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Bay's humble beginnings



BIG beachside lots from 250 pounds were being released at Madora Bay to meet growing demand in the 1960s.

It was WA's most rapidly growing seaside resort, offering home sites on Challenger, Albion and Madora Beach Roads and lots on Sabina Drive for 525 pounds.

A five-pound deposit was required.

The first stage of Madora Bay was subdivided in 1960, with Madora Beach Road built in 1959.

When the first lots were sold, buyers secured their own water supply and septic tanks.

Within two years of development of the first stage, the State Electricity Commission supplied power.

The name Madora was the late Harry Perry's version of Chadora (a timber siding

near Dwellingup) and Mandora (a cattle station near Broome).

The names of the settlement's original streets recognised sailing ships that conveyed early settlers to WA.

Today, Madora Bay is Mandurah's wealthiest suburb, according to 2012 ABS statistics.

Last year, house prices rose by 14.4 per cent, the highest in the Peel-Murray region and third highest in regional WA.