

Smaller scale at Eric St

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IPSWICH City Council has scaled back a proposed Goodna residential development, approving 12 lots less than sought.

Council rejected a proposal from Rescom Property Group for a 36-lot subdivision at Eric St last week and approved 24 lots instead.

Rescom sought to develop more than 3ha of land into 500 to 850 sq m lots.

It has the right to appeal the decision in the Planning and Environment Court.

Rescom staff did not return *South-West News* calls last week.

Cr Paul Tully (Division 2) said council rejected the size of the development because of steep slopes, flooding, the site's proximity to Woogaroo Creek and its position as a significant wildlife and koala corridor.

Eric St residents Pat and Ernest Davis said they were pleased residents' protests over the proposed develop-

ment did not amount to nothing.

Mr Davis said council's proposal was better than the original but it still meant significant traffic increases.

Cr Tully said council's approval required the developer to donate 9593sq m of land next to Woogaroo Creek to council for parkland.

He said stringent conditions had also been placed on the development, including the identification of specific building sites to ensure minimal removal of vegetation.

The council also had conditions requiring rehabilitation works for any damage done to the environment, he said.

"Although this land has been zoned residential since 1988, adjoining property owners have the right to expect a high standard of development and not a stack of butter-box sized houses jammed on to tiny allotments with only one road in and out of the new estate," Cr Tully said.

Ramp is a step-up on flawed footpath

BRISBANE City Council has spent an extra \$50,000 to fix a design flaw on a Corinda footpath.

The council completed a ramp in early March to replace stairs it built at a Cliveden Ave path in 2004 at a cost of \$58,000.

The work was completed 18 months after residents complained to the council.

Cr Felicity Farmer (Jamboree) said residents were

unhappy because the stairs were difficult for prams and bikes. She said the ramp had opened an important link between Seventeen Mile Rocks and Corinda.

Corinda parent Suzie McClemon said she used the ramp to walk her children to Yuingi Community Child Care Centre.

Land slippage forced the closure of part of Cliveden Ave following floods in 1974.



■ New hope ... Ben Baldwyn and Shane Haynes both have jobs at KFC Inala.

Disabled pair's chance to shine

SHANE Haynes has an intellectual disability and Benjamin Baldwin is autistic, but this has not stopped them from holding down jobs - and independence.

Both work at Inala's KFC, with help from Oxley organisation Comepass Employment Services.

Comepass has been helping

people with a disability find and retain jobs around the southwest and south Brisbane.

It has now received Federal Government funding to expand its service to Brisbane's northern and southeast suburbs.

Comepass will be announcing the opening of new offices

in the coming weeks.

It currently has an office at Stones Corner and a head office at Oxley.

Employment consultant Victoria Dias said this would help more people like Shane and Ben.

"I have seen them grow and become much more independent," Ms Dias said.

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Boy drowns

A THREE-year-old boy from Forest Lake died after falling in the suburb's lake on Good Friday. Police divers found the boy's body in the lake about midnight. The boy had been on a picnic with his family near the lake when he went missing near Coachwood Crescent about 3.15pm.

Collections

CENTENARY suburb residents are calling for a second chance to dispose of green waste after many missed a collection on March 27. Brisbane City Councillor Felicity Farmer (Jamboree) said she had received many complaints from residents saying they did not receive notification. A council spokeswoman said a letter was sent out to every resident. She said council was considering a second collection. Phone council on 3403 8888.

Hold-up

A MAN held up a Goodna service station with a knife and stole cash and six packets of cigarettes early on Saturday. A man in his late teens to early twenties robbed a Freedom Fuels shop on the corner of Henty Dr and Kruger Parade, Goodna. He was described as 165cm and fair with a slight build and wearing a white baseball cap, black jacket and knee-length shorts. Phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Objections

RESIDENTS have until April 24 to submit objections to the redevelopment of the Oxley Hotel on the corner of Ipswich and Oxley roads, Oxley. Developer Albalea Pty Ltd is proposing to replace the two-storey hotel and drive-through bottle shop with a single-storey hotel and liquor barn. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/development

Drugs charges

AN Inala man was charged with possession of drugs and utensils on Sunday. He was due to appear at Western Districts Magistrates Court at Richlands on May 11.

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