

# CHURCHLANDS GREEN BULLETIN

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## FIRST RELEASE OF LAND AT CHURCHLANDS GREEN

Over 500 people attended the auction conducted by Time Conti on behalf of Edith Cowan University on the 10 March 2007. There was strong interest in the development with 19 being sold, achieving an average price of \$1,500 sqm. As a fund raising activity Churchlands Primary School P&C provided refreshments for the day and are congratulated for doing an outstanding job.



Planning for the next release is underway with the next auction of 10 single residential lots now scheduled for **10:30 am, 9 June 2007**.

## FUTURE STAGES OF THE DEVELOPMENT

Work is currently being undertaken on the future stages of the development. In order to secure the construction site there has been a closure of the temporary road access into ECU Churchlands Campus from Pearson Street.

The recently constructed University Avenue access from Empire Avenue has been opened and access is still available via Cromarty Road.

If you would like further information about this closure please contact the project information line on 1800 012 498.

## NEW ARTWORK INSTALLED

Some of the best views in Churchlands Green are reserved for the indigenous birds and bats that will nest in boxes at the top of two 11m sculptures designed by West Perth-based artist Lorena Grant.

The sculptures are part of a series of artworks specially commissioned for the development, a prime residential area being created on the Edith Cowan University Churchlands campus.

Ms Grant said that the concept of transforming functional nesting boxes into art arose from an interest in birds developed during her childhood.



"My mother was a nurse and often took home injured wildlife that needed help to recuperate after some form of trauma," she said. "We hosted owls, magpies, kookaburras, parrots and the odd damaged goanna. I went to Churchlands High School, so this area was my home in my formative years. In many ways, my experience of this neighbourhood informs this artwork."

Ms Grant said that she researched the project extensively with ornithologists and local bird-nesting expert Joe Tonga to ensure the nesting boxes were appropriate for local indigenous birdlife. They were placed at 11m because this was the optimum height for the species to nest and breed, usually excluding other species that nested closer to the ground.

“The top floor of the nesting boxes is intended for the target species, the white-tailed Carnaby cockatoos, but it could also attract boobook owls, corellas and galahs,” she said. “The bottom level will be insulated to provide an ideal environment for tiny indigenous bats the size of mice.

“Each bat eats up to 1000 mosquitoes a day, so encouraging the bats will help to reduce mosquito numbers and the need for residents to use pesticides.”

The sculptures have stainless steel and mild steel supports, and the 1.2m deep nesting boxes are made of recycled polycarbonate cylinders used in the mining industry and designed for minimal maintenance. They are lined with steel mesh for airflow, with a mulch layer over the mesh at the bottom to make them self-cleaning.

Surfaces are etched to create textural interest, with colour applied to recesses.

Churchlands Green sales agent Amy Conti said that all the artworks in the development centred on themes of bird life and the area’s physical characteristics. They would reinforce the site’s natural characteristics and enhance the relationship between the residents and their environment.

## FOOTY CLUB BENEFITS FROM RECYCLED LIGHTS

The Westcoast ECU AFC are now training under the lights recycled from the Churchlands campus. The lights have been installed at City Beach Oval and the people who regularly use the oval are benefiting from the recycled resource. We wish the club all the best for the coming season.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION LINE

This 1800 free information line enables everyone with an interest in the project to readily gain project information and to raise any concerns they may have during construction. The number is 1800 012 498 and operates during business hours from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.



## CHURCHLANDS GREEN WEBSITE

For more information about the land releases, design guidelines and information on the progress of the development, visit the Churchlands Green website at [www.churchlandsgreen.com.au](http://www.churchlandsgreen.com.au).



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