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STOCKLAND SERVES UP A WORLD-CLASS TENNIS CENTRE IN CRAIGIEBURN

Hume residents will soon enjoy another world-class venue right on their doorstep with the announcement that work will commence on the Hume Regional Tennis and Community Centre later this month.

Located in Craigieburn North near the corner of Waterview and Marathon Boulevard, within Stockland's fast growing Highlands residential community, the five hectare site is tipped to be the crowning jewel within Tennis Australia's north-western development program.

Stockland is working in partnership with the Hume City Council, Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria to deliver this new recreational centre. Stockland's contribution to the project includes offering the five hectare site where the community centre will be located, as well as providing \$1 million in direct funds toward the development.

Stockland's General Manager Victoria, Andrew Whitson, said the \$10 million project is an exciting development for the prospering Craigieburn community that will build Hume's sporting reputation.

"The Hume Regional Tennis and Community Centre is an exciting project that demonstrates our commitment to deliver a healthy and active lifestyle for all residents of Hume to enjoy," said Mr Whitson.

The new regional community centre is planned to feature up to 24 tennis courts including a show court with arena seating, and a shared multi-use community centre which will include the following:

- Community consultation rooms
- Cafe and bar that will also be available to host private functions
- Family BBQ area
- Children's play area
- Sports Medicine and physiotherapy clinics

Tennis Australia has confirmed it will host a number of major national and pro-circuit events at the new community centre for local residents to attend, with the leisure facility also proving a much-needed valuable training venue for aspiring young tennis players from the local area.

Hume City Council Mayor, Councillor Ros Spence, said the new recreational venue will prove to be a valuable resource to help the local community continue to thrive.

"We are delighted to be working with such dedicated project partners in support of the new Hume Regional Tennis Centre in Craigieburn.

"Set to become a community icon, the development of this community centre demonstrates that we're committed to continue to deliver quality, innovative recreational spaces to meet the needs

of our growing region while continuing to offer Hume residents new community assets," Ms Spence said.

The Hume Regional Tennis and Community Centre is the latest development Stockland has planned for the benefit for its growing Highlands community - the largest masterplanned community in Melbourne's north.

Once complete, Hume residents will be able to use the tennis courts to participate in tennis lessons or also for casual, social games. The Hume Regional Tennis and Community Centre is scheduled to officially open in late 2013.

Located in Craigieburn, Highlands spans approximately 860 hectares, includes approximately 7,500 dwellings, over 150 hectares of open space, seven schools, child-care and the state-of-the-art Craigieburn Library and Learning Centre.

For further information about the Hume Regional Tennis and Community Centre or Highlands please visit <u>www.stockland.com.au</u>

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