



Local Volunteers learning how to best work with police helicopter
 Picture Lindsay Perry

SEA RESCUE - WE HOPE YOU DON'T NEED IT, BUT IT IS NEEDED AND IT'S OPERATED BY LOCAL VOLUNTEERS. It is not unusual, in this district, for a life to be lost each year to the sea. see story page 6

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RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PLANNED FOR DUNSBOROUGH

SwanCare Group has announced its intention to develop a retirement community on the Dunsborough Lakes Golf Course development area located off Commonage Road, Lot 4, (near the dog leg) adjacent to the industrial park.

The proposed retirement community will be known as 'Dunsborough Park'.

In October 2006, members from the SwanCare Group conducted a survey at the local shopping centre and at the SW Seniors Expo held in Bunbury, to sample the need and interest of those living within the area.

SwanCare Group Corporate Development Manager, Graham Lovelock said, "The information we obtained from these consultations were very informative, we gained very valuable preliminary data." During 2007 further consultation will take place with a number of focus groups which are currently being identified. In addition to community consultation there will be ongoing communication with the Shire of Busselton.

WHAT WILL THEY LOOK LIKE

It will eventually include around 150 independent living homes, comprising a mix of two and three bedroom villas and apartments, a 50 – 60 bed Residential Care Facility (previously known as a nursing home with 24hour care) and a well-appointed Community Centre. It is proposed the project will be done in stages over a four to five year period.

The planned design will feature a central boulevard and pocket parks around the development.

The independent living villas will include a range of elevation designs featuring three bedroom homes with double garages that have direct access to living areas, two bathrooms, a spacious entry area, a covered rear alfresco area, generous internal storage spaces, large lounge/dining rooms with views across the public open space around the Dunsborough Lakes Estate.

It is envisaged that the proposed Community Centre at Dunsborough Park will eventually include relaxed public lounge and dining areas, discreet reading zones, a craft room, recreation and health centre, an external space for outdoor activities, a heated swimming pool, ancillary medical consulting rooms, hairdresser and small retail component.

WHEN?

Should the consultation and planning process go smoothly it is anticipated that construction of the Dunsborough Park development will commence in 2008/09.

Graham said, "We are really excited. This is the first of our regional developments...we look forward to engaging with the community...there seems a real need for additional services of this kind in the area."

It is projected the project will cost between \$60-65 million and employ between 75-100 people.


Linda Nixon, Board member of the Naturaliste Care Services, Dunsborough, said although the SwanCare development is seeking a higher density zoning on the site she wants residents to consider and put this in the context of aged care facilities and needs.

Linda also said, this development in no way affects the proposed Cape Care Retirement area planned for Naturaliste Terrace which will have Units for permanent living, Adult day



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care where elderly people can be placed during the day, and a home and community care unit. Linda believes the SwanCare and Cape Care facilities will complement each other. For information on Dunsborough Park, including the consultation process, contact Natalie Hodi on 6250 0044.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If today was your last day, would you speak harshly?

**AND WE WERE SENT.....
A JOKE**

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book. Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"
 "Reading a book," she replies. (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?")
 "You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her. "I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."
 "Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."
 "If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman. "But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.
 "That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."
 "Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.