Another step closer for Ichthys

A Final Investment Decision (FID) for the multi-billion dollar Ichthys Project is one step closer with INPEX securing the land and an exceptional development permit for the Howard Springs Accommodation Village.

INPEX will lease the land, on the corner of Howard Springs and Whitewood roads, for seven years before handing it back to the government.

The Territory Government has granted INPEX a Crown Lease Term. A purpose-built Accommodation Village for the Ichthys Project construction workforce will be built on the site.

Construction on the Village is expected to start this year with a considerable amount of the construction work going to local businesses.

Construction of the Village is expected to create up to 300 jobs locally, and there will be ongoing opportunities for Territorians with 120-150 staff required to maintain and operate it.

The Village will accommodate 2700 people at peak and is being developed to house the fly-in, fly-out workforce required to construct the Ichthys LNG plant. An additional 800 workers could be accommodated on site if required.

The Village will be built with the community in mind and incorporate a number of design features to ensure Howard Springs maintains its rural character.

The Village will be surrounded by a vegetation buffer and include low-level lighting, secure entry and single-storey buildings.

The Ichthys LNG Project helps achieve a number of key targets within the Territory 2030, including continuing to secure new private sector investment in the Territory and to establish Darwin as a key centre for oil and gas operations and maintenance.

Bellamack moving ahead

Bellamack is ahead of schedule with 70 new lots ready for issue in the New Year and is experiencing a surge in buyer confidence with 45 lots sold since November.

Across the suburb, over 200 new homes are now complete or under construction, and an additional 43 new homes in the approval stage, with a further 196 new lots expected to be available by the end of 2012.

Across Palmerston East, Bellamack will provide 678 lots in total over six years, 198 of 482 new lots have been turned off at Johnston with Stage 2 to commence construction next year providing a further 284 lots, and the first stage of Zuccoli will also commence in 2012 providing 142 new lots.

Developers offered land for retirement village

Land in Alice Springs is available for developers interested in building a seniors village.

The Northern Territory Government is willing to provide land in Alice Springs to a private developer building a retirement village, in line with the Territory 2030 goal to make Alice Springs a retirement hub.

Senior residents of Alice Springs were surveyed to gauge the interest level in a retirement village.

The results show that 41 percent of seniors were interested in purchasing a unit. A small percentage were undecided but would consider purchasing a unit dependent on location and design, affordability and if the seniors could have some input into the design and facilities.

The age group that would be most interested in purchasing a unit was between 60 to 69 years.

Jenkins road upgrade

Intersection marks
moves ahead

Construction of the two-staged $14 million project is underway to seal fourteen kilometres of Jenkins Road from Stuart Highway to Finn Road, and Finn Road to Channel Island Road, jointly funded by the Territory Government and the Ichthys LNG Project.

On top of this, INPEX and Ichthys joint venture Total have invested $4 million into improving the intersection at the Stuart Highway and Jenkins Road, as well as the intersection of the Arnhem Highway and Stuart Highway.

Kilgariff milestone

Territory company Ostojic Group has been awarded the $2.8 million contract for the construction of the first major intersection in Alice Springs’ newest suburb, Kilgariff, as well as the $1.8 million contract to extend underground water services to the site.

The works will take place at the Norris Bell Avenue/Stuart Highway intersection and include the installation of traffic islands, slip lanes and electricity to feed into new street lighting.

The water reticulation contract includes the installation of more than 2.2 kilometres of water mains which will feed into nearby pump stations and run adjacent to Norris Bell Avenue.

More than 30 people will work on these projects throughout construction, and supplies will be sourced locally were possible.

The Kilgariff design resulted out of an Enquiry by Design Forum which included feedback from technical experts, the community and various other stakeholders.

Over the next few years, there will be 150 homes at Kilgariff, along with extensive community space and public transport links, and an ultimate housing capacity for 3000 people.

For more information, go to www.nt.gov.au/lands/growth/kilgariff/