



## ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

Peet Limited's Avon Ridge Estate at Brigadoon acknowledges and respects the Aboriginal cultural values of the area. Located within the Darling Range, Avon Ridge encompasses an Aboriginal campsite and various other important cultural and mythological sites which contain artefacts of previous Aboriginal habitation. A number of objects that have been identified in the campsite area include grindstones, axe heads and hammer stones. To ensure the estate respects these important cultural areas, members of the Aboriginal community were involved in the planning and design of Avon Ridge and provided advice on the location of potential Aboriginal Heritage sites.

### ABORIGINAL HISTORY AT BRIGADOON

Prior to European settlement, the Brigadoon area was used by Aboriginal people for camping and hunting. There are a number of important Aboriginal sites within the wider local area, including a number of sites used by Aboriginal people as part of day-to-day life and those associated with ceremonies or mythology.

### WATERWAYS

Aboriginal people recognise all waterways and wetlands as having special significance, being created, formed and inhabited by the Waugal, a mythological creator serpent also known as the Rainbow Serpent. According to Aboriginal culture, the Waugal was an all-powerful creator who made the hills and valleys around Brigadoon.

Waterways were also significant for Aboriginal people, as they provided a valuable source of drinking water. Animals would also come to drink at the waterways making them important hunting areas.

Granite outcrops, which are a common feature throughout the Perth Hills and Brigadoon, are also believed to have been created by the Waugal and represent its scales. Many of the large granite outcrops within the Brigadoon and surrounding areas are recognised as Aboriginal sites, including corroboree sites, initiation sites and meeting places.

### PROTECTION OF ABORIGINAL HERITAGE AT AVON RIDGE

All Aboriginal sites are protected under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, whether they are recorded (known) sites or not.

The Aboriginal sites at Avon Ridge have been protected from disturbance, in accordance with the requests of the Aboriginal people. Where these sites are located on private lots, landowners will be notified that these sites are protected through a Memorial on Title.

Purchasers at Avon Ridge will be provided with information on the nature and significance of any Aboriginal heritage sites on their lot and their obligation and responsibilities under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*. A 20-metre buffer between identified Aboriginal heritage sites and specified building envelopes has also been enforced to ensure that sites are protected.