

Lennox residents back new estate

Developers plan community facilities on \$60 million site

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THE Pacific Pines estate development proposal has been given the thumbs up by Brian Smith who believes the new owners seem to be doing the right thing by the community.

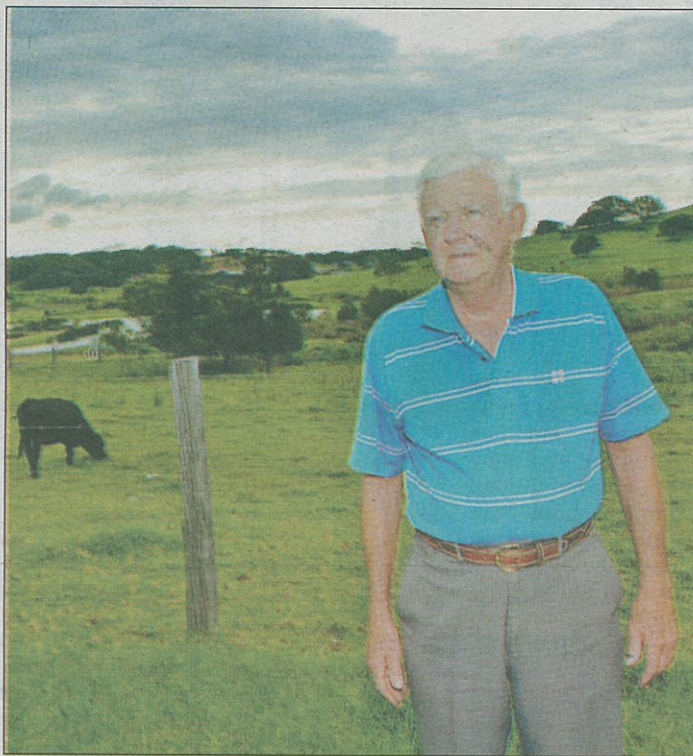
The Lennox Head Residents Association president said a booklet detailing the outcomes of a workshop developers Petrac held with the community last month was very positive.

"We have to understand that area of land has been zoned for residential development for over 20 years," Mr Smith said.

"The approach that is using seems to be a good one. We're yet to see it happen but their approach is very constructive. Their attitude of providing facilities before the actual demand is there is good.

"In the past, developers have taken the attitude they'll build a sports field when there is sufficient people there. Petrac is saying 'we'll build a sporting field and attract people', it's a much better attitude."

The 80-hectare site was bought by Petrac in March for \$60 million with an existing approved Master Plan in place for 524 residential lots, a tavern, child-care facilities and a community centre.



HAPPY: Brian Smith, president of the Lennox Head Residents Association at the Pacific Pines Estate site. Picture: DAVID NIELSEN

"We have to be conscious there are people who want to slow down any sort of growth at Lennox and some even saying we need to stop it," said Mr Smith.

"The best we can hope for is a controlled growth."

Mr Smith said Petrac was willing to provide mature-age accommodation in Lennox Head.

What now?

RESIDENTS should receive a copy of the booklet by early June (it can be viewed at www.enquirybydesign.com.au) and can comment until June 30.

If the developer can meet all approval hurdles, work could begin as early as June 2008. Residential blocks would likely be released for sale late 2008.

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