



Thompson Sustainable Homes' Brad Thompson and Seaside's Peter Chapple

Vision becomes Seaside reality

THE \$750 million Seaside community is continuing to make strides in sustainable living, with work soon to start on the most eco-sustainable friendly home to be constructed on the New Tweed Coast under the Building Energy Rating Scheme (BERS).

The new Seaside Living display home has been awarded 8.5 stars under the scheme, which means it will use up to 50 per cent less energy than the average residential home, significantly reducing utility costs and environmental impact.

In addition to its eco-sustainable design, the property will feature an environmentally friendly garden filled with easy to maintain sub-tropical dwarf fruit and citrus trees, shrubs with exotic fruits and bush tucker, a raised vegetable garden, a fragrant herb garden and a dedicated composting area.

Other sub-tropical native plants, which will be used for landscaping around the home, will be sourced from Seaside's on-site nursery.

The display is part of a continued commitment by developer Seaside Living to

create an environmentally-friendly community.

It is also builder Thompson Sustainable Homes' first foray into the NSW market, after establishing a reputation for excellence throughout Queensland.

It is anticipated the property, which will front Cudgen Creek, with views of Mt Warning, will be open for inspection by July.

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Seaside marketing director Zel Creswick said the display was the latest in a raft of sustainable initiatives and awards at Seaside, and would give prospective buyers a chance to experience what living at Seaside would be like.

"Seaside is being developed with the aim of becoming one of Australia's leading sustain-

able communities, delivering affordable, eco-sustainable homes," she said.

Seaside is the only community in NSW with an EnviroDevelopment rating, which is awarded by the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) to developments that are considered to be leaders in sustainability.

"We are keen to continue to champion sustainable living, by inspiring more people to consider green alternatives when building a new home."

Thompson Sustainable Homes director Brad Thompson said it was a common misconception that homes with top energy ratings were more expensive than those with average ratings.

"Buyers can achieve price parity for some green products available on the market, and extra expenses are generally offset in the mid to long term by savings made on utility costs," Mr Thompson said. "The display will be an example of a home with all the latest fittings and finishes."

A number of Seaside Living house and land packages are available from \$535,000, with home sites available from \$335,000.