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Work starts on 'village'

A \$12 MILLION retirement village is being built on the site of the old Ordish Firebrick Co in Stud Rd, Dandenong.

Site works have begun and the project will comprise 216 units and serviced apartments on an area overlooking the Dandenongs and the Dandenong Valley Park.

A director of Dandenong Valley Retirement Village Pty Ltd, Mr Ian Palmer, said the first 15 units would be available by mid-May and apartments would be pro-

gressively released until 1 August when 57 units would be ready. The balance would be available in the following 12 months.

The village would feature tennis courts, croquet and putting greens, barbecue area, a lake, communal vegetable garden, caravan and boat storage, a medical clinic and nursing home and library, games room, arts and crafts area and a hydro-therapy pool.

Mr Palmer was involved with the subdivision next door to the retirement village while the contract company manager, Mr George Parsons, has had eight years' experience with such projects.

Mr Palmer and his co-director Mr Peter Hardiman praised Dandenong Council's townplanning staff under the direction of chief town planner Mr John Lewin, for their co-operation and that of the council building and engineering staff.

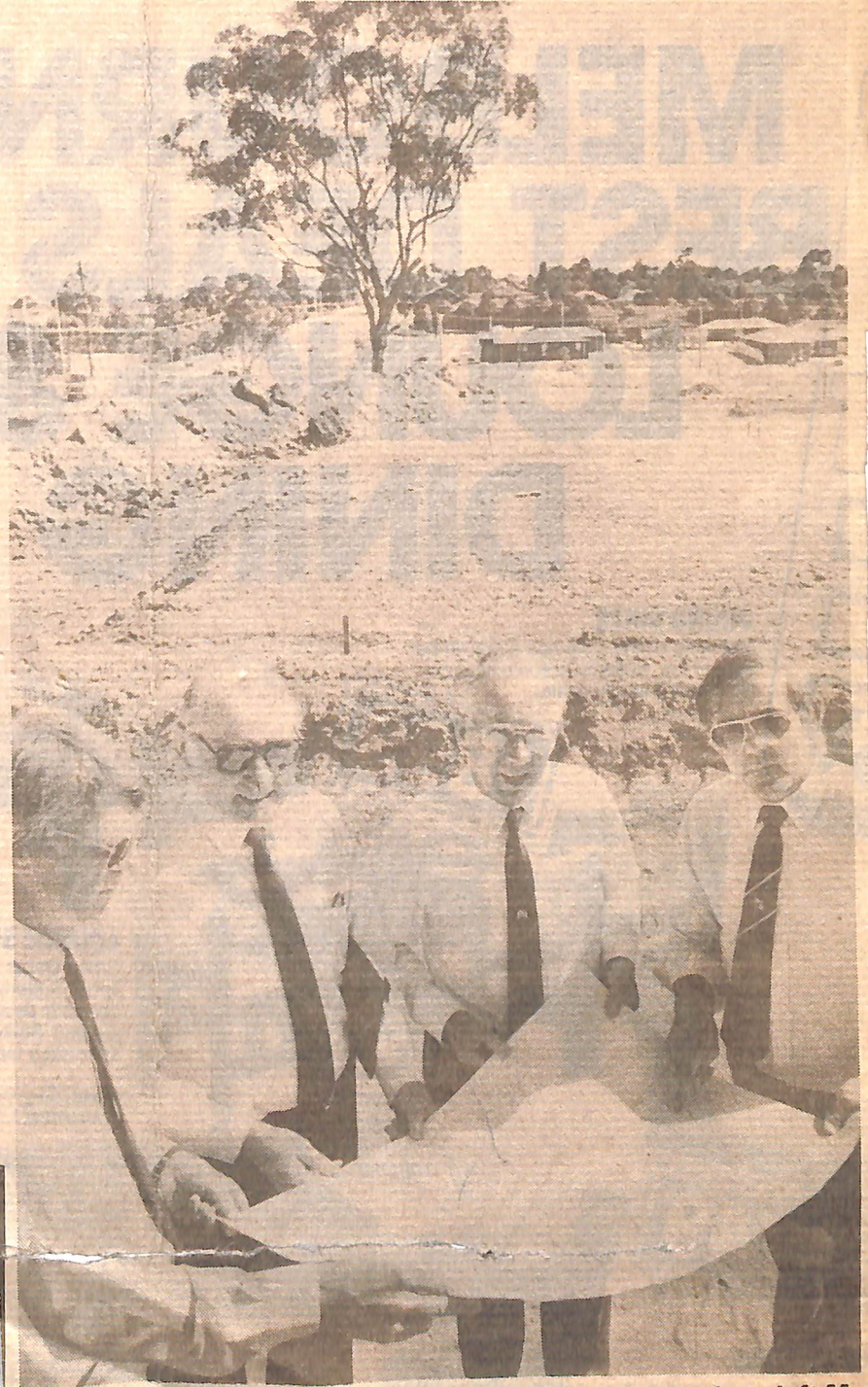
A visit by the Mayor, Cr Ken Allan, to the site brought back memories—his grandmother's sister married an Ordish, a second-generation member of the family which conducted the firebricks factory.

Bookmobile changes

THE Springvale Library bookmobile will no longer park in Racecourse Rd, Harrisfield, Noble Park north.

At its meeting last week, the Springvale council gave permission for the bookmobile to be relocated to the Princes Hwy service road, west of the shops on the corner of Bowmore Rd and the service road (outside the Darvall Lodge Nursing Home).

The council was told that the bookmobile is presently very poorly sited and known to only half a dozen regular patrons.



INSPECTING the new retirement village site works are from left Mr Peter Hardiman, Mr George Parsons, the Mayor Cr Ken Allan, and Mr Ian Palmer.

Retirement village plans for Dandenong

FOLLOWING the demolishing of its Dandenong brickworks in St Rd (the old Ordish Firebrick Company), Kaiser Aluminium (Australia) Ltd has sold the 16 hectare site to the Peter Hardiman Development Group of South Yarra.

The Hardiman Group has applied for planning permits to use the site, which is at the corner of David St, for three purposes.

About eight hectares would be developed as a retirement village comprising 116 two-bedroom villa units and 100 single-person units with a local store and recreational facilities, and a further 6.25 hectares has received Council support for a 79-lot residential subdivision north of the old people's complex.

The remaining two hectares is being retained by the group to build a special nursing home.

It is understood the entire project, to be built as council decrees, in stages, could cost \$13M.

Chief Town Planner, City of Dandenong, Mr John Lewin, said on Wednesday council has approved in principle the old peoples home.

It has also asked for

changes to the plan which will comprise a retirement village, nursing home, consulting rooms, bowling green, croquet green, assembly hall and administrative buildings.

Mr Lewin also said council has determined no buildings will be erected over the actual quarry hole which was originally a council tip.

The amended plan allows for the buildings to be erected

ted away from the quarry hole.

Council also requires restricted access to Stud Rd.