

Malvern Springs achieves EnviroDevelopment certification

Malvern Springs in Ellenbrook is one of the first land developments in Perth to be awarded EnviroDevelopment certification.

The village has been awarded certification in the Ecosystems and Community categories in the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) certification program.

Created to increase the uptake of sustainability in all aspects development, EnviroDevelopment offers independent certification of the sustainability credentials of a development.

LWP Property Group has adopted the national UDIA certification system as its benchmarking system for sustainability at each of its master-planned communities.

To achieve certification in the Ecosystems category, LWP had to demonstrate that Malvern Springs *'aims to protect and enhance existing native ecosystems and encourages natural systems and native biodiversity and rehabilitates degrade sites'*.

The design for Malvern Springs reflects the natural contours of the land and retains as much native bushland as possible. Seeds of local flora were harvested and cultivated at the commencement of the development so that they could be propagated and used in landscaping public open spaces.

Continuing the focus on local flora, all homesites at Malvern Springs come with an *eco-logical* front yard landscaping package that uses local plants that are endemic to Ellenbrook. This helps to create a sense of place and connection to nature, as well as fostering the natural habitats of the local fauna.

To achieve certification in the Community category of EnviroDevelopment, it had to be demonstrated that Malvern Springs *'encourages community spirit, sustainable local facilities, reduced use of private motor vehicles and accessible and flexible design that welcomes a diversity of people and adapts to their changing needs'*.

At Malvern Springs, these principles are demonstrated by the diverse range of housing that can be accommodated within the development, ensuring there is a place for the young and the elderly, families and single people, children and grandparents. It also ensures that people can 'age in place' and remain in their communities through every stage of their lives.

An extensive network of walk and cycle trails link all homesites to local facilities such as parks, schools and shops. This reduces the reliance on cars and encourages people to be more active. It also encourages a sense of community and increases opportunities for people to meet their neighbours.

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