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NEW SUSTAINABLE PARK MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS TO OPEN AT HIGHLANDS

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A playground built with recycled materials is the centrepiece of an exciting new 1.5 hectare environmentally-focussed parkland opening at Stockland's Highlands Community at Craigieburn early next year.

Sustainable Park includes a range of innovative features such as The Nest, a spiral staircase tower with cladding made from sticks collected within Highlands.

Carved logs, tree sculptures, animals made from timber and musical instruments are also part of the play space, which is set to stir young imaginations

James Westh, Project Director at Stockland, said local recycled construction materials such as rocks, reclaimed house bricks, concrete pipes and pillars as well as tyres are being used to create the new family destination.

"State-of-the-art recycling techniques are being utilised to construct the park. We've even incorporated a sustainable form of concrete for this area, which consists of fly ash, a by-product of coal burning, to reduce embedded carbon dioxide by 60 per cent," Mr Westh said.

"The park reflects Stockland's commitment to building sustainable communities that encourage active and healthy lifestyles, adding to the outstanding array of parkland already available to residents in Highlands."

Large pipes will form tunnels under bridged walkways, and there will also be a slide, swings, shaded seating where parents can relax, and an abundance of green, open space that can be used as a kickabout area.

Sustainable Park is located on Sustainable Drive in Highlands.

With more than 150 hectares of Highlands dedicated to open spaces and parkland, Highlands has set a state benchmark for healthy and active communities.

A network of walking tracks and cycling tracks connect the community to open spaces, including the popular Golden Sun Moth Park, Volcano Park, Malcolm Creek Regional Park and Highlands Lake.

Home sites currently available in the award-winning community vary in size from 238 square metres to 691 square metres and range in price from \$241,500 to \$479,000.

To find out more about Highlands, visit the Sales and Information Centre at 1 North Shore Drive in Craigieburn, call 13 LAND (13 5263) or go to www.stockland.com.au/highlands. You can also follow the community on Facebook at www.facebook.com/highlandscraigieburn

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