

YERRABINGIN AND MIRVAC LAUNCH AUSTRALIA-FIRST INDIGENOUS ROOFTOP FARM CONCEPT

Start-up to celebrate Aboriginal culture at new South Eveleigh innovation and technology hub

Mirvac Group (Mirvac) has joined forces with cultural start-up Yerrabingin to bring to life a unique, Indigenous rooftop farm concept in central Sydney. Australia's first Indigenous urban food production farm will be situated on the rooftop of Building 3 at South Eveleigh (previously known as Australian Technology Park), Mirvac's new technology and innovation precinct.

Combining the principles of permaculture, Indigenous knowledge and design thinking, the rooftop farm is just one of the projects Yerrabingin will deliver and manage at South Eveleigh. Plans are also underway for the group to establish the South Eveleigh Aboriginal Cultural Landscape Garden, which will grow native and medicinal plant species and bush food.

These ventures form part of the team's wider vision to create and implement a multi-layered heritage experience at the site, which enjoys a rich Aboriginal history.

Yerrabingin co-founder, Christian Hampson, commented: "The unique partnership with Mirvac will enable us to pioneer two innovative projects that interweave tacit knowledge and collaborative design thinking into the new public domain. These projects will offer the South Eveleigh community and visitors cultural and environmental knowledge from the oldest living culture in the world and ensure the rich history of the site is celebrated by future generations."

Mirvac Project Director, William Walker, said "Mirvac's vision for South Eveleigh was to create a state-of-the-art work and lifestyle destination that connects people culturally, socially and physically. Both the farm and the garden will contribute to South Eveleigh's array of public and shared spaces where the community can come together.

"The site has an important Indigenous legacy. Yerrabingin is a visionary start-up that will help Mirvac ensure this legacy is represented on site through a rich cultural experience, including a rooftop farm and cultural landscape garden for the South Eveleigh community and the wider public to enjoy.

"Paying respect to the traditional owners of South Eveleigh is important to Mirvac and we look forward to working with Yerrabingin to celebrate Aboriginal culture and heritage."

Yerrabingin hopes to deliver 16 events per month upon completion of the farm in April 2019, including workshops focusing on native permaculture, environmental sustainability, physical and mental health. These will be available to the South Eveleigh community, who will also be able to purchase produce and native food from the farm.

Once complete, the South Eveleigh precinct will offer a unique array of compelling engagement and educational experiences, including tours of the garden, storytelling, demonstration and participation, focused on celebrating and remembering Aboriginal culture.

The vision for the revitalised South Eveleigh precinct has been co-created by Mirvac, anchor tenant Commonwealth Bank, and consortium partners, AMP Capital, Sunsuper and Centuria Property Funds.

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About Mirvac

Mirvac is a leading Australian property group, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (“ASX”). Mirvac’s investment portfolio has interests in office, retail and industrial assets, while its development business has exposure to both residential and commercial projects. With over 45 years of experience, Mirvac has an unmatched reputation for delivering quality products and services across all of the sectors in which it operates.

About Yerrabingin

Founded in 2018 by Clarence Slockee and Christian Hampson, Yerrabingin brings together over 30 years of experience within the Aboriginal and eco-tourism sector. The start-up seeks to disrupt conventional approaches to ending Aboriginal disadvantage and creates intergenerational capital for future generations to thrive.

Bios

Christian Hampson

Christian Hampson is a Woiwurrung and Maneroo man and a strong advocate for community custodianship in protecting, sharing and celebrating the diverse culture of New South Wales. Christian has an extensive background in Cultural Heritage Management, with over 20 years experience leading the design and delivery of heritage programs in the public sector.

Clarence Slockee

Clarence Slockee is a Mindjimbingal-Bundjalug man with a passion for Aboriginal cultural heritage and the environment. He has broad experience as a cultural and environmental educator, delivering a range of programs and community based project in the not-for-profit and public sector.