



Green and clean living is a feature of the Hayfield development at Ripley, where a 'green wedge' will run through the community.



CREATING A HOME IN THE TREES

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Developer Goldfields is focusing on protecting and enhancing the "green wedge" dubbed "The Greenwood" that runs through its 900-lot Ripley development *Hayfield*.

Goldfields managing director Marco Gattino said the group commissioned Fleming's

Nurseries to embrace the existing environment and use it as an inspiration for the rest of the design.

"The Greenwood is a significantly sized natural green wedge (native bushland), which runs through *Hayfield*," Mr Gattino said.

"The Greenwood creates a focal point for the estate, meaning each home will be genuinely connected to nature – with all homes in proximity to The Greenwood.

"There are plenty of young families looking to build their dream home and Ripley represents an affordable option for these families.

"We felt that The Greenwood and its connectedness to the estate would help to provide the perfect place for parents to raise their children."

Fleming's Nurseries director Wes Fleming said due to the nursery's collaboration on a number of Goldfields' projects, it was able to get involved with the landscape design much earlier than other projects.

"Ultimately this results in a much more beneficial outcome for the community, both visually, because we had the opportunity to really consider how best to showcase the natural flora and landscape, as well as from a practicality perspective – with better use of tracks and park placement," Mr Fleming said.

"It's not always possible to feature the existing natural landscape of an area through to

the heart of the development, but with *Hayfield* we knew we had a fantastic opportunity to embrace that.

"This approach is highlighted by the interface of the community with The Greenwood, a truly unique feature of the estate and something people who will live here will cherish well into the future.

"The Greenwood, and the running track, invite people to make the most of the area's natural amenity and be a part of the landscape that's right on their doorstep."

THE BASICS

HAYFIELD

Developer: Goldfields

Cost: Lot prices start at \$187,000 and are sized between 375sq m and 775sq m

Location: 352 Ripley Rd, Ripley

Launched in March 2018, Hayfield's first residents are expected to move in this year. The 109ha development will provide another 900 lots within Ripley and take about eight years to complete.