

Sustainable Development

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Tomorrow Thinking is at the core of Yolk Property Group's DNA. We recognise there is great importance in not only what we develop, but how we develop. We share the vision of UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) are a collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity with the year 2030 set as the target for achieving these goals.

Arbour Margaret River Masterplanned Community is committed to sustainable development and is actively working towards the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Goal 3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

The masterplan promotes a healthy lifestyle through expansive green spaces, walking trails, and recreational facilities, fostering active living and connection to nature.

Inclusive Community Arbour integrates an Over 55's community, providing them access to the Residential Clubhouse. This helps address loneliness by fostering social connections. Loneliness is recognised as a leading contributor to poor health and mortality.

Intergenerational Living With childcare and a primary school incorporated into the masterplan, residents of all ages live close together, promoting interaction, support, and a sense of belonging across generations.



Goal 12 - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Arbour Margaret River fosters sustainable living practices within the community:

Community Gardens Residents have access to community gardens, promoting the growth of local produce and encouraging sustainable food consumption.

Larger Homesites Generous lot sizes provide space for onsite food production, allowing homeowners to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

Over 55's Sustainable Living The Over 55's section features a dedicated community garden, orchard, and animal farm, creating opportunities for residents to engage in sustainable food production and support local ecosystems.



Goal 9 - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

The planning behind Arbour Margaret River Residents Clubhouse includes sustainable building practices and long-term thinking.

Lifecycle Analysis on Clubhouse Materials The materials used for the Residential Clubhouse are carefully selected through a lifecycle analysis to ensure longevity and minimal maintenance. This approach promotes durability, reduces future resource use, and supports sustainable construction practices within the community.



Goal 6 - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

The estate incorporates innovative practices to conserve water and support the environment:

Waterwise Landscaping Tubestock planting is used for regrowth without irrigation, and waterwise plants are recommended throughout the estate and for home gardens to reduce water consumption.

Rainwater Collection A temporary dam on-site captures rainfall to be used for civil construction and dust suppression, reducing reliance on scheme water.

Recycled Water Recycled water will irrigate the District Oval and school, further conserving resources.

Natural Water Management Larger open spaces capture stormwater, allowing it to infiltrate the groundwater rather than flowing into streams and the ocean, supporting natural water cycles.



Goal 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Arbour Margaret River supports quality education by incorporating a primary school into its masterplan. This ensures residents have easy access to education, promoting inclusivity and fostering a strong foundation for lifelong learning within the community. By providing local schooling, Arbour enhances convenience for families and strengthens community bonds.



Goal 7 - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Arbour Margaret River includes the following sustainable energy initiatives:

Solar and Battery at the Clubhouse The Residential Clubhouse will be equipped with solar panels and battery storage, reducing reliance on traditional energy sources and promoting clean energy use.

Microgrid for Land Lease The land lease portion of the estate will feature a microgrid system, providing a reliable, sustainable energy supply while lowering costs.

Solar Recommendations for Homes Residential buyers are encouraged to install solar systems in their homes, further promoting clean, renewable energy throughout the community.



Goal 11 - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Arbour Margaret River is creating a community that fosters inclusivity and sustainability.

Green Spaces and Trails Around 30% of the estate is dedicated to green open spaces, with thousands of Karri and Marri trees being planted. Residents can enjoy 4km of walking trails, 2km of mountain biking tracks, and community gardens.

Inclusive Living Arbour is the first in Australia to offer Over 55's access to a Residential Clubhouse, promoting intergenerational living and inclusivity.

Community Hub The Residential Clubhouse acts as a community hub, bringing people together through shared amenities and experiences.

Sustainable Mobility for Over 55's Over 55's benefit from communal transportation, including a bus for town trips, a shared car, electric bikes, and electric bikes.



Goal 15 - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Arbour Margaret River prioritises the protection and sustainable management of local ecosystems.

30% Green Space The masterplan allocates 30% of the area to green spaces, significantly exceeding the 10% typically found in standard developments, which helps to preserve and enhance biodiversity.

Native Tree Planting The community focuses on planting Karri and Marri trees, supporting local flora and fauna while contributing to ecosystem health.



Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Arbour Margaret River is actively working towards reducing carbon emissions and mitigating climate change impacts.

30% Green Space 30% of the masterplan is dedicated to green spaces, compared to the 10% typical in standard developments. Arbour helps offset civil construction emissions and reduces heat mass through extensive tree planting.

Sustainable Building Homes are encouraged to use solar power, battery storage, and sustainable materials, with no gas provided, promoting clean energy use and significantly reducing emissions.

Resort Longevity A lifecycle analysis ensures the resort's materials are durable and require minimal maintenance, further reducing resource use.

Carbon Offset Partnership Arbour's partnership with Trillion Trees Australia allows buyers to offset 100% of the carbon generated from their home's construction by planting trees, confirmed by Emerge Consultants to balance emissions through a \$1,500 contribution per home.

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Developers of Tomorrow

Yolk Property Group is leading the charge in innovation and sustainability, embodying the ethos of Developers of Tomorrow. Notable initiatives include a groundbreaking solar battery apartment development, a Liveable Street program addressing community loneliness, and the development of a governance framework for solar PV and batteries in strata residential developments.



First in Australia. Global Leader recognition in the One Planet Living program for Evermore Solar Battery Apartments.



First Solar Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) in Western Australia



Launch of the Liveable Street initiative fostering social interaction and combating isolation. First in Australia.



Featuring 168 solar panels plus world-class battery and micro-grid technology, Evermore WGV apartments are Australia's first residential development where residents can trade renewable energy.



A first for Australia, research from the Evermore WGV project has enabled the development of a governance framework and micro-grid system for solar PV and batteries in strata residential developments.

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