



Coveted Environmental Excellence category won **Sunrise takes out top honours**

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A \$100 million dollar residential development nestled five kilometres south of Agnes Waters has been awarded top honours in environmentally sustainable development in Australia.

Sunrise at 1770 has taken out the coveted Environmental Excellence category at the 2008 Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) National Awards for Excellence gala dinner in Melbourne.

The Awards bring together the best in urban development from around Australia, addressing issues such as quality design, use of infrastructure, land revitalization, community consultation, sustainability, energy efficiency, environmental management and affordability.

Announced last Thursday night, the national recogni-

tion surrounding Sunrise at 1770's award win has firmed it as a world-class development.

The brainchild of Michael and Dellarose Baeviski of Midell Developments, the Sunrise at 1770 master plan included a sustainable village of 172 residential lots, eco tourism site, a site for a cultural heritage centre and a significant nature refuge.

Stage one development was completed in 2004.

There are currently 22 houses completed or under construction within this gated community which extends from Springs Beach to Red Rock.

One of the most significant features of Sunrise at 1770 is that 97.5 per cent of the original 628 hectare site will remain in its natural state.

Midell Developments donated more than 75 per cent of the site to Australia Bush Heritage Fund in 2004,

creating the Reedy Creek Nature Refuge (RCNR).

A gesture which has become Queensland's largest single donation of private land to a conservation group, ensuring the protection of the site's unique environmental values for perpetuity.

The community features a nursery, two clubs, eight beach barbecue pavillions, three swimming pools, four tennis courts, basketball and beach volleyball court, kids playground, surf lookout tower at Springs Beach and an environmentally friendly car wash using recyclable water. Managers of Sunrise at 1770, Greg and Michelle Millar said staff and owners were overwhelmed by the news of the award win.

Mr Millar said winning the award was very satisfying.

"It has been a long, hard task for everyone to get where we have got to," Mr Millar said.

"We have something very special here – something we believe in and the award is proof of this."

UDIA (Qld) president Brent Hailey said the win was indicative of the high standard of environmentally sustainable development in Queensland.

Mr Hailey said Queensland was at the forefront of the environmentally sustainable development trend.

"Our state developers continue to pioneer new and innovative projects which are sensitive to the world in which we live," Mr Hailey said.

"Sunrise at 1770 is a world-class development and truly deserves this national recognition.

"It has achieved some remarkable outcomes to showcase how design, technology, conservation and respect for cultural heritage can work together."



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