



MEDIA STATEMENT

JAXON WINS BIG PILBARA HOUSING CONTRACT

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The Western Australian building company JAXON has won a \$40-million contract to build 60 houses for Woodside employees in Karratha.

The construction program, which forms part of the housing strategy for Woodside's \$12 billion LNG project, will commence in June and is estimated to take 18 months to complete.

General Manager for JAXON, Ross Napier said the project is an exciting but not unfamiliar one for the state wide construction company.

"JAXON is celebrating its 50th year in the building business in WA and during that time we have been instrumental in establishing many towns in the Pilbara including Shay Gap and Newman," he said.

"We are currently the project manager for the State Government's New Living, Urban Renewal project in South Hedland which earlier this month entered the record books in Hedland by selling 114 blocks of land in just five days." On completion, the \$50-million New Living Project in South Hedland will have delivered more than 500 lots and refurbished around 480 houses.

The housing project in Karratha will be located in the Tambrey and Nickol West land developments, to the west of Karratha.

Mr Napier said that wherever possible local tradespeople and suppliers would be employed on this project.

"We have had several expressions of interest from local businesses and are keen to sign as many as we can," he said.

Mr Napier said he would like to thank the Shire of Roebourne for their assistance in the planning stages for this project and looks forward to working with them closely in the future.

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