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# Sod turned at Ashbury

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THE first sod has been turned at Ashbury, marking the start of works at the housing estate in Armstrong Creek.

Located to the east of the Surf Coast Highway, Ashbury will eventually house about 4,000 residents in about 1,400 lots.

The 123-hectare site will also contain a shopping centre, state primary school, community centre, passive and open space, two football ovals, and 18 kilometres of cycling and walking paths.

Civil construction is expected to be finished by later this year, with the first homes to be completed by late 2017.

The sod-turning ceremony with Corangamite federal member Sarah Henderson was carried out next to the Ashbury sales office on Boundary Road.

Dennis Family Corporation executive chair Grant Dennis welcomed some of the 53 future homeowners who had already purchased land.

“It’s going to be a great project; it’s great to see some of the locals come along.”

He said Ashbury had been 10 years in the making.

“We’re thrilled this day has come about.”

“We strategically identified Armstrong Creek as a growth corridor a number of years ago and we’ve got a strong belief that this area is going to be a very good location.

“We’re between Geelong and the Surf Coast, and it’s going to be a fabulous location for everybody.”

Mr Dennis said Ashbury was Dennis Family Corporation’s first major development in the growth area.

“We have a strong belief it’s going to go from strength to strength.”

Ms Henderson said it was great to see the enormous amount of faith shown by the developer.

“I’m a great believer in the potential of our region, but to grow, we need people like the Dennis Family Corporation, we also need the landowners to be working together, and we need the infrastructure.”



**Dennis Family Corporation executive chair Grant Dennis, Corangamite federal member Sarah Henderson and landowner Geoff Mays turn the first sod at Ashbury.**