



New homes in tune with environment

EXTENSIVE landscaping and a commitment to reducing energy and water consumption by 55 per cent in new homes has earned Seaside Estate an EnviroDevelopment rating.

The \$750 million estate near Kingscliff is the first coastal community in the state to be rated by Urban Development Institute of Australia's scheme.

Developments can be awarded up to six "leaves" for protecting and preserving water, energy, waste, eco-systems, materials and the community. Seaside was awarded four of those categories and when construction gets under way, developers would be aiming to secure a full six-leaf rating for the efficient use of building materials and waste.

More than 55,000 native trees have been planted at the estate with a further 20,000 to come. Homes at the estate will have 4000 litre rainwater tanks and gas-powered heating and electricity – to cut water and energy use by 55 per cent compared to a normal home.

Seaside marketing director Zel Creswick said Seaside wanted a reputation as one of Australia's foremost eco-friendly communities.

"One of the biggest drawcards for Seaside is its natural environment – the development is set along the beachfront and is surrounded by pristine bushland, Cudgen Creek and the Border



TURNING A LEAF: Seaside marketing director Zel Creswick helps plant one of 75,000 native trees planned for the development.

Ranges," Ms Creswick said.

"The development team is determined to minimise the impact Seaside has on the environment and this ethos is attracting a range of buyers who are increasingly aware of the value of eco-friendly and sustainable design.

"Seaside's four-leaf rating is a sign of our commitment to protecting the Tweed Coast's natural assets, which will ultimately benefit residents and future generations to come.

– James Perkins