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URIARRA VILLAGE COMMENCES RENEWAL AFTER BUSHFIRES

The Village Building Co. has now signed a deed to redevelop and expand the Uriarra Village. Uriarra was partially destroyed in the bushfires of 2003, losing 17 of the 23 homes in existence before the fires. Only six houses remain in the village.

As part of the Uriarra re-development, the Village Building Co. will be rebuilding the 17 ACT Housing sites lost in the fires. The Village Building Co. Chief Executive, Bob Winnel says it's pleasing to be involved in rebuilding and expanding this community and that it's extremely positive to see that the people who lost their houses in the fires can finally return home.

In addition to the 17 ACT Housing sites, the Village Building Co will be developing 77 sites for semi-rural residential development and these will be available for private sale.

Mr Winnel says his company expects there will be strong demand for the semi-rural blocks at Uriarra, because of their scenic location and the fantastic community facilities that are available, such a tennis courts, a community centre and hall and a village green. Uriarra also offers horse agistment for 30 horses, on large community paddocks.

“Some people enjoy the semi-rural lifestyle. It's been a strong trend over a long period of time. They like the space and the freedom of having a large block of land. We'll be recycling 100 per cent of household water, which in today's climate will be a welcome feature” said Mr Winnel.

Uriarra will be the ACT's first community title development, building on the strong sense of community that already exists within the village.

A fire fighting facility is to be established for greater bushfire protection and a fire abatement zone will be managed with slashing to reduce the future risk of bush fire.

The Uriarra Village will include passive solar orientation to minimise the need for heating and cooling. Community areas will be landscaped using native plants to encourage wildlife to return to the area, and treated wastewater will be used to irrigate household gardens. It will be greener than many other areas within the ACT.

The new development comprises of lots averaging 2,200m². People interested in a private sale should contact The Village Building Co.

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