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## Media Release

### CHILDREN TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN BRIGHTWATER

The youngest residents of Stockland's Brightwater community can now live, play and learn in one location after the completion of a brand new school and child care centre.

A new 75-place child care centre by leading coast provider Bella Grace opened its doors on Monday – two weeks ahead of the original schedule of 23 January.

Work is also now finished on the Brightwater State School which will welcome its first students when school resumes for 2012.

The two new facilities are among a host of exciting projects coming to life at Brightwater, located at the northern end of the Kawana growth corridor.

Bella Grace General Manager, Amanda Southwell, said the group's latest centre had been very well received by local parents and still had limited places available.

"Most of the children are from the immediate Brightwater community so many of the families already know each other," Ms Southwell said.

"Everyone is delighted with the quality and size of the centre and the first children are settling in really well," she said.

"Construction was completed ahead of schedule so we decided to open straight away with more children arriving each week."

Brightwater State School Principal, Robyn Taplin, said everything was on track for the school to open on 23 January with all classrooms finished and furnished.

Ms Taplin said the level of participation from the local Brightwater community had been very gratifying.

"Because this is a new school, parents are instrumental in helping to develop the ethos that will become central to Brightwater State School," she said.

"Parents have been involved with a whole range of decision-making, from the name of the school to the uniform design, and the selection of an out of hours care provider.

"Our parents have also been providing practical support, such as helping to cover school books to make them last longer."

Brightwater has become one of the coast's most popular communities for families since it was launched in late 2008.

It boasts several parks with adventure playground equipment, kilometres of walking and bike paths and new sports fields.



Stockland Regional Manager for the Sunshine Coast, Troy Wainwright, said 2012 would be a huge year for further progress at Brightwater.

“We expect to see some big developments for this community over the next year, including the completion of our centrepiece lake and construction of a retail centre and tavern,” he said.

Home sites in Brightwater are currently available from \$230,000 while home and land packages start at \$415,397. Stockland is also paying up to three years' worth of energy bills on selected packages for a limited time.

For more information call 07 5444 1333, visit the Brightwater Sales and Information Centre off Kawana Way at Mountain Creek, or go to [www.stockland.com.au/brightwater](http://www.stockland.com.au/brightwater).

To find out about more about enrolment opportunities at Bella Grace call 07 5493 9797 or go to [www.bellagrace.com.au](http://www.bellagrace.com.au).

For more information about Brightwater State School, call 07 5438 3111 or go to [www.brightwaterss.eq.edu.au](http://www.brightwaterss.eq.edu.au).

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