

Urban Planning:



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Bown Basin, Queensland 2007

Tandem, Benier Francis and Oculus were commissioned by Anthony Keyhoe to produce a master plan for an existing pineapple farm, located on the Rockhampton-Yeppoon Highway near Yeppoon.

The central Queensland mining community as a key target for the development. Development in the Bowen Basin has led to a surging demand for coastal property on the Capricorn Coast. Many already established coastal communities have quickly become less affordable; so this development created affordable housing alternatives for this rapidly growing population.

The townships of Mackay, Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Gladstone are all within reach from the Bowen Basin. To a certain extent, these townships are in competition to provide homes for the miners.

The mining community; working 7 days on; 6 days off; creates particular needs. The design response encourages the establishment of diverse community; promotes mechanisms for single parent support; safe open spaces; opportunities to work from home; opportunities to establish local businesses and a series of initiatives for green spaces; under the over arching tenet of sustainable community.

Sustainable community is understood as both by the developments' contribution to the township of Yeppoon, and in its stance towards non-renewable resources, energy consumption and the environment.

The name, Green Patch, was chosen to reflect the pre-dominantly casual and comfortable way of life enjoyed on the Capricorn Coast, and to flag its approach to sustainable community.

Green Patch has been created to respond to the needs of Yeppoon's rapidly growing population; with an eye to the immediate requirements of the region, and the wider community's longer term requirements.

