



BIRD'S EYE VIEW: What Petrac will work with.

# Pines overhaul planned

Petrac set to consult locals on what they want at the estate

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LOOK out Lennox Head! Stephen Bowers and Brisbane-based development company Petrac have big plans for the Pacific Pines Estate.

The company announced its \$60 million purchase of the estate from the Pidcock family yesterday, unveiling plans for sporting fields, retirement housing and community facilities.

Mr Bowers said Petrac would hold a series of community consultation workshops later this

month to find out what locals wanted from the development.

"It would be terribly presumptuous for a Brisbane company to lob in and tell Lennox Head what it wants," he said.

The Pidcock family called it a day in October last year, after 34 years working on their farm and 17 years developing the estate.

The site is master plan approved for residential development, including a range of residential lots, a tavern, additional child care facilities, a communi-



**STEPHEN BOWERS: Community input important.**

ty hall and local shopping facilities.

Mr Bowers said Petrac's intention was to improve the existing master plan.

"One of our biggest focus areas is retirement housing," he said. "We

want to offer independent living units and a variety of housing styles, so as Lennox Head residents age they can down-size if they wish, without moving out of the area."

Darel Vidler, president of the Lennox Head Combined Sports Association, said a sports field on the estate had been designated for use by the association when the Pidcocks owned the estate.

He was hopeful it would be available soon.

Mr Bowers said getting the sports field ready for use was a priority.

## What's in store

THE Pacific Pines development at Lennox Head is likely to include:

- Neighbourhood centre
- Community hall
- Child care centre
- Retirement housing
- Sporting fields

The new owner, Brisbane-based company Petrac, will hold community consultation sessions from Friday, March 30 to Tuesday, April 3, in a marquee on the basketball courts at Mackneys Lane, Lennox Head.

For more information call 1800 120 123.

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