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Builders being sought for new Port Coogee shopping centre

Construction on a new shopping centre at Port Coogee is expected within months after a strong response to calls for expressions of interest for specialist shops and retail outlets at the facility.

Lease Equity Managing Director Jim Tsagalis said he had received 50 submissions from retailers keen to be a part of the development after it was confirmed a full-range Woolworths supermarket would be the anchor tenant.

"A major national pharmacy has recently committed, and negotiations are near final for a newsagent," Mr Tsagali said.

"Remaining tenancies are expected to be filled quickly, although it is critical that retailers align with the project vision to ensure its long-term success."

Australand General Manager WA Tony Perrin said the developer was in the process of tendering for the building works and he anticipated construction would start in the middle of the year with the centre opening in mid-2016.

"The shopping centre will not only offer the growing Port Coogee community the conveniences of a full-line Woolworths, a pharmacy, newsagent and ancillary specialty stores, but it will also become the heart of the Port Coogee development and a focal meeting place to share experiences and grow as a community," Mr Perrin said.

Located on the corner of Orsino Boulevard and the future Calypso Parade in the Port Coogee Marina Village precinct, the \$22 million shopping centre boasts 4,431sqm of floor space and basement parking for 188 cars.

Street access at both Orsino Boulevard and Calypso Parade has been carefully considered to activate street frontages and provide safe and convenient access for shoppers.

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Taylor Robinson Architects Director Graham Taylor said a feature of the design was the integration of the building with the residential and coastal surrounds.

"Facade treatments and streetscape interface are critical to creating an environment that is welcoming and inviting at the pedestrian level," Mr Taylor said.

The external facade was complemented internally with bespoke design including granite stone tiling and feature mall ceilings, including skylights.

The centre will include cyclist facilities and change rooms, parents' rooms, solar power systems and other environmental sustainable design initiatives to target a 4-Star Green Star Rating.

To complement the shopping centre, Australand has designed an apartment building to the north on the corner of Pantheon Avenue and Orsino Boulevard which is anticipated for release later in 2015.

The development will include a mix of ground floor commercial properties, one bed and one bath, two bed and two bath and two bed and two bath plus study accommodation.

Preliminary designs have also been completed to the west of the site fronting Chieftain Parade, which is anticipated to house about 200 apartments in addition to ground floor food and beverage opportunities.

Investment within Port Coogee has also been recognised privately with experienced developers including TRG and Match both completing apartment buildings in 2014 and purchasing second sites.

Stirling Capital has also secured two development sites within the Marina Village, with Yolk and private syndicates also committing to the estate.

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