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# 240 homes to be built on banks of the Murray

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A \$50 MILLION housing estate with 240 homes will be built in Murray Bridge – the biggest housing development in the town's history.

Residential property developer AVJennings will convert 34ha of former farming land into housing.

Business owners and local residents yesterday welcomed the project, saying it will create many positive spin-offs.

Resident Cheryl McCue

said Murray Bridge had experienced a "big boom" in the past few years.

"It will be a positive development for the town and address the shortage in housing we have," she said.

The project will include 240 allotments with a mix of villa, courtyard and country-sized blocks. Prices will start from \$75,000.

The project will feature wetlands with boardwalks and walking trails. About a third of the site will be dedicated to reserves, open space and storm-

water management.

The land is accessible from Roper Rd on the southern side of the River Murray.

AVJennings state executive general manager Peter Jackson said the development would reflect the region's growth in population and employment.

"It will be the first master-planned large scale land development for Murray Bridge," Mr Jackson said.

"We have seen a lot of employment growth in the area and there is a general

feeling from council, the community and employers that this growth is putting pressure on housing affordability." Murray Bridge mayor Allan Arbon said the project would be the biggest housing development in the town's history.

"It will bring some relief to the housing shortage," he said.

Construction should start in mid-September, with the first land release in late November.

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**BUILDING LAND:** Cheryl McCue and her daughter, Taylah, walk past the site of the new estate in Murray Bridge yesterday.

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