

# Development envisages halcyon days in Armstrong Creek



An artist's impressions of the Halcyon Armstrong Creek development.

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Jinding Developments, in partnership with Yolk Property Group, is launching its latest project in Armstrong Creek, as Greater Geelong's population is set to soar.

The new 38-hectare Halcyon Armstrong Creek will cater to about 1,800 residents with a project completion value of more than \$178 million.

The 2019 UDIA Residential Development Index shows the strong demand for housing in the Greater Geelong area which requires nearly 2,900 new homes per annum as its population is expected to grow at a faster rate than both the Victorian and Melbourne averages.

The report also records the City of Greater Geelong's median lot prices to be increasing by approximately 21 per cent.

Jinding Developments managing director Liz Ronson is looking forward to creating a new community in Greater Geelong and said Armstrong Creek is an area of strong interest among homebuyers.

"As Geelong is in a period of strong population and economic growth, it's the perfect time to be launching our Halcyon Armstrong Creek project to meet the future needs of the area," she said.

"Our masterplan at Armstrong Creek will be a vibrant new community for Greater Geelong that focuses on promoting a lifestyle alternative to Melbourne, given its position between both Geelong CBD and the coast.

"We are offering a unique opportunity to live next to the surrounding wetlands while still benefitting from the proximity to already established shopping and education precincts.

"Armstrong Creek is already home to existing amenity and schools and is fast becoming a destination for families to settle. We have already had strong enquiry prior to the release of stage one lots," she says.

Connecting to the Lake Conneware wetland system, Halcyon Armstrong Creek will have a focus on nature and the outdoors. Halcyon Armstrong Creek is set to feature 1.9 hectares of passive open space and parks, in addition to waterways, conservation areas and walking trails.

"We are excited to be delivering

our first project in regional Victoria as one that focuses on complementing the existing natural surrounds. "We have a commitment to delivering a quality development which potential purchasers can see and feel through our architecturally designed sales office," Ronson adds.

The first release, Stage 1A, of the project will include 15 lots starting from \$213,000.

The public launch for stage one is on 26 October 2019 and construction is slated to commence in mid-2020.

For more information and to visit the on-site sales suite at the corner of Barwon Heads and Harriott Road Armstrong Creek, head to [halcyonarmstrongcreek.com.au](http://halcyonarmstrongcreek.com.au).



## NEW PRESIDENT FOR REAL ESTATE'S PEAK BODY

Leah Calnan has been elected as the new president of the Real Estate Institute of Victoria, for the 2019-2020 term.

She has served as vice president and senior vice president over the past two years and replaces Robyn Waters, who has stepped down following a very successful term as president.

Ms Calnan is a titan of the property management and rental sector being sole director for the prestigious Metro Property Management and was named property manager of the year in 2016.

She brings more than 24 years' real estate experience to the role; she has authored books on real estate and is a

highly sought-after presenter on rental laws.

Former president Robyn Waters said Ms Calnan would hit the ground running.

"Leah is an outstanding choice to help lead our sector; she has been a fierce advocate and will push for the right conditions to help our organisation prosper.

"Leah is highly respected amongst her peers; she is experienced and is the ideal person to take the real estate sector forward."

Ms Calnan's appointment marks the fourth female president in the history of the REIV, and she is thrilled to be given this opportunity.

"Real Estate is an important sector in

Victoria supporting our economy and providing tens of thousands of jobs, and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead for our sector.

"This is a critical time for Victorian real estate, as the market rebounds from a slow period amid the prospect of significant law changes.

"We need to make sure that real estate continues to have a strong voice in Victoria."

"I would also like to pay tribute to my friend and mentor Robyn Waters, who has done an outstanding job over the past year as president.

"She was a strong leader, and I look forward to seeking her counsel during my term as president."



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