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STOCKLAND CELEBRATES NATIONAL PARKS WEEK WITH THE LAUNCH OF LIGHTHOUSE PARK, AMBERTON BEACH

As Australia celebrates Parks Week 2020, leading Western Australian property developer Stockland has revealed it has invested more than \$45 million in local playgrounds and green spaces across five of its WA communities currently under development.

Stockland General Manager WA Residential Col Dutton said the investment was one of the most important Stockland has made as it creates thriving new communities.

“Our aim at Stockland is to create vibrant, connected areas for people to gather within their communities,” he said.

“Creating attractive open space is an important first step in the early days of community creation as it provides a meeting place and activity centre for new residents.”

Stockland’s latest state of the art park launched this week at Amberton beach. The \$2 million Lighthouse Park features an 8.5m high lighthouse, giant slides and a shipwreck for kids to explore.

In December, Stockland opened the \$2.6 million Explorer Park, at its Sienna community, complementing the community’s existing and well-renowned \$4.8 million Shipwreck Park.

“Stockland is proud of its reputation for providing our communities with high quality, themed, embellished playgrounds,” Mr Dutton said.

“They provide each of our communities with an identity early on, while also attracting the wider community to each destination.”

With the Perth metropolitan area enjoying more sunshine hours than any other Australian city, Mr Dutton said developers have to factor in West Australian’s love of outdoor recreation and play, as well as the furrier members of the family.

“Almost 40 per cent of households have a dog these days, so people are always looking for open spaces to run and play with their dog - new developments need to reflect that,” he said.

“Every one of our new communities has a dog park, and this brings a very positive feel to the community as it breaks the ice with new neighbours chatting to each other about their pets while taking them for their morning walk.”

And, with Parks Week 2020 underway, Mr Dutton has put the call out to West Australians to discover the state’s exciting new playgrounds for themselves.

“WA, and Perth in particular, has some really great parks the major developers have created. We are the best in Australia, I would say,” he said.

“I encourage people to get out and discover some of the great locations being formed early in the life of a community and see for themselves how special these places are.”

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