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It's a Permaculture lifestyle



A new Permaculture estate outside Nimbin will offer its residents more than just blocks of land. It will give them a complete lifestyle. Belleridge is one of the prettiest sites anywhere in Australia. The views from the lush, fertile land are like a panoramic painting of vivid blues, purples and green. Most of Belleridge faces north-west, making it ideal for growing fruits and vegetables. That is the basis of the development — a place where people live in harmony with the environment, producing food and not harming the land. Property writer KATRINA CAMPBELL reports on the next page.

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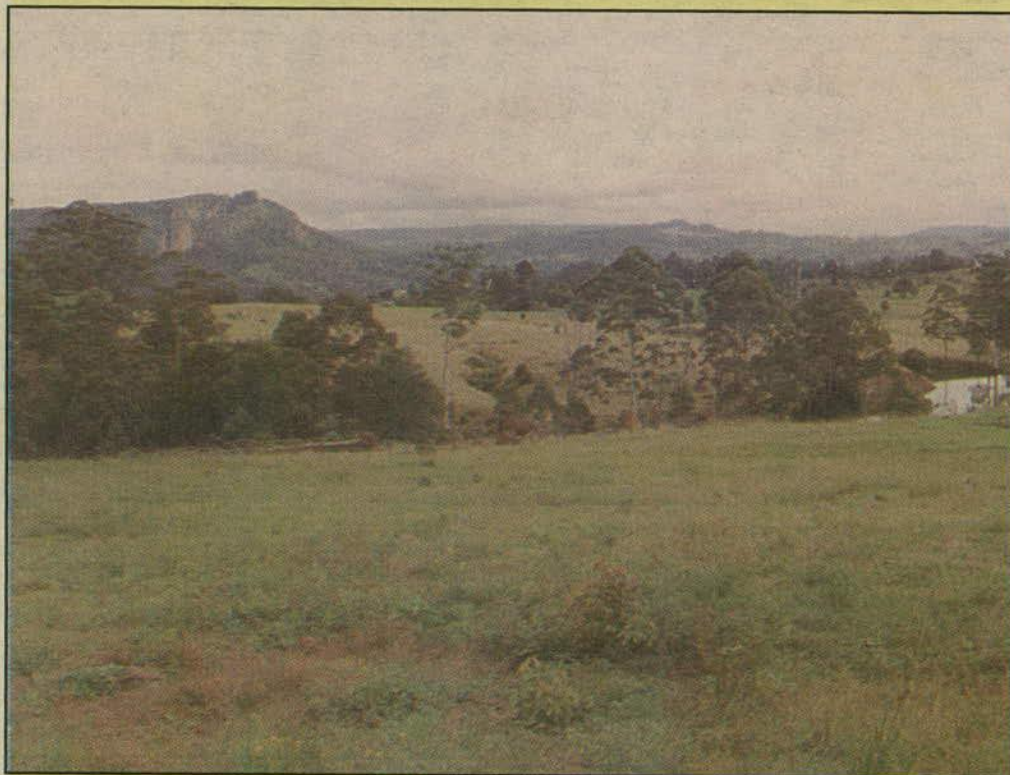


'TUNTABLE TEMPTATION'

No boring brick and tile here. Contemporary and stylish 4 b/r brick house with



Estate offers a Permaculture life



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Now stage one of the estate has been released and is being marketed through Lifestyle Real Estate, Nimbin.

There are four lots in this stage.

Three of them are one-hectare blocks, priced at \$65,000.

The other is 2.2 hectares and has been approved for further subdivision.

This lot is \$105,000.

All of the lots will be fenced and have power and phone connections.

They also have dams, which form part of a string of watercourses through the surrounding countryside.

The dam on the largest lot has islands which form protected habitats for birds and other animals.

Already, there have been swans and pelicans seen in the vicinity.

Belleridge is situated next to the already successful Jarlanbah Permaculture Hamlet and is next to a Permaculture education centre.

Each buyer of a lot in Belleridge (one person from each lot) will be offered a two-week Permaculture course which will give them accreditation in Permaculture design and membership of the Permaculture Institute.

The developer, Mr John Hunter, said his aim was to establish a leafy rural suburb based on a Permaculture existence.

It is part of a larger area, taking in Jarlanbah

and the future stages of Belleridge, which will eventually become an established Permaculture village on the edge of town.

He said the eco-village was planned to be established between Belleridge and the township of Nimbin and that this would further focus the Permaculture lifestyle into this area.

The object of the eco-village is to have people living, working and producing nearly everything to sustain them within a confined area, therefore removing the need to travel too often.

Mr Hunter said that during the development of the road through Belleridge he ensured that it missed any significant trees.

The land is dotted with teaks, beech trees, eucalypts and there also is a mature mango tree on one of the one-hectare lots.

Mr Hunter said that the earth on Belleridge was particularly suited for use in mud bricks.

He said some of the homes on neighbouring Jarlanbah had used mud bricks with materials taken from the site.

He said also that the people being attracted to the Permaculture lifestyle included professionals and former city dwellers.

"There are some interesting and innovative plans for houses here," he said.

"Even one with an indoors pool."

The largest lot in stage one of Belleridge could be used as a rural tourist facility such as a backpackers' hostel (subject to council approval).