bouvard Ltd unveiled its Gidgegannup townsite master plan to the community last weekend, after lodging the plan

with the City of Swan and the WA Planning Commission after 12 months of project planning.

About 90 residents from 70 households attended two company sessions in Gidgegannup.

Port Bouvard joint chief executive John Wroth said after positive community feedback including support from the Gidgegannup Progress Association, the focus was now to ensure the City of Swan and State Government considered residents' opinion. "We want to ensure that

we deliver a first-class development and self-sustaining community," he said.

The master plan gives solutions to providing infrastructure using the latest technology in water recycling.

Broadband services, improved power, new schools and much-needed social infrastructure are other features.

Mr Wroth said the local community had been especially responsive to the environmental work the company had undertaken

over the past two years. The master plan incorporated priority flora and waterways with public open space.

A plan for about 23 per cent of public open space and the aim for existing rural residents to remain self sufficient and not have to connect to, or pay for, scheme water was also well received.

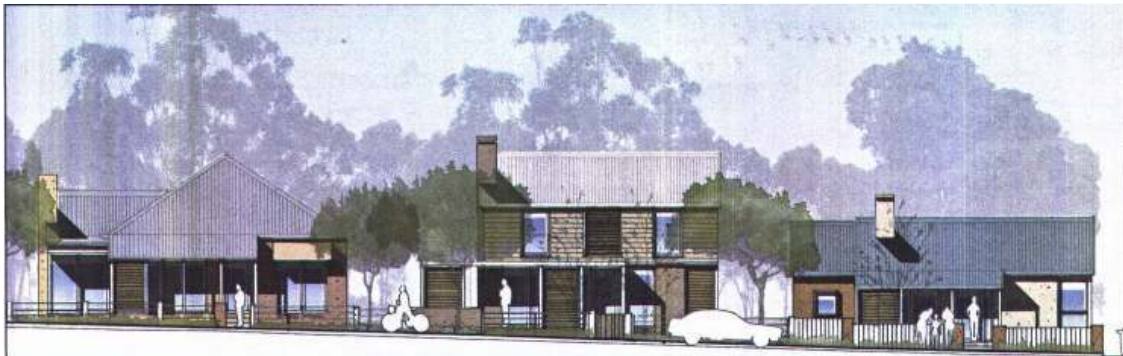
Lee Roberts, chairperson

of the Susannah Brook Land Care Group, said she was impressed with the plan to put aside land for public open space including wetlands and mature marri and jarrah trees.

"I also like the fact that houses will probably be built with alternate materials to blend with the environment and not just be a copy of housing on the Swan coastal plain," she said.

Ms Roberts, who has lived in Gidgegannup

for the past seven years, said she would also welcome more services to the town.



An artist's impression of the home designs in the new development. Image courtesy of Port Bouvard Ltd