

Media Release

Ropes Crossing Awarded Best Community in Sydney

Sydney, 29 July 2013- Lend Lease community Ropes Crossing recognised as a master planned community of choice.

Lend Lease's masterplanned community, Ropes Crossing, has been awarded the Urban Development Institute of Australia's (UDIA) most prestigious prize for Masterplanned Developments. Held in Sydney at the UDIA Awards for Excellence ceremony, the award recognises the community's reputation for delivering the highest standard of overall design, sense of place, living options and delivery of key infrastructure.

Featuring six unique villages each with its own character and sense of place, Ropes Crossing delivers a unique and convenient lifestyle. Affordable living options have been created nestled within 900 hectares of regional bush land and within walking distance of the town centre which includes Coles supermarket and a range of specialty shops, primary school, childcare and village oval.

Lend Lease Communities Regional Development Manager, Arthur Ilias, explained the value of creating a community that delivers a strong 'sense of place' through social cohesion.

"Ropes Crossing has created a strong 'sense of place' in the community, providing balance between environmental and social sustainability objectives, whilst providing a range of innovative and quality homes to suit a range of budgets and lifestyles."

"Ropes Crossing has provided opportunities for engagement, local employment and improved overall services to the community. The early delivery of physical infrastructure such as The Community Hub, Ropes Central retail, the primary school, the neighbourhood parks and connected walkways and cycle ways provided multiple opportunities for community interaction, both formal and informal," he said.

The Ropes Crossing masterplan provides a framework allowing urban design to meet evolving market and community needs over time. A diverse range of living options have been designed within easy walking distance to neighbourhood parks. Also available is a 140 home Lend Lease Retirement Village providing an opportunity for residents to retire within the same neighbourhood.

Mr Ilias explained that Ropes Crossing Community Hub is a key place making precinct designed to activate a range of social activities that encourage healthy lifestyles and community interaction ranging from Zumba classes, as well as the Rotary markets on a monthly basis. Residents also have the opportunity to book the facility for private activities including parties and community events.

"Our residents are looking to live in a community that offers something unique, which is why we have invested in delivering community infrastructure and affordable living options with the lifestyle conveniences not on offer in other communities," he said.



Meeting the demand for affordability in Western Sydney has seen lot sizes at Ropes Crossing decrease over time to 370m². Standard House and Land Packages range between \$350,000 up to \$550,000. In November 2012, Ropes Crossing was recognised as the best performing suburb for capital growth in Sydney by Residex.

When complete, Ropes Crossing will contain up to 2,200 homes, 16 parks, playgrounds and sporting fields, and over 25 kilometers of walking and cycling paths.

For further information regarding the Ropes Crossing project visit www.ropescrossing.com.au

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