



## My story – Sylvia Dempster

Sylvia Dempster (pictured right) can't wait to move into her new home at Belmont on Clyde estate this year. She says her daughter, Naomi, 14, has already planned how to decorate her room, while Sylvia is looking forward to planting her own veggie garden.

Sylvia says the estate, which is nestled among rolling hills near Berwick and Cranbourne, was once prime farming land and would be perfectly suited to her gardening needs. "I like knowing the area's background – I figure it will be good soil and everything will grow well here," Sylvia says. "I can't wait to get in there myself and start growing our own vegies."

Sylvia, who is renting in Berwick, says she was initially nervous at buying a house-and-land package, but her fears were soon put to rest by the helpful teams at Belmont on Clyde and Simonds Homes, whom she is building with. "I realised there is nothing to be afraid of," Sylvia says. "There are so many helpful people out there who will give you the best advice. Even if you are not ready, have an appointment with your bank manager and go and speak to people at display homes and land sales offices. They can point you in the right direction."

And while they are still months away from moving in, Sylvia and her daughter have already met their neighbours at a community barbecue held at the estate. "It was really lovely to have a chance to meet the neighbours before we had even moved in," Sylvia says. "I have a really nice feeling about it, and the plans for the estate, which includes a central hilltop park, look great."

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Mayfield estate is also leading the way in open spaces, with a children's nature garden within its natural woodland entry.

Centred around an old oak tree, the garden features a bird's-nest play structure, basket swings, balance beams, monkey bars and interactive structures designed to encourage sensory, natural play. There is also a sensory walk and sculptural pieces to explore.

Intrapac Property's Somerfield estate has kid fun sorted, with a pirate-themed playground featuring custom-built play equipment.

Children will have a ball as they travel through

the castaway's hut to reach the Crow's Nest with its vista of the pirate ship below and access to a 9m-long slide.

Last month Satterley announced plans for a new \$1 million park to be built at Arcadia. The 1ha park will form part of the 25ha of total dedicated open space and parklands that will be delivered once Arcadia is completed.

Designed by award-winning landscape architects, Outlines, together with specialist playground designer Ric McConaghy, the park will feature play equipment, barbecues, free wi-fi, seating areas, trees and open spaces.

**above** An artist's impression of Newland's Belmont on Clyde's planned Hilltop Park  
**right** A pedestrian bridge spans the wetlands at Berwick Waters by Frasers Property Australia and Mondous Property Australia **far right** Kids will love the bird's-nest-like playground and activities at Lendlease's Mayfield estate (photo: Chris Groenhout)

