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Conference facility adds value

Footprints Preston Beach will now feature a 100 square metre conference facility that will accommodate up to 80 people. Located on the first floor of the central facilities building, it will cater for functions for resort patrons and others.

Rapley Wilkinson Property General Manager, Darren Staunton said, "We are delighted with the addition of this facility. It will enable the resort to host conferences and other functions and provide a venue for resort guests to hold their own events.

"We think it will become a popular attraction for small conferences and workshops that want to combine work with relaxation in a pristine beach and bush environment.

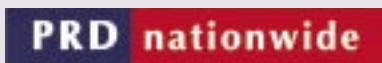
"It will also serve as a venue for weddings, cocktail parties and other after hours functions.

"The most significant benefit of the conference facility is that it increases the attraction of Footprints Preston Beach during mid-week and off-season periods. This means more sustainable income for all owners in the resort."

The project team is currently working on the interior design of the facility. These will feature in forthcoming editions of this newsletter.

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Construction underway

Site works are well underway with the main water lines and fire line in-ground and complete to all dwellings in the first two stages. The pipes and pump stations for the BioMAX wastewater treatment system are also in-ground and complete.

The running-in of all electrical and communication lines has also started and should be completed within the next two weeks.

Once this is done the next step will be to get the earthworks crew back on-site to re-level, re-survey and start the foundations for all of the beach shacks and townhouses in Stage 1. This will also include the reception and restaurant facilities.

A site office for supervisor Jim Snooks has also been established to enable close management of all on-site activity.

Completed town houses and beach shacks are likely to be ready for hand-over to owners starting in June / July 2008 for Stage 1 and August / September 2008 for Stage 2.

Among the first shacks to be completed will be one that will be used for display purposes so prospective purchasers can experience what a modern beach shack holiday home is like.

Anticipated completion for the display beach shack is November 2007 in readiness for the summer advertising campaign for Stage 3.



PICTURED TOP: Part of the BioMAX effluent disposal system before installation. PICTURED ABOVE: In-ground services.

Future development at Preston Beach

A community visioning workshop held by the Shire of Waroona at Preston Beach on 31 March 2007 identified a strong commitment to conservation and sustainability with regard to future development of the area.

Participants generally agreed that future development would need to be sustainable and compatible with the surrounding environment. Restricting the height of buildings to two storeys, upgrading main roads and restricting access through the Town to the northern development were some of the suggestions put forward for consideration.

Key issues that were identified as needing to be addressed by the Townsite Strategy include protection of the environment, water and sewerage, development of a primary school, police station and community centre, and the provision of services such as rangers and life savers.

The next step is for a community survey of all landowners within the Town on their perceptions of lifestyle currently in Preston Beach. A link to the survey is available from the Shire of Waroona website at www.waroona.wa.gov.au.

Members of the Shire's Steering Committee will soon be travelling to the east coast to view similar townsite developments and gain some information of what can be achieved within Preston Beach. A report on this visit will be available on the Shire website.



Perth to Bunbury Highway Update

Community Relations Manager for the Southern Gateway Alliance, Tammy Mitchell, said "the 70 km New Perth to Bunbury Highway is now well underway and on track for completion by the State Government's committed date of December 2009".

The Southern Gateway Alliance, which comprises Main Roads Western Australia, Leighton Contractors, GHD and WA Limestone, is undertaking the construction.

On-site activities have escalated with steadily progressing works of surveying, clearing and fencing.

To date approximately 54 kilometres of the highway has been aligned and cleared, and 27 kilometres has been fenced.

The works are very noticeable on the eastern side of Old Coast Road at Peppermint Grove Road (2 kms north of the Preston Beach turnoff).

Detailed design is well underway with the majority of the project's core elements reaching 30 per cent.

It is expected to cut up to 34 minutes from the journey between Safety Bay Road and Lake Clifton.

If you would like to follow the progress of the new Perth Bunbury Highway then just log onto www.mainroads.wa.gov.au and click on the following links: Projects - Rural projects - New Perth Bunbury Highway.



PICTURED ABOVE: Pinjarra Road Interchange and Murray River Crossing