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STOCKLAND CELEBRATES OFFICIAL OPENING OF \$87 MILLION BIRTINYA SHOPPING CENTRE

Stockland has today marked the completion of an all new shopping experience on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, officially opening stage one of the \$87 million Stockland Birtinya shopping centre.

Hundreds of local residents joined Jarrod Bleijie MP, State Member for Kawana and Cr Peter Cox from Sunshine Coast Council, this morning to celebrate the shopping centre's official opening.

Amanda Hayes, General Manager, Retail Asset Management and Operations at Stockland, said: "We're very excited to deliver a first class retail experience for this booming area on Queensland's Sunshine Coast that will meet the needs of this rapidly growing community now and well into the future.

Located off Kawana Way, directly opposite the world class Sunshine Coast Health Precinct and only a short distance away from the Birtinya Retirement Village, Stockland Birtinya is expected to become a vibrant and thriving town centre that will serve a future catchment of more than 135,000 local residents.

Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie MP, said the new Stockland Birtinya Shopping Centre will be a great asset for the region, bringing new opportunities and new jobs for local community.

"With a number of national brands and retailers, I've no doubt this centre will quickly become a fantastic shopping destination for residents of Kawana and the Sunshine Coast."

Cr Cox noted the rapid growth in Birtinya and role the centre will play in meeting the demand for retail goods and services.

"With the growth in this area, this centre will very quickly become the beating-heart of what will be a thriving health, business and residential precinct", Mr Cox said.

The shopping centre forms part of the broader \$830 million Birtinya Town Centre, which will also feature a new civic plaza, walkable waterfront along Lake Kawana and open green space - all integrated with commercial, health related research facilities and residential.

The first stage of the 10,648 square metre Stockland Birtinya shopping centre features a flagship Coles and ALDI supermarket, an open-air dining precinct, some 30 specialty retailers and 522 car parking spaces.

Amanda Hayes continues: "The new centre embraces its location with coastal-inspired architectural finishes, extensive landscaping and a relaxed indoor and outdoor atmosphere.

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

"This will become the region's dynamic urban heart, a place that is central and easily accessible – a place that connects people for business and fun, and, importantly, creates a regional destination for the Sunshine Coast", Ms Hayes said.

"We've listened to the community from the very beginning and have pushed the boundaries with every element of this development, bringing together the best in retail, design, innovation and sustainability to create a vibrant centre that the whole community can enjoy.

"Not only do we offer a strong retail mix, focussing on fresh food and services, we have also incorporated a number of important community initiatives into the centre."

Sustainability has been at the forefront of the development, with Stockland committing to a 5 Star Green Star As Built rating for the new shopping centre as well as investing \$832,800 in a 550 KW solar project. Comprising 1,896 rooftop solar panels, the new rooftop solar system covers a roof area of approximately 3700 square metres and is expected to generate approximately 882,000 kWh of renewable energy per year, enough to power over 160 homes¹.

The new shopping centre also includes additional features to make life easier for people of all abilities, including a new inclusive playground developed in consultation with the Touched By Olivia Foundation as well as a dedicated Quiet Room designed to create a safe place for parents, carers and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

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Notes to editor:

About Birtinya Town Centre

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

¹ Based on 3 occupants per household in postcode 4575, www.energymadeeasy.gov.au/benchmark

a new civic plaza, walkable waterfront along Lake Kawana and open green space - all integrated with commercial, health related research facilities and high density residential.

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

About Birtinya and Bokarina Beach

The \$5 billion Birtinya and Bokarina Beach communities combine to create 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, 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 www.stockland.com.au/oceanside, or www.facebook.com/oceansidekawana, 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, retirement living villages, office and industrial assets. Stockland was recognised by the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) as a global real estate leader for 2016-17 demonstrating world leadership across the areas of stakeholder engagement, customer relationship management, supply chain management, biodiversity and climate change strategy. www.stockland.com.au