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# TOWNCENTRE OF THE FUTURE OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY AT BIRTINYA, SUNSHINE COAST, QLD

Stockland is steaming ahead with the much anticipated Birtinya Town Centre masterplan development on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

Stockland Group Executive and CEO of Commercial Property, John Schroder today hosted Jarrod Bleijie MP, Member for Kawana, Andrew Wallace MP, Member for Fisher and Clr Tim Dwyer, Deputy Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council, to formally mark the first stage of the project, the \$87 million Stockland Birtinya Shopping Centre.

Located off Kawana Way, directly opposite the world class Sunshine Coast Health Precinct and only a short distance away from the Birtinya Retirement Village and Bokarina Beach, The Birtinya Town Centre is set to become the heart of the Oceanside community.

John Schroder said: "Stockland Birtinya will be a vibrant and thriving town centre and the new urban heart for Oceanside, and will serve a trade area of more than 135,000 local residents."

"We have taken our time to design a refreshing and progressive 'oasis-style' shopping and dining destination that truly brings to life the future of retail, and compliments the high level of social and economic growth within Oceanside and the Sunshine Coast."

"This new centre will embrace its location with coastal-inspired architectural finishes, extensive landscaping and a relaxed indoor and outdoor atmosphere. Upon completion Stockland Birtinya will offer a great place for convenience shopping, having a coffee or meeting friends for dinner."

The first stage of the 10,648 square metre centre will feature a flagship Coles and Aldi supermarket, two mini-majors, an open-air, late night dining precinct, some 30 specialty retailers and 522 car parking spaces. Construction is on schedule with the centre walls to be erected in the coming weeks and the first stage to open by the end of 2018.

The Stockland Birtinya Shopping Centre forms part of the broader \$830 million Birtinya Town Centre masterplan development. Across an area of 18 hectares, Stockland will also develop a new civic plaza, walkable waterfront and open green space - all integrated with entertainment, commercial, health related research facilities and high density residential.

The entire Birtinya Town Centre development is estimated to generate more than 550 jobs during construction and more than 14,600 new full time jobs on completion.

Stockland has also committed to a 5 Star Green Star As Built rating for the new Stockland Birtinya Shopping Centre, featuring solar panels and end of trip facilities among other sustainability measures.

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### Notes to editor:

Upon completion the broader town centre masterplan will comprise the following:

- 20,000 square metres shopping centre (across two stages)
- Service station and two drive thru tenancies
- 60,000 square metres commercial space
- Entertainment premises
- Hotel premises
- Apartments
- Town Square with open green space
- Walkable waterfront

## **About Oceanside:**

The \$5 billion Oceanside community is a vibrant new health, retail, commercial, education and residential hub that is set to become the Sunshine Coast's thriving new world-class destination.

It is home to the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital, the Sunshine Coast Private University Hospital, the exciting new residential, retail and tourism hub of Bokarina Beach and Stockland's first 'greenfield' vertical retirement village, the Birtinya Retirement Village.

More than 50 per cent of the community is comprised of parks, conservation areas and wetlands plus kilometres of walkways and bike paths for those wanting an active lifestyle.

For more details on Oceanside, go to <a href="www.stockland.com.au/oceanside">www.stockland.com.au/oceanside</a>, or <a href="www.facebook.com/oceansidekawana">www.facebook.com/oceansidekawana</a>, visit the Oceanside Sales and Information Centre on the corner of Birtinya Boulevard and Lake Kawana Boulevard, or call 07 5437 8703.

About Stockland: Stockland (ASX: SGP) was founded in 1952 and has grown to become Australia's largest diversified property group – owning, developing and managing a large portfolio of shopping centres, residential communities, logistic centres, business parks, office assets and retirement living villages. Stockland is rated as one of the most sustainable real estate companies in the world by the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI). Stockland is also an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality, as recognised by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency www.stockland.com.au