



Albany Community Wins at Oyster Harbour
Embargoed until Friday 10th August 2007 at 11:30am

The Oyster Harbour Joint Venture greatly supports the Albany community and today will be hosting an event to present some much needed funds to local community groups. The recipients of these funds will be the Albany Surf Life Saving Club, Albany PCYC, and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)-Flying 1000.

The Department of Housing and Works has entered into a Joint Venture arrangement with Heath Development Company to develop and market jointly owned land at Bayonet Head, which is located approximately six kilometres from the Albany town site.

The Oyster Harbour estate comprises approximately 206 hectares of land and will provide some 2,500 residential lots and several serviced commercial sites, including shopping and mixed use lots, and is the largest single residential land construction in the Great Southern.

The development supports the Government's commitment to land supply, including that for affordable housing, first homebuyers and public housing in Regional areas

Representatives from the Joint Venture will be presenting \$15,000 and \$7,000 respectively to the Surf Life Saving Club and PCYC.

The RFDS Flying 1000 have been donated a block of land within the Oyster Harbour land development, on which a Charity Home will be built by WA Country Builders. A soil turning ceremony will be performed by the CEO of the RFDS Western Operations, Tim Shackleton, and members of the Joint Venture, to mark the commencement of the construction of the home.

A sausage sizzle will follow the ceremony, attended by local member for Albany, Peter Watson MLA, representatives from the joint venture parties, local community groups, Flying 1000 members, in addition to the many suppliers and tradespeople that will be working on the Charity Home.

The WA Country Builders home will be a single storey four bedroom 2 bathroom home, positioned perfectly on a corner block. There will be an expansive open living and dining area, separate activity room, and double car garage with all family areas facing north. The home is due to be completed in March 2008.

General Manager of WA Country Builders Great Southern Rod Harris, said that 'they have been overwhelmed by the response from their suppliers and trades to work on the Charity Home project'. He added 'everyone recognizes the vital role the RFDS plays in emergency health care in the country, there isn't anyone that I've spoken to who hasn't had a friend, neighbour, family member or work colleague helped by them'

The proceeds of the Charity Home project will be solely directed to the RFDS Flying 1000 - a major fundraising sub committee of the RFDS, whose main goal is to raise funds for life saving medical fitout equipment in each new aircraft purchased.

Tim Shackleton noted that 'the RFDS has had a long association and presence in the Great Southern and Albany. In 2006, 647 patients from the Great Southern were transported by the RFDS. We are thrilled that the Charity Home will provide much needed funds for these services'.

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