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To the Residents,

**RE: Program Update and Summary of Work Progress, Appletree Grove Estate Stages 1, 2 and 3**

We write to provide a final update on construction progress for Stage 3 works and to outline the programmed works in the coming weeks for Stages 1 and 2 at Appletree Grove Estate.

**Appletree Grove – Stage 3**

All works associated with this stage are currently in the process of final sign off by Lake Macquarie Council and service providers.

Some minor works will still be carried out during this process in order to finalise all contract works. This will include the installation of safety fences around the bio-retention basin, erection of road signs and the installation of remaining landscaping items.

Final adjustments to the road line marking will be complete within the coming fortnight, after which all traffic controls can be removed from Appletree Road.

**Appletree Grove – Stages 1 & 2**

As per our last newsletter dated 21 August 2013, the construction of Stages 1 and 2 is now underway. The early works in these stages include the installation of permanent sediment control structures, clearing of vegetation within the work area and fencing to secure the construction site.

The complete scope of works includes full reconstruction and widening of Withers Street (Stage 1), new internal roads and the remaining civil and services works to the eastern end of the current site (Stage 2). The project also includes extensive planting and landscape features acknowledging the historical significance of the site.

The main focus in the coming weeks will be the installation of services along Withers Street leading into Stage 2. It is likely that traffic flow may be affected on Withers Street between Appletree Road and George Booth Drive with KCE taking possession of the road shoulder and the speed limit being reduced to 40km/h. The intended construction program for stages 1 and 2 works will be due for completion in the second half of 2014.

Please remember that the area is a construction site. For your own safety, it is important that you do not enter the site, either during working hours or outside of working hours. It is also important that you do not allow children to enter or play within or near the construction site. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation on this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact myself, Rene Padberg, on (02) 4922 5000.

Yours faithfully  
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