



# Just what the doctor ordered

Central Kawana will be a principal health hub allowing people to work, live and play in the one area

## agent's report

**T**HE first sod has been turned in a massive \$2.75billion program of investment in central Kawana that will herald a new style of living for the Sunshine Coast. Preliminary work on a new private hospital marks the start of a plan that will create thousands of jobs and transform 100 hectares of vacant land into a world-class mixed use waterside precinct.

It will also see central Kawana emerge as the Sunshine Coast's principal health hub with two new hospitals supported by a mixed use medical precinct.

The health precinct will blend with the growing Birtinya residential

community, Kawana Business Village and Stockland Park sports facility. Also the proposed Kawana Town Centre, new transport and commercial hub, and Bokarina Beach tourism and residential development.

Among the first Coast residents to experience the new lifestyle will be doctor Muhammad Abdus Salam and his young family. Construction of the family's two-storey waterfront home at Birtinya Island is under way with completion expected by the end of the year.

Salam, who works in public hospitals on the Coast, said the plan for a health and medical precinct was very appealing.

"I can walk across the bridge and be at work," he said. "We also know that other things like the Kawana Town Centre and new parks are coming here."

Stockland currently has new home sites available in its Birtinya and Brighton water communities, provid-

ing easy access to future services planned for central Kawana. A range of fixed price home and land packages are also available.

Stockland regional manager for the Sunshine Coast, Troy Wainwright, said the start of works on the private hospital was great news for jobs and health care on the Coast.

Mr Wainwright said central Kawana would be unique to the Sunshine Coast due to its unmatched focus on enabling people to work, live and play in the same location.

"We expect to be seeing more and more buyers like Salam and his family taking advantage of Birtinya's central location and proximity to the health precinct," he said.

"Creating the proposed medical precinct to support the private and public hospitals is a key priority for us."

"We have been making very good progress with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council in terms of planning the central Kawana area. And we look forward to working closely with

council and all stakeholders to create a new heart for Kawana and the Coast, which will be the envy of the region."

Construction of the new Ramsay Health Care private hospital is expected to be completed in 2013, by which time work will have started on the public Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Mr Wainwright said the proposed medical precinct adjacent to the hospitals could include around 20,000sq m of commercial space as well as special purpose residential accommodation.

"Our vision is to include the type of allied health and diagnostic services that will support the hospitals," he said.

"This could also be a location for both short-term accommodation and affordable housing solutions for hospital workers."

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