



**COMING DOWN:** Buildings around the Rippleside shipyards will be demolished.

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# Rippleside demolition begins

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**DEMOLITION** work has started on the site of the long-awaited \$80 million Rippleside maritime village.

Developer Jim Ramsey this week said the last of the commercial tenants vacated the site last Friday, with the expiry of their lease, and demolition work started this week.

The project includes 178 apartments and townhouses, a restaurant, foreshore walkway and a marina for 160 berths.

Mr Ramsey said all the relevant planning permits had been approved and he now had a database of about 200 people who had expressed interest in buying dwellings.

"We want to clean the site up first of all, so the work is done, and we are ready to start work on the development," he said.

The development would also include a convenience store and delicatessen, and possibly a gym.

Mr Ramsey said there was some asbestos on the site and

that had all been removed by specialist firms in keeping within Environment Protection Authority guidelines.

At one stage, Mr Ramsey called for expressions of interest seeking a partner for the residential development.

But after receiving 54 responses he decided to build the project himself because the prospective partners wanted to redesign the project, which would have meant another lengthy application process.