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FIRST RESIDENTS MOVE IN

After six years of planning, the first 12 residents have moved into the North West's newest suburb, The Ponds which is a growing 390 hectare master-planned community located beside Kellyville Ridge.

The Ponds is a ten year project and when complete will comprise over 3000 homes.

Ruth and Rhys Osmers are known by locals as "the pioneers" and were the first residents to move into The Ponds along with their three dogs and two cats.

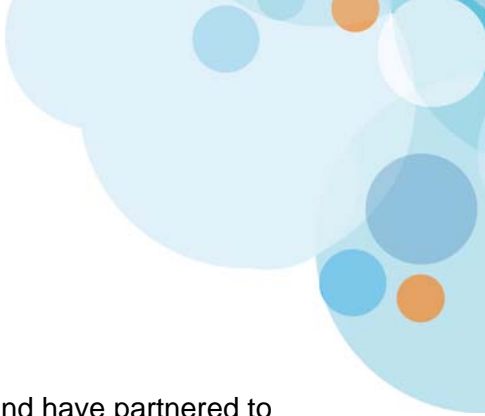
"We were living in Queensland when my husband received the news that he had been transferred to Sydney for a new role. Rhys was living in a hotel for a couple of weeks in Sydney so we needed to find a home fairly quickly for ourselves and the animals," said Ruth.

"I logged onto a real estate website to do a little research and The Ponds advertisement was the first to draw my attention. Contact was made with the sales agent, pictures of the house and area I was enquiring about were emailed and the purchase was secured immediately – sight unseen."

"After living in many parts of South-East Asia for several years we knew what we wanted in our next purchase. A clean leafy environment with plenty of open spaces for the dogs to enjoy, a large backyard for the animals and cycle paths that go for miles which are right on our doorstep to keep us fit," added Ruth.

"Following the move, The Ponds exceeded our expectations. The neighbours are friendly and the community networking functions have helped broaden our friendship circle very quickly. Oh, and the dogs love their new playground too."





“Two of Australia’s leading property developers – Landcom and Australand have partnered to create a unique residential community located in one of Sydney’s expanding corridors, which is surrounded by an extensive nature area, epitomizing the outdoor lifestyle that Australians enjoy,” said Tony Pizzolato, Australand’s General Manager for Residential.

“Sustainability initiatives are a core focus of this community including water sensitive urban design, 80 hectares of parklands with 60 hectares of riparian and biodiversity corridors, a major revegetation project including the planting of more than one million new plants and recycled water connections.”

The Ponds offers a unique water and woodland environment surrounded by an extensive nature corridor. Childcare facilities, water bodies, cycle paths, walking tracks, sports facilities and a retail precinct will feature in the new community. Children’s playgrounds and The John Palmer Primary School recently opened in The Ponds.

The project is also part of Blacktown City Council’s Solar Cities program which promotes the use of solar energy and solar water heating to customers.

Australand’s new homes are energy smart with wall and ceiling insulation and gas boosted solar hot water systems, reducing overall household energy usage. Residents at The Ponds can also request solar electricity systems from Blacktown City Council to further reduce energy consumption.

Land ranges from 450 sq m to 590 sq m with prices starting from \$265,000 - \$290,000.

A new display village is also under construction with completion expected early July. It will feature 15 homes from several leading house builders including Wisdom Homes, Allcastle Homes, Eden Brae Homes, AVJennings, Jandson Homes and Casaview Homes. Various modern architecturally designed housing types will be on display.



For further information visit the sales and display centre located at The Ponds Boulevard, The Ponds which is open daily from 10am to 5pm or view the website www.theponds.com.au

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