



Gidgegannup master plan unveiled

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Developer Port Bouvard Limited has unveiled its master plan to develop 1900 residential lots at Gidgegannup, with a strong focus on sustainability and effective water management.

Joint chief executive John Wroth said the master plan was launched at information sessions last month, attended by 90 Gidgegannup and Morangup residents, from 70 of about 1400 households in the area.

It was likely to be some months before the State Government formally released the master plan for public comment, but it was important to demonstrate an inclusive and proactive approach with the local community to ensure a timely response from the City of Swan, he said.

“After positive feedback from the community, our focus now is to

ensure the City of Swan and State Government departments take on board the residents’ sentiments and partner with us to ensure we deliver a truly first-class development and self-sustaining community in Gidgegannup,” Mr Wroth said.

“Only by working together from the outset can we meet the high expectations of the master plan, which most residents at the information sessions supported.”

Mr Wroth said subdivision of 2ha lots envisaged by the City of Swan’s Gidgegannup Rural Strategy began in the mid-1990s, and planning for the townsite development should have started in 2003 but stalled due to difficulty resolving water and wastewater infrastructure issues.

Port Bouvard Ltd acquired most of the townsite land in 2007, taking on the task of planning for the new

town and overcoming the infrastructure hurdles, he said.

“The master plan unveiled by the company provides solutions to the provision of infrastructure using the latest available technology in water recycling,” he said.

A commitment to provide broadband services, improved power, new schools and much-needed social infrastructure reflected community input during initial consultation in 2007 and 2008.

Key elements of the Gidgegannup plan include seven-star energy-efficiency ratings for homes, diverse lot sizes from 300sqm to 1000sqm in the townsite and up to 1ha on the outskirts, varied dwelling types, an integrated water management strategy and building guidelines reflecting the rural setting.



A variety of housing styles is a key element of the Gidgegannup master plan.