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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**NATIVES RESCUE OPERATION AS WORKS START AT OCEAN MIA**

Thirty Zamias and five impressive Grass Trees at Ocean Mia have been carefully removed and will be relocated as part of the landscaping in the planned residential development.

Town of Cambridge consultant landscape architect, Mary Warinner, said these beautiful, mature plants will give Ocean Mia an established feel and will assist in integrating the development into City Beach.

“The site is quite degraded in sections but we’re able to preserve a number of healthy, mature trees as well as these Grass Trees and Zamias which will be mixed with extensive new plantings,” she said. “Tube stock plants native to Bold Park will be used, and will establish themselves very easily and only require water in the early stages.”

The Grass Trees and Zamias are being housed and nurtured by Grasstrees Australia who have been contracted to carefully collect the plants and give them a ‘continuum of care’. The company was established for just this purpose – to preserve endangered native Grass Trees, Zamias and Christmas Trees that were commonly cleared and destroyed in urban developments.

The plants have their foliage cropped during the uprooting process which helps to reduce water loss through their leaves. The plants are then bagged and stored until they are needed for replanting.

Chief Executive Officer Jason Buckley said the plants were a striking example of the City Beach landscape and a really important part of our natural history.

“Grass Trees take around 100 years to grow a one metre trunk so to be able to preserve these plants is important for the entire community – including generations to come,” he said.

In addition, a number of mature trees on the site including Tuarts and Redgums will be fenced to ensure they are protected from any construction activity. These beautiful trees will be integrated with landscaping and new plantings to form part of the public open space and streetscapes in the residential development.

Landscape design has been an integral part of the subdivision of the land. Ecological relationships are being used as a design tool in order to showcase the colour, texture, and form of plants unique to this location – capturing its native bushland character and reducing the amount of water required for maintenance.

Construction on the prestigious Ocean Mia residential development commenced this week.

The Town of Cambridge has appointed JJ MacDonald & Sons Engineering (JMS) to undertake the work.

Chief Executive Officer, Jason Buckley said the Town of Cambridge was delighted with the appointment of JMS, who took possession of the site this week.

“We’re very pleased to have appointed such experienced contractors who we’re confident will do an excellent job with the greatest possible sensitivity to local residents and the local environment,” he said.

Working hours for the Ocean Mia site are between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 6pm on Saturdays.

The site has been fenced to improve safety and security and the access road into the Ocean Garden Village Retirement Village at the rear of the site (near the old Quarry site) will also be closed for safety reasons.

As the major earthworks activities are completed, dust control measures will be implemented throughout the area to ensure that any strong winds don’t blow sand across the Village and other neighbouring properties.

Ocean Mia is being developed as a high quality, contemporary and sustainable residential development.

The development will offer 66 single lots ranging in size from 200 sqm to almost 450 sqm and two multi-residential lots in a choice setting with tree-lined streets, landscaped pocket parks and significant natural open space retained.

The site neighbours beautiful Bold Park and is opposite the Wembley Golf course, Bold Park Aquatic Centre and the nearby Boulevard Shopping Centre.

The first phase of the development, including the completion and release of the first single residential lots on the Western half of the site, is scheduled for later this year.

Additional single lots and the two multi-residential group housing lots will be released in 2008.

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