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GREEN COMMUNITY GROWS FROM FORMER SAND QUARRY

Stockland is affecting the remarkable transformation of a dormant sand quarry at Banjup, 23 kilometres from the Perth CBD, turning it into a thriving, new, environmentally-sensitive residential community. The Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) has recognised the changes underway by accrediting the 145 hectare, 1,724 lot Calleya residential community with Australia's highest Green Star rating.

The GBCA has accredited Calleya with the highly coveted and internationally recognised 6 Star Green Star – Communities rating. The 6 Star rating signifies world leadership in design excellence and environmental responsibility, while also recognising the potential for future economic prosperity and liveability within the community.

In addition to Calleya, Stockland has achieved 5 or 6 Star Green Star – Community ratings at six other residential developments throughout Australia. This includes 6 Star ratings awarded to its new green cities of Aura on the Sunshine Coast and Cloverton in northern Melbourne, making Stockland Australia's leading developer of Green Star residential communities.

One of the greatest strengths of the new masterplanned community, and fundamental to Calleya's achievement of the 6 Star rating, relates to its liveability. Calleya provides a range of housing options to appeal to a diverse range of buyers, improving local affordability of the area and connecting new residents with existing infrastructure, transport, schools, retail and employment precincts.

Romilly Madew, CEO of the Green Building Council of Australia, said: "Stockland has achieved world's best practice for its masterplan for Calleya. In addition to its focus on liveability, Stockland has excelled with its on-site water management, and is also undertaking significant environmental rehabilitation and supporting biodiversity at Calleya.

"Stockland's carefully considered masterplan promotes community engagement with shared public open spaces, walkways, playgrounds and a community garden connecting people and offering a strong sense of personal wellbeing. This is what a truly sustainable community looks like."

Mark Steinert, CEO and Managing Director at Stockland, said: “Home buyers are increasingly interested in understanding and making informed decisions about the sustainability of new residential developments. The Green Star – Communities rating uses a comprehensive scorecard to provide customers with a simple, straightforward means of assessing the sustainability of new communities.”

“We’re in the business of building healthy, smart, connected communities,” explained Mr Steinert. “We’ve made a conscious and concerted effort over many years to improve the sustainability of our supply chain and the location and design of our communities to ensure we can offer tangible, long-term benefits to customers who choose to buy and build in a Stockland community.”

Col Dutton, Stockland’s General Manager Residential WA, explained there was no one factor that contributed to Calleya’s 6 Star rating, but it was instead the deep and detailed planning that would ensure the community was set up to succeed and thrive in perpetuity.

“A large part of the success of Calleya is thanks to the collaboration we’ve enjoyed with the state and local government in establishing new infrastructure that previously did not exist,” Mr Dutton said. “In particular, we would like to acknowledge and recognise the tremendous support we have received from the City of Cockburn, the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Department of Planning, who have shared our vision to create a new, highly liveable community in Banjup.

“Everything that goes into our Green Star rating - more green spaces with better and safer parks and playgrounds; more sustainable, high-quality materials selection; or the connectedness and walkability of our neighbourhoods – makes Calleya a better place and a better way to live.

“For instance, Calleya’s proximity to Cockburn Central Train Station scored well with Green Star because it offers residents an easy 24-minute commute into the Perth CBD. Rail is a very green transport solution and it increases the liveability of our community,” he explained. “It makes it viable and affordable for people to live in a home that is relatively close to the city and the short commute, which means Calleya residents can spend less time in traffic and more time with their families.”

Calleya is only the second residential community in Western Australia to receive the GBCA’s 6 Star Green Star – Communities rating. Some of the other special features contributing to the Stockland’s world’s best practice approach to the ongoing development of the Calleya community include:

- Rehabilitation of a former sand quarry with larger areas of native vegetation rehabilitation to create habitat for native fauna and a further 1.5 hectares offsite where rehabilitation is using seeds collected from the local area
- 13 per cent of the 145 hectare community dedicated to public open space

- Water sensitive urban design results in a unique management approach of stormwater, including storage underground, which results in enhanced usability of open spaces
- Water wise gardens and 'low demand' landscape
- Solar lighting in all parks and public open spaces
- 'Green concrete' comprising 40 per cent recycled fly ash (reducing CO₂ emissions associated with the production of standard concrete)
- Calleya masterplan creates a highly walkable community with pedestrian walkways connecting to parks, playgrounds and public open spaces, the on-site primary school, community facilities, sporting oval and village centre
- Community garden encourages neighbourly interaction and on-site production of herbs, fruit and vegetables
- Calleya provides a range of housing options to appeal to a diverse range of buyers, including improving local affordability of the area and connecting new residents with existing infrastructure, transport, schools, retail and employment precincts

For more information or to register your interest for land releases at Calleya, visit the Sales and Information Centre on Cilantro Parkway at Banjup, call 13 LAND (13 5263) or go to www.stockland.com.au/calleya

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