

Cockburn



KNOW YOUR SUBURB HAMILTON HILL

By Bill Thomas JP, MLA Member for Cockburn

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PERSONAL NOTE

As Member for Cockburn I have great pleasure in initiating the Cockburn local history project with this leaflet on Hamilton Hill.

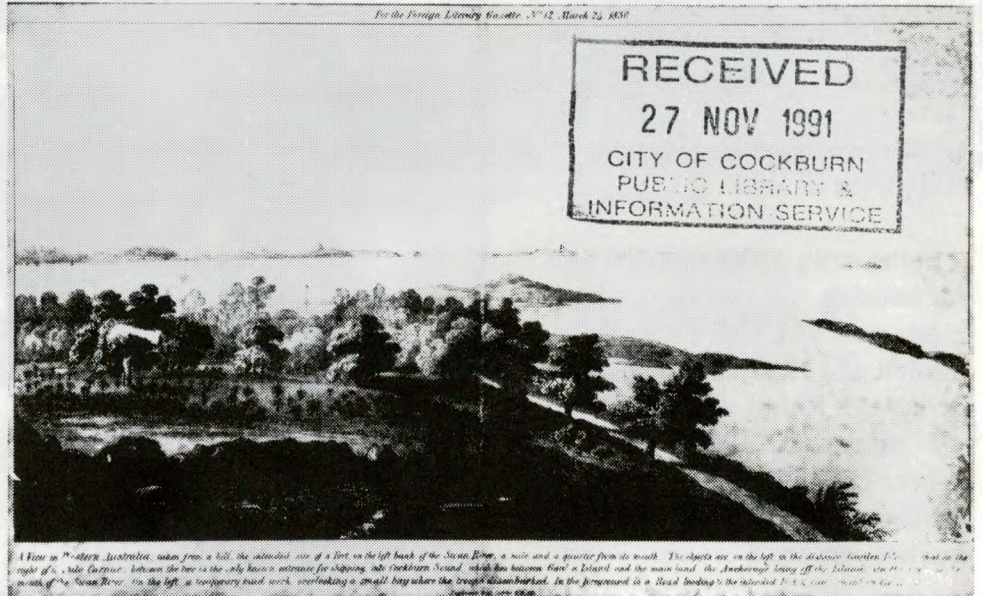
The people of Hamilton Hill and its surrounding districts can be proud of the contribution they have made to the shaping of the State. Unfortunately, many of the residents, particularly those who have recently moved into the district, do not know the history of the region.

The suburb is divided between the state electorates of Fremantle and Cockburn and this leaflet is co-sponsored with my colleague, Fremantle MLA Jim McGinty.

THE NAME HAMILTON HILL

By June 1829 the settlement of the Swan River colony had begun. On January 15, 1830 the Leda, commanded by George Robb dropped anchor in Gage Roads. The Leda was on its way to Mauritius via Fremantle carrying passengers, stock and general cargo. Captain Robb saw great potential in the future of the new colony and with this in mind came well prepared to establish a farm in the region.

Robb applied for a 2000 acre grant south of Fremantle, which extended from a summit of a small hill near Cardigan Street to North Lake. Soon after he set sail to



A view from the left bank of the Swan River overlooking Garden Island (drawn in 1830)

Mauritius and left Sydney Smith, a 25 year old farm manager whom he brought over from England to establish the farm. Sydney Smith quickly established himself in the colony and built a house just east of Hardy Street. In a letter dated August 27th, 1830 Smith gives the address of the farm as Hamilton Hill. The area soon took on this name, which it still holds today. This is the first record of the name Hamilton Hill being used, it's origin has not been documented.

THE EARLY YEARS

Soon many people were to apply for grants in the district and one such person was a Charles Macfaull who took up a grant between Robb's and the sea.

Macfaull quickly turned his land into profitable use. Having brought

a large number of vine stocks from the Cape of Good Hope, he planted the vines at Hamilton Hill and began the colony's first vineyard.

Macfaull joined partnership with a W K Shenton and began to publish the colony's first printed newspaper, "The Fremantle Observer, Perth Gazette and Western Australian Journal" on April 25th 1831, and for a short while it was printed at Macfaull's property at Hamilton Hill.

Macfaull was also to win the contract as the first Government Printer. He also went about printing a new newspaper, the Perth Gazette which was published on January 5th 1833, this journal survives today as the West Australian.

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HAMILTON HILL'S PROGRESS

Much of Hamilton Hill remained in its natural state until the early 1890's. A jetty was soon constructed for landing cattle from the Kimberleys, with a stockyard and slaughterhouses being erected nearby. Thousands of acres of land throughout the Cockburn district was turned into vast stockyards to keep the cattle from the Kimberleys before slaughter. This activity played a vital part in the region's economy. Development soon became rapid and a railway service was completed in 1898.

In the early 1900's subdivision for housing was commenced with roads such as Clara, Contarf, Parnell and Healy Roads being dedicated. Robbs original grant was subdivided into 42 sections. Where Hamilton Hill High School stands over 60 acres of extensive market gardens were cultivated.

THE CHANGING OF THE DISTRICT

The 1850's saw the beginning of large estate holdings in the district. One such was Manning Estate surrounding Davilak Lake. The Aborigines called it Dgilgies Lake which was changed to Devils Lake by L A Manning with the Aborigines then pronouncing it Davilak. This was broken up and divided into various size lots in 1914.

Along Rockingham Road shops began to appear to supply the local district. A major impact on the local economy occurred during 1923 with the outbreak of rinderpest amongst the cattle. A buffer zone was established and the movement of foodstuffs and animals quarantined.



Early Settlers of Hamilton Hill - Mr & Mrs L A Manning

Street lights were installed in 1925 with domestic power being connected to residents by 1926. In 1951 the State Housing Commission resumed Bakers Estate (Forest and Healy Roads) site of the district's first abattoirs and began the first of the new housing development.

HAMILTON HILL TODAY

The locality of Hamilton Hill is now a prosperous community having been built on the success of its pioneers. The district comprises a mixture of residential and light industrial areas.



Landing cattle at Robbs Jetty, Fremantle

ORIGINS OF STREET NAMES IN HAMILTON HILL

Annie Street named after the daughter of John Healy who was the owner of the Winterfold Estate.

Baker Road named after the pioneers of the meat industry in Hamilton Hill, Joseph and Levi Baker.

Davilak Avenue named after Davilak Estate home to the Manning family.

Cardigan Street named after the Earl of Cardigan.

Forrest Road named after the Surveyor General John Forrest, who later became the state's first Premier and a federal Member of Parliament.

Newmarket Street home to the Fremantle racing fraternity in the early 1900's and named after Newmarket in Britain.

SOUTHWELL

By 1919 many dairy farms were established and many of the herds grazed on the commonage provided by the 3000 acres of university land between Blackwood Avenue and Phoenix Road (Southwell Estate). This area was first controlled by interests outside of the district and formed a barrier to the future growth of the area.

Its 3000 acres was first purchased by the Fremantle Town Council then it was bought by the University of Western Australia and held as endowment lands since 1904.



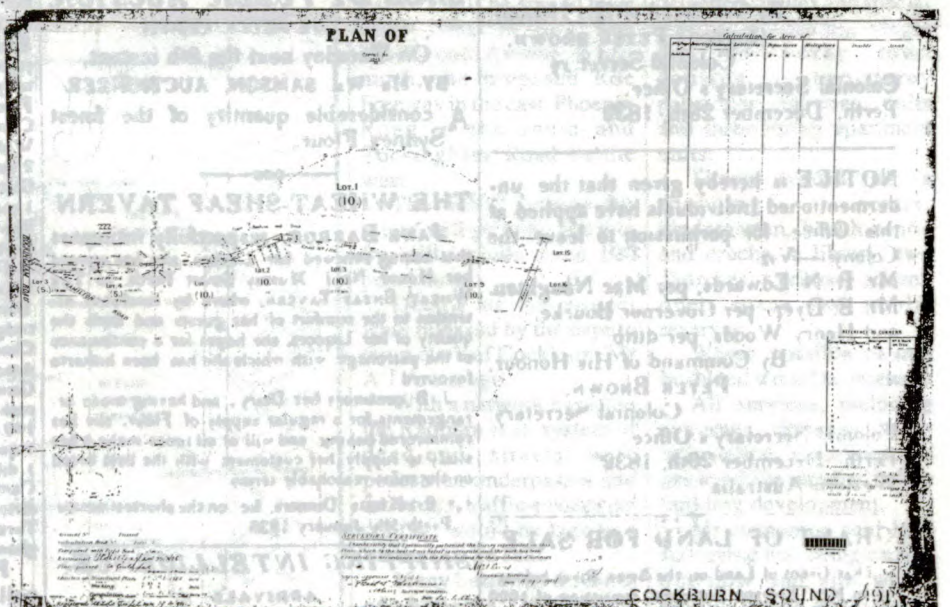
Children at Hamilton Hill School, 1920

The Shire of Cockburn began negotiations between the University's Endowment Trust and the State Housing Commission with a view to arranging an exchange of land.

After many meetings the University accepted land at Murdoch leaving the State Housing Commission to begin the Southwell Estate. Construction commenced in 1974 and today there are over 300 dwellings in the estate.

HISTORICAL LOCATIONS IN THE DISTRICT

Rockingham Road Hamilton Hill
Six buildings in the vicinity of Rockingham Road and Forrest Road "The Peak"
The old House
75 Rockingham Road
Greenslades Store
Old Council Chambers
Hamilton Hill Primary School
Hamilton Hill Memorial School
Stables



1906 Plan of the Hamilton Hill district

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE. PROCLAMATION

By His Honor F C Irwin Esquire, Captain in His Majesty's 63rd Regiment of Foot Senior Officer of His Majesty's Land Forces Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Territory of Western Australia

WHEREAS by the 13th Section of the Act of Council 2 W 4 No 10. (entitled an Act to impose certain duties on imported Spirituous Liquors) it is among other things enacted "that all Spirits landed at any place not duly authorised, and appointed for that purpose shall be forfeited.

Now therefore, I the Lieutenant Governor, in pursuance of the power in me vested in that behalf, do hereby appoint that the Landing place for all Spirits entered inwards for the Port of Fremantle, shall be on the beach of the South bay within the distance of two hundred yards on either side of Mr Daniel Scotts Jetty

GOD SAVE THE KING!!!

Given under my Hand and Seal at Perth Western Australia the 24th day of December 1832

(Signed) F C Irwin

Lieutenant Governor.

By His Honor's Command

PETER BROWN

Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that Thomas Brown has applied at this Office, for Permission for himself and Family, to leave the Colony per "Governor Bourke"

By Command of His Honour,

(Signed) PETER BROWN,

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Perth, December 28th, 1832

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Individuals have applied at this Office, for permission to leave the Colony — Viz

Mr. R N Edwards, per Mac Naughten.

Mr B. Dyer, per Governor Bourke.

and Henry Woods, per ditto

By Command of His Honour,

PETER BROWN,

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Perth December 26th, 1832

Western Australia

GRANT OF LAND FOR SALE

That Grant of Land on the Swan River belonging to Mr Thomson Rottenest, consisting of 1000 Acres is for sale by private bargain

Apply to Mr. W. N. Clark Solicitor Fremantle
Fremantle December 18th 1832

ON SALE

AT THE
STORES OF THE UNDERSIGNED

Perth, and Fremantle, Jan 17th, 1833

Cape Wine.	Shirting.
Ale in hogheads.	Book Muslin.
Beef.	Moleskins, Flannel.
Irish Prime Mess	Cart and Waggon
Pork.	Wheels.
Candles, Arrack,	Corks, Cigars,
Hops, Raisins.	Crockery, Cloves.
Dried Fruits.	Nutmegs, Pepper.
Apples, Pears,	Shot, Iron and
Apricots, Peaches	Steel in Bars.
Prime Butter.	London Mustard,
Snuff in Canisters.	Tin Mugs, Pickles.
Window Glass.	Pitch and Tar.
Brass Cocks.	White, Black, and
Spades, Pick Axes.	Green Paint.
Sickles, Nails,	Mauritius Sugar,
Steel Mills,	Fine and Common
Ladies' and Gentle-	Black and Green
men's Gloves.	Teas.
An assortment of	London Soap.
Cotton, and Wors-	Seeds, Stationery
ted Stockings.	and Account Books,
Men's Strong Shoes	Slops, Jackets.
Striped Cotton for	Sedlery, Tobacco.

G LEAKE.

CAUTION.

ANY PERSON TRESPASSING upon the Premises belonging to Mr. REVELY'S MILL, "LA RITRECHINA," or interfering in any way with the Mill-dam will be prosecuted according to Law.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD, will be given to any person who will give such Information as may lead to the conviction of the Offenders.

Perth, January 1st, 1833.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

AT THE JETTY PERTH

On Tuesday next the 8th instant,

BY Mr W. M. SAMSON, AUCTIONEER.

A considerable quantity of the finest Sydney Flour.

THE WHEAT-SHEAF TAVERN.

JANE BARRON, respectfully intimates that having renewed her License, she has opened her House No 1 Murray Street Perth, as THE WHEAT SHEAF TAVERN, where by assiduous attention to the comfort of her guests and from the quality of her Liquors, she hopes for a continuance of the patronage with which she has been hitherto favoured

J B continues her Dairy, and having made arrangements for a regular supply of Flour, she has commenced baking, and will at all times make it her study to supply her customers with the best bread on the most reasonable terms

Breakfasts, Dinners, &c on the shortest notice
Perth 5th January 1833

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS

On the 21st Nov H M S Imogene
Captain Blackwood, from Madras
15th, Dec. The Schooner Governor

Bourke, Cap Akers, from Sydney, 84 days Passage experienced heavy gales touched at Cape Lincoln Met with considerable difficulty in procuring water Did not find as was anticipated, the Settlers reported to have emigrated to that quarter, saw two or three Natives, who made off as soon as the crew approached the shore

21st Dec. The Brig Cornwallis, from the Cape of Good Hope, out 42 days: Passenger Mr Lionel Samson, general Cargo

23rd Dec. The Cutter Jolly Rambler, Captain Brignell, from Sydney, general Cargo

DEPARTURE.

14th Dec. H M S Imogene, Capt. Blackwood, — Passengers, Major Nairn, and Mr Anderson.

VESSELS LYING IN GAGE'S ROADS.

The Colonial Government Schooner Ellen, Captain Toby. The Cornwallis, Henderson. The Governor Bourke The Jolly Rambler. In Cockburn Sound the Sir Francis Mac Naughten, Captain Alley.

MAILS are open for England, via the Cape, for Hobart Town, and Sydney

IMPORTS.

Per Schooner "Governor Bourke" William Akers, from Sydney.

24 Tierces Beef, 14 ditto Pork, 6 ditto Tongues, 5 ditto Suet, 14 boxes Candles, 102 barrels Malt, 5 cases Butter 30 batches Bacon, 50 bags Potatoes, 4 cases Eggs, 1 bale Shoes, 3 bags Sugar 3½ chests Tea, 78 bags Flour, 3 bags Peas, 1 cask Cocoa, 1 cask Oil, 340 lb. Cheese, 20 bags Bread, 1 bag Coffee

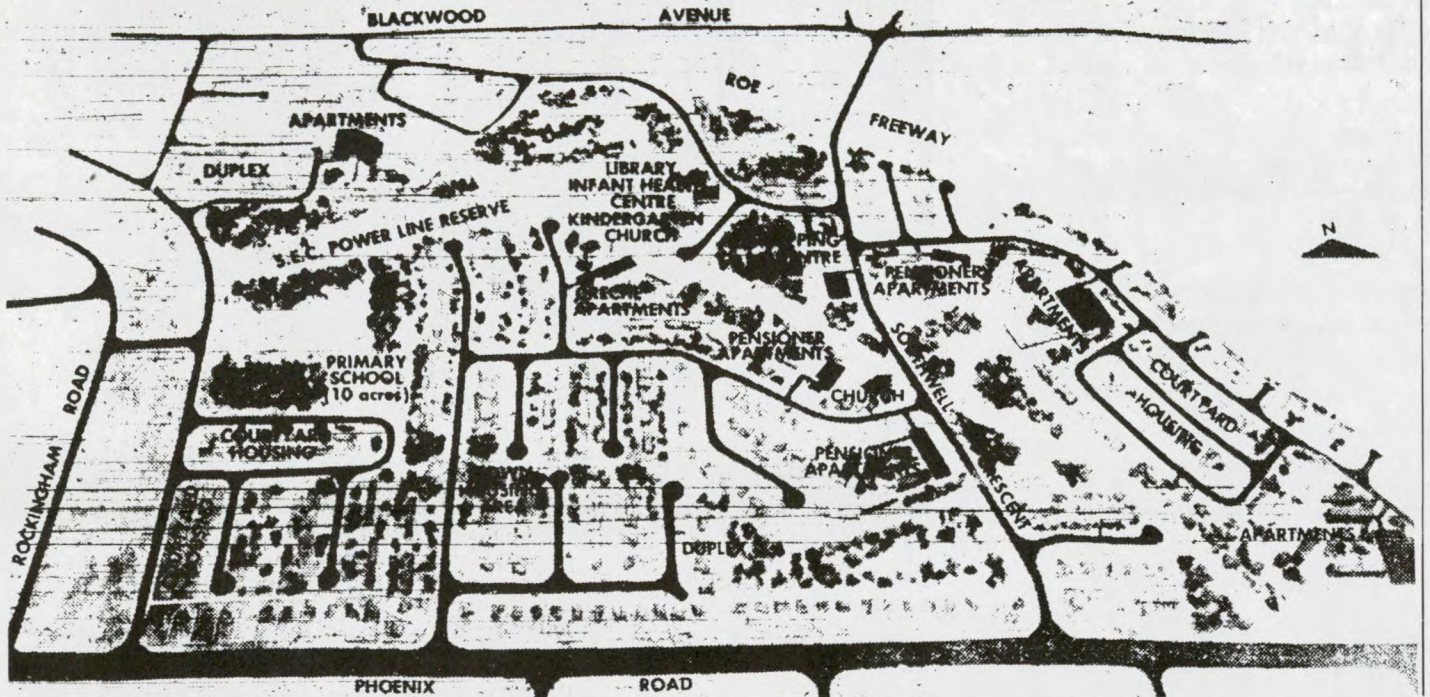
Per Brig "Cornwallis," H E. Henderson, from Cape of Good Hope.

65 bags Rice, 14 half pipes Cape Wine 4 hhds Brandy 3 Puncheons Brandy 2 ditto Rum, 4 quarter pipes Cape Brandy, 10 casks of Cape beer, 12 quarter pipes Cape Wine, 17 bags butter, 10 barrels Flour, 2 casks and 1 box German root, 1 ditto Castor Oil, 1 ditto Salsa, 6 bags Almonds and Walnuts, 60 boxes dried Fruits, 4 baskets plants, 2 bags ditto 49 ditto Raisins, 1 Horse 14 boxes Glaze, 2 cases Cottons, 1 cask of Jumper Berries, 1 case Haberdashery, 1 packet Flops, 12 bundle of Spades 1 case Snuff, 1 case Stationery, 12 barrels Pork, 22 ½ barrels ditto 32 casks Beef, 110 barrels of Flour, 1 keg Whiting, 1 case Medicines, 20 kegs nails, 4 bags ditto 4 cases Muskets, 2 bales Blankets, 2 casks of Shoes, 5 ditto musket Cartridges 2 ditto Rifle ditto 1 box Herbs, 62 Boxes Candles, 28 casks Suet, 19 kegs or Tongues, 2 ditto sheep's Tongues, 9 skins Tallow, 2 puncheons Geneva, 20 hhds Ale, 24 pipes Cape Wine, 2 casks Butter, 2 bags Almonds, 9 ditto Walnuts, 140 bag Java, 20 ditto Barley, 10 ditto Beans, 1 quarter pipe Lime Juice, 2 ditto Portac Wine, 1 ditto Muscadell, 2 casks Shoes, 1 case printed Cambrics, 1 bale case Cottons, 1 case ditto ditto Cutlery, 2 chum Cables, 2 Mares, 1 pair Turnery, 1 case Honey, 1 case Shorts, 1 Box Indian shoes

Per Cutter "Jolly Rambler," J Brignell, from Sydney

7 casks Lard, 16 bales Bacon, 20 Legs Butter, 80 Tierces and 75 barrels 11 Tierces Beef, 25 kegs Candles, 4 Tierces Pork, 5 Barrels ditto, 10 kegs Beet, 4 kegs Tongues, Twenty Tons Flour

HOMES FOR 100 PENSIONERS



A 100ft lin scale model of the State Housing Commission's Southwell Estate project at Hamilton Hill. 3,600 people will live in the estate, including about 100 pensioners.

BEELIAR TERRITORY

Before white settlement, Hamilton Hill was part of the Aboriginal tribal district of Beelias.

To the north of the Swan River was Mooro Territory and to the east of the Canning River was Beeloo Territory.

An Aboriginal named Midgegooroo was looked upon by many as the acknowledged leader of the Beelias District.

In 1833 after various conflicts with white settlers, a reward was placed 'Dead or Alive' on the region's three most

recognisable leaders, Yagan, Munday and Midgegooroo.

The pursuit of Midgegooroo was intense. On May 12th Midgegooroo was captured along with his son and taken to Perth.

Public hysteria against the Aboriginal population was seemingly out of control and the settlers soon demanded than an example be made of Midgegooroo.

It would seem by most accounts that he did not have a fair trial and was executed.

Thousands to live in Hamilton

By TREVOR J FISHER

Plans have been completed for the multi-million dollar State Housing Commission project at Hamilton Hill in the Town of Cockburn to cater for about 3,600 people.

The project - Southwell Estate - will be spread over nearly 200 acres bounded by Blackwood Avenue in the north, the proposed Roe Freeway in the east, Phoenix Road in the south and Rockingham Road in the west.

The 3,600 people the estate will provide housing for will include about 100 pensioners.

Details of the project were released by the deputy town clerk of Cockburn, Mr A J Armarego.

With a network based on the Radburn road system of dead-end streets with pedestrian underpasses and footways, traffic-pedestrian conflict would be kept to a minimum, he said.

Many forms and densities of housing would be integrated to enhance the appeal of the area.

The estate would provide tenement housing.

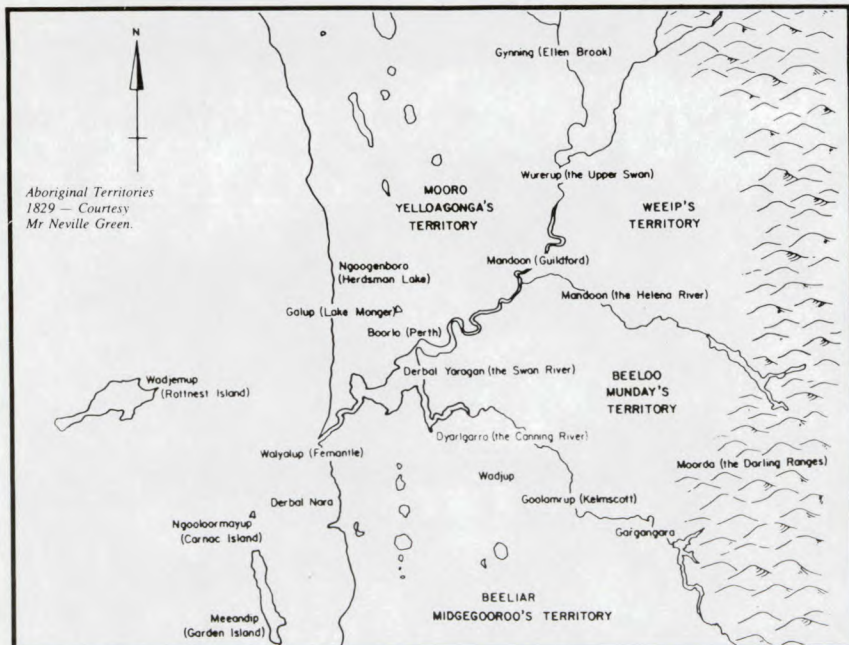
It would include single detached, duplex and special courtyard housing, single and two-storey town housing, two-storey pensioner apartment units and three-storey apartment units.

There would be a shopping centre, kindergarten, health centre and creche, a library, two churches, a primary school, open space and public reserves.

Where possible natural bushland would be retained. All services, including sewerage, drainage, water reticulation, electricity and gas would be supplied before building development.

Mr Armarego said land surveying was being carried out now and site works would begin within two months.

The entire project probably would be completed within two years.



Aboriginal Territories 1829 - Courtesy Dr Neville Green.

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