

Bluewater's centrepiece

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A NEW \$10 million hotel is the centrepiece of the next stages of the \$250 million Bluewater masterplanned community on the Northern Beaches.

Work started on the hotel by the Sayers family yesterday as Bluewater developers Brookfield Residential Properties revealed another rollout of 135 blocks of land worth about \$27 million, a new road between Trinity Beach and Bluewater and a \$200,000 playground.

Peter and Debbie Sayers and their son Alex unveiled details of the hotel on the canal front which would include retail outlets as well as the capacity to entertain 500 people.

The Sayers, who own the Kununurra Country Club Resort, visited the Far North on holiday, moved to Bluewater last year and "pushed the button" on the hotel in September.

Peter Sayers said it was "an exciting opportunity" which would be managed by Alex. The project by Prime Constructions, which has just completed the \$15 million



LIFESTYLE DESTINATION: An artist's impressions of the planned \$10 million Bluewater Hotel.

Woolworths at Mossman, is expected to take 11 months with up to 60 workers on site.

Alex Sayers said the hotel would employ up to 30 staff.

"We have great plans for this venue that will include bar and restaurant facilities with alfresco dining, beer garden and a spacious deck overlooking the marina," he said.

Mr Sayers said special attention would be placed on creating a function venue on the hotel's top floor overlooking the marina.

Brookfield's national director Phil Leahy said the hotel would take Bluewater's marina from a state-of-the-art vessel

mooring facility into a world-class lifestyle destination.

Prime's construction manager John MacPherson said the hotel was scheduled to open in May next year.

"Plans ... show a very contemporary building designed to assimilate with and reflect its waterfront surroundings to operate as a vibrant and sophisticated entertainment and eating hub," he said.

Coburn Architecture architect Alanna Coburn said the angular form reflected the shapes of boat hulls and sails and the long gable roof was typical of wharf sheds.

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