



## Living history: Prince Henry's famous avenue of pines restored by Landcom

A number of Norfolk Island pine trees have been planted at Prince Henry Little Bay as part of a major undertaking by Landcom.

Some of the majestic pines along Pine Avenue are 120 years old, with the corridor originally planted in 1886 just five years after the Coast Hospital was established on the site.

"Norfolk Island pines are well known as Prince Henry's signature plant, but over the years many of the giant trees have come to the end of their life cycle" explains landscape architect John Ladd-Hudson, who is leading the effort on behalf of Landcom.

In the 19th century, the pines were a popular planting at beachside Sydney suburbs and can still be seen today at Bondi and Manly.

Because the trees are so important to Prince Henry's identity – "they are the defining icon for Prince Henry," says John – Landcom decided to source new pines at an early stage in the development process so they could be put aside and grow into more mature specimens.

So in 2003, the young trees were acquired from Queensland in small tubs. They were then potted into progressively larger containers, so that the pines recently planted at the site were 4.5 metres tall.

"Because the trees had three growing seasons, they are starting their life bigger and more robust," John says.

"When the original pine trees eventually reach the end of their life, the new ones will be strong and healthy. It is a unique example of long-term stewardship of the land."

The planting coincides with Landcom opening a new public footpath along Pine Avenue which provides easy access from the western side of the site to the beach.

"The restored avenue will create a wonderful sense of theatre at Prince Henry. You will be able to travel down this tunnel of trees and suddenly emerge to a dramatic view of the ocean," adds John.

## Painters capture the magic of Little Bay



Andrew McIlroy capturing his view of Prince Henry at Little Bay

### Artists old and new flock to Prince Henry at Little Bay

It's a location renowned for its weathered cliffs and sparkling blue waters. Now six Australian artists have been commissioned by Landcom to capture the unique qualities of Little Bay in paint and canvas as part of a special event marking the sales launch of Landcom's new 23 Coast Horizon Homesites.

Ranging from emerging talent such as Xiao Yu Bai to established painter Jeffrey Makin, the artists are being encouraged to paint their personal experience of Little Bay in styles ranging from impressionism to surrealism.

"This is an exciting new kind of event we believe will show people the real Little Bay" says Mark Seymour, marketing consultant to Landcom. "It reflects how the experience of this place is so personalised for different people."

Landscape artist Andrew McIlroy, shown above, is using a realist approach to evoke the special atmosphere of the bay. "Other parts of Sydney have been painted before but Little Bay has a rawness and beauty to it. It is almost untouched," he says.

## Artist profile: Laura Matthews

For artist Laura Matthews, Little Bay is a place of many different moods.

"It is a quixotic place – it's always changing – and that is why it is a great place to paint," she says. "The shallow water often picks up the colour of the sky: if it's overcast, the water has a lovely grey quality, while if the sun is on the water, it is scintillating and sparkling. There is a synergy between sky and water."

The horseshoe-shaped inlet also combines movement and tranquillity, she explains: "The rocks going out into the bay create all that lovely activity in the water and the crashing of the waves, and yet the front of the bay is safe for swimming."

Originally from the UK, Laura studied at the prestigious Slade School of Fine Arts in London for six years before moving to Australia to continue her artistic career. Chosen by Landcom as one of the artists to paint Little Bay, the painter was fascinated by the "picturesque, perfect spot".

For her work, Laura chose to focus on the water from a plateau of rocks close to the surf. Setting out to depict the physicality of the waves, she worked vigorously using thick paint.

"It's not a case of painting every wave and sparkle, but of capturing the sensation of being by the ocean," she says. "I'm trying to convey that powerful moment of seeing something for the first time."



Laura Matthews and Andrew McIlroy experiencing the beauty of Little Bay.

On display at Landcom's Prince Henry Marketing Suite from mid-October, the paintings will be utilized to promote Landcom's new Coast Horizon Homesites. The 23 sites are located in a tranquil position overlooking the Coast Golf Course and are surrounded by parkland and Little Bay Beach – which features in many of the artists' paintings – is only a short stroll away.

The release is a great opportunity to secure a residential homesite at Prince Henry. The first 13 homesites were launched to the public on 7 October. These homesites will be available for sale on 28 October and any

homesites not sold will be auctioned on 25 November. The remaining 10 homesites will be offered for sale in February 2007.

Landcom's intends to sell all the paintings at the close of the campaign with the proceeds going to charity. Landcom has also commissioned a short documentary which follows the artists' creative journeys. Both the documentary and the paintings will be available to view on [www.princehenry.com.au](http://www.princehenry.com.au) and in the Prince Henry Marketing Suite.

# Mature living at Prince Henry



Artist perspective of the 'Little Bay Apartments at Prince Henry'

## Indulge at Prince Henry

Many of us dream of moving to the coast on retirement and indulging our love of golf, fishing or simply walking along the beach. Now mature living has come to Prince Henry with the launch of the Little Bay Apartments, a stylish range of apartments to be owned and operated by the St Luke's organisation and developed by Multiplex Living.

Located on Pine Avenue and Pavilion Drive, a collection of spacious 1, 2 and 3 bedroom self-care apartments in three low rise buildings is the first stage to be launched. With views across the golf course to the Pacific Ocean, the apartments offer open plan layouts, energy efficient reverse cycle air-conditioning, building security including secure parking and emergency call buttons in bedrooms and bathrooms. Facilities include a lounge area, dining room for residents and guests, hairdressing salon and reception with a 24-hour manager.

In addition, a high quality residential aged care facility will also be built close by in Brodie Avenue.

The complex will offer 137 low and high care single rooms, all with ensuite bathrooms. Facilities include a private dining room for family functions, activities and lounge rooms on each floor, hair salon, cinema and visitor parking. Experienced nursing staff will provide assistance with daily activities as well as social and health needs.

Construction of both projects just commenced with completion expected by early 2008. For more information on either project, please contact Little Bay Apartments on 1300 858 363.

## Site update

Rubbish removal and weeding is continuing on the southern bushland.

Infrastructure work is proceeding on the detached house lots located between the Flowers Wards and the golf course, while remediation work continues on the Flowers Wards.

Construction of the Sunland houses and Stockland apartments continue. On the golf course, construction of new greens and tees is set to commence this month. Traffic controls will continue at Prince Henry for the next six to twelve months.

## Contacts

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