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## *Media Statement*

### **Construction tees off at Tee Trees golf course**

INGLES Group will this week start building the long-awaited \$20 million-plus golf course at the Tee Trees estate at Arundel.

Earthmoving contractors, landscapers and other workers are now moving to the site.

It will take up to three years before the first player can tee off on the course.

Ingles Group managing director Graeme Ingles said the first stage in the development would involve building haul roads and establishing environmental protection and personal safety measures.

“At this point I would urge residents not to intrude on to the site as it is now a construction zone,” said Mr Ingles.

“From a safety point of view, we cannot have people wandering through the site.”

As part of the project the Ingles Group will be required to meet stringent environmental guidelines including the construction of habitats for sea eagles, swans, other birds, flying foxes, possums and koalas.

“It’s going to be a long and difficult process and we hope to work closely with the local community to ensure that the amenity of the suburb is maintained as much as possible throughout the construction,” said Mr Ingles.

“However, I am sure that the residents of the estate will agree that it will have been more than worthwhile once the golf course is completed.

“We have a strong relationship with the Parkwood Residents Association and we have kept them informed each step of the way throughout the recent past.

“We aim to continue that working relationship throughout the construction.”

The company is now also in the early stages of design for the club house.

The Ingles Group is in the process of completing the last homes at the \$300 million Tee Trees residential community.

Mr Ingles said the golf course was approved in principle as part of the development's masterplan a decade ago but the group had been trapped in a multitude of hazards as it tried to negotiate final operational approval from council.

The Ingles Group bought 108-hectare site at Arundel in the mid 1990s. The property, with its central location was an ideal development site and, as the area's premier development, Tee Trees quickly proved popular with Gold Coast families.

He said that despite the delays with the golf course approval process, the 700 home Tee Trees estate had been one of the Ingles Group's most successful developments in its 26 year history.

Ingles Group in July last year appointed leading property identity Bret Crowther to oversee the golf course development.

Mr Crowther was previously the project manager for the construction of more than 10 Jack Nicholas designed golf courses around the globe. These included projects in Japan, the Philippines, Mexico, Spain and New Zealand.

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