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Townhouse development planned for 521 Old Cleveland Road East in Birkdale

Redland Investment Corporation (RIC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Redland City Council has today announced the lodgement of a development application for a townhouse project at 521 Old Cleveland Road East, Birkdale.

RIC is working on plans to build 13 high quality two-storey townhouses on 3,559sq m of the 20,209sq m site. The 3,559sq m component of the site is situated on the corner of Old Cleveland Road East and Randall Road and is currently occupied by outdated, uninhabitable housing.

RIC Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter Kelley said the proposed development would provide a valuable boost for the economy and community, providing a range of jobs for local trades during the construction period.

"RIC will also engage environmental consultants to undertake a vegetation rehabilitation program which involves planting trees and rejuvenating the remaining 16,650sq m of land, which will be retained as a conservation area," Mr Kelley said.

"The rehabilitation of the conservation area will involve the removal of declared pests, weeds and exotic plants to provide an improved koala habitat."

Koala Action Group has been consulted about the proposed project, including the proposed planting and rehabilitation plans.

As part of this program, additional trees will also be planted on vacant Council owned land at 61 McMillan Road, Alexandra Hills and potentially other sites within the local area.

The 16,650sq m conservation area will be transferred back to Council in 2019.

The development will comprise of five, four-bedroom and eight, three-bedroom townhouses, each with double lock up garages.

The development application for the proposed project will be considered and assessed by Council.

Construction is expected to commence in the second half of the 2018/2019 financial year, pending approvals.

Council transferred the entire 20,209sq m site to RIC in 2016 to help revitalise the Birkdale area.

RIC was established by Council in 2014 to identify alternative revenue sources, new business opportunities and realise value for Council and the community.

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