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THE GRASS IS GREENER AT MARTHA COVE

June 8 2007, Gold Coast: A massive \$4 million landscaping and environmental rehabilitation program is set to put the \$650 million Martha Cove development at the forefront of environmentally sensitive development on the Mornington Peninsula.

Already more than 2,000 trees and 90,000 shrubs, grasses and groundcovers have been planted in the first phase of what will see an estimated 250,000 plants ultimately introduced across the project.

Martha Cove on-site project manager David Newman says the replanting program, being undertaken by leading international landscape architects EDAW, will greatly enhance the area's environment.

"Martha Cove values environmentally sustainable development and has an extensive landscaping plan to increase local flora and fauna in the area, while also enhancing aesthetics," he said.

"We have already re-planted thousands of trees and will continue to do so as the development progresses."

Mr Newman says the re-planting project will comprise 95 per cent indigenous species.

"The Mornington Peninsula is renowned for its natural beauty and Martha Cove intends to build on this reputation," he said.

Scott Munro, senior landscape architect from EDAW, says Martha Cove is one of the leading green developments in the region.

"Martha Cove incorporates a range of best practice design techniques to ensure key environmental initiatives are realised," he said.

"For landscaping purposes, site topsoil has been stockpiled and reused as opposed to importing topsoil from other areas.

"The new trees will be mostly local native species, including Eucalyptus and Coastal Banksia, which will use less water, allow native fauna to thrive and enhance the unique qualities of the area.

"Water conservation is another key component at Martha Cove, which uses flush kerbing and planted swales to permit storm water to run directly off roads and into vegetated areas for reuse.

"Marine life is already thriving in the marina, suggesting environmental protection measures are working well."



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Martha Cove is a 97-hectare luxury waterfront residential development which, on completion, will comprise 1150 architecturally designed homes, luxury apartments and townhouses and 20 hectares of waterways.

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