



## SEAGROVE DOING THE RIGHT THING

**H**OUSING developments on Phillip Island are taking advantage of the latest developments in sustainable living.

Seagrove is an environmentally sensitive residential estate 700m from the beach near Cowes.

Southern Sustainable Developments managing director David Jobe says Seagrove will set a benchmark for environmentally sustainable living on the island.

“Every street has an extensive central wetland and rain garden as part of an integrated approach to water-sensitive urban design,” Jobe says.

Many mature eucalypts are on

the development and there is a large bird population of wood ducks, lorikeets, rosellas and honeyeaters.

Each home will have a mandatory 4500-litre rainwater tank, and the streets are extra wide to allow space for indigenous trees to grow, creating corridors for wildlife.

Residents also get a free 12-month membership to Urban Landcare and 30 native seedlings grown from local seeds.

Seagrove residents will be the only residents on the island with gas. An underground LPG network was built specifically for the development.

“There is also energy-efficient street lighting powered by green energy, a first for the Bass Coast,” Jobe says.

He says the buyers are a mix of island residents and newcomers.

“We’ve had quite a few locals, which is good because it shows we are well regarded by the market locally.”

Most of the 88 lots in the first release are sold, as are most of the 26 in the Blue Wren release. There will be further releases.

The site is undulating, so many blocks have views north across Western Port.