

Green light for \$30m RV village

RV village to cater for grey nomads

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A MAJOR \$30 million development featuring 487 homes at Burnett Heads has been given the green light by Bundaberg Regional Council.

Councillors unanimously voted in favour of approving the RV residential village, on Burnett Heads Rd, at the council's ordinary meeting yesterday.

Councillor Steve Cooper abstained from voting after declaring a perceived conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Bill Trevor and councillors Wayne Honor and Greg Barnes, who was hospitalised on Sunday, were not present at the meeting.

RV Lifestyle Village CEO Phillip Stewart said the development project would include 363 RV-friendly home sites and 62 duplex sites, expansive parks and recreational facilities including a lagoon pool, cinema, games room and tennis courts.

The single-storey two-bedroom and three-bedroom homes are designed to accommodate large recreational vehicles and caravans, catering to the over-50s market.



RESORT LIVING: Recreational facilities are the resort will include a lagoon pool, cinema, games room and tennis courts.

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The Burnett Heads RV village will be home to 363 single-storey two-bedroom and three-bedroom homes and 62 duplexes.



The developer, RV Lifestyle Village, is a family-owned business with long ties to the area.

Mr Stewart said Burnett Heads was the perfect choice for the project and he was already working with a local business to help stimulate the economy.

"We foresee that the development will create substantial

construction and operational jobs, which would be a significant boost to local and regional businesses," he said.

Council planning and development spokesman Ross Sommerfeld said there were 43 submissions about the development, and seven issues were raised: flooding, traffic, positive impact on the economy, the capacity of the local infrastructure network, noise and light.

Cr Sommerfeld said the council placed conditions on the approval to address the issues.

Before casting his vote, Division 6 councillor Scott Rowleson asked if there would be ongoing investigations into the drainage across the entire Burnett Heads catchment.

Cr Sommerfeld said ongoing work would happen, and drainage work for early stages of the village would improve the situation in adjoining areas.

He said the applicant intended to put a new channel through the property. During planning stages, Cr

Sommerfeld said the developer had directly addressed concerns raised by members of the public including congestion to surrounding roads and drainage.

"The council and state government have imposed conditions for appropriate roadworks to ensure traffic flow will not be adversely affected by the construction of the development," Cr Sommerfeld said.

"Engineering officers have also spent considerable time developing drainage solutions and it is considered that there will be no significant stormwater impacts."

He said the first stage of the development would comprise sites for 100 homes and sewerage, water, power and telecommunications services.

Mr Stewart said the Village would have a strong focus on sustainability and liveability, with each home offering substantial energy efficient features as standard.

Being in close to the coast, the developers said they were committed to reducing potential light pollution.

"We consulted with the Sea Turtle Alliance in the early stages of our planning to ensure we have the appropriate measures in place such as motion-sensor lights and timers on street lighting, substantial plantings to create light barriers and low-wattage LED lights, to make the village low glow," Mr Stewart said.