

MEDIA RELEASE

What's happening at the Bay?

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After announcements made about developments on Kangaroo Island, it is now apparent that the first of these exciting projects is taking shape at Emu Bay.

Driving into the area, major road works are obvious from the main road, as work occurs on what will become a 78-site housing and holiday accommodation development.

The Amadio family has owned the land for more than 46 years, and they are now overseeing the construction of roads along with the necessary underground infrastructure including power and stormwater, for the Stage 1 release of 22 sites.

As NBN is now available at Emu Bay, and a fast internet service is assured, the location will be perfect for those wishing to set up their work studios at the Bay, combined with their holiday homes. "Emu Bay is now the prime location on the Island and this land division couldn't be located in a better area," Caj Amadio said.

"It's taken us six years since the initial approach to Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure for the re-zoning. It was re-zoned and gazetted 18 months ago, and it's a terrific location, close to the coast, and good beaches, close to Kingscote and to the airport ... and with Qantas flights to begin in December, it offers buyers a real opportunity to buy their little piece of paradise on Kangaroo Island," he said.

Mayor Peter Clements praised the Amadio family for moving forward with this development. "This subdivision at Emu Bay is a very strong indicator of the level of faith the private sector is showing in the future of Kangaroo Island," the Mayor said.

"Mr Amadio is a successful businessman with a strong belief in the Island's prosperity and his willingness to keep the work 'on island' is good news. This development is the first of a number of major projects coming on stream and it will assist us with relieving the future pressures on private housing stock," he said.

"Mr Amadio is to be commended on his foresight and entrepreneurial spirit," the Mayor said. "It is especially pleasing that we have been able to engage the services of a local contractor, Duff's Earthworks, to do this important first stage work," Mr Amadio said.

"It is expected that these works, which include sealed roads with roll-over kerbing, will be completed around October this year."

"It is our intention all along the way that we will tender work to local contractors who are able to provide the services we require."

David Trethewey, owner of Duff's Earthworks said "it's good to be involved in this major development. At any given time, we will have between four to eight locals employed on the site, as we construct kerbing, roads and infrastructure."

The blocks will be available for sale as residential sites, or zoned for holiday houses and will suit tourism operators, the semi-retired, or the construction of flats/apartments.

Century 21 has been engaged to work with the Amadio group on the Island, to market the land, and house and land packages.

Michael Barrett, CEO of Century 21 said, “protective encumbrances will be put in place, to encourage appealing building styles and finishes”.

“This development represents an exciting opportunity in an excellent lifestyle location, well known for safe swimming, boating and exceptional fishing,” Michael Barrett said.

“And with the recent announcement of the multi-million dollar Emu Bay boat ramp upgrade, and with Qantas to begin flights to the Island in December, the timing couldn’t be better to secure an allotment, with delayed settlement expected in mid-2018.”

Mr Amadio said the land division is available for viewing at Council, and for anyone wishing to register their interest in the sites, he suggests contacting Michael Barrett at Century 21 in the first instance.

Local builders interested in the project are encouraged to contact Mr Amadio to learn more about how they can participate.



Caption for pic: **Roadworks commence: Photo taken from the main road into Emu Bay, just near the T-junction, coming in from Kingscote.**

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