

Family street appeal

SELBOURNE Rd is the only cul-de-sac in Southern River's Bletchley Park estate, which is exactly why the Gleeson family were drawn to it.

Charlie and Mel Gleeson bought an 858sq m block to build their four-bedroom, single-storey home in December 2007. It was the largest lot in the most exclusive street in the estate.

"As owner-builders with plans to build a non-standard home with a striking skillion roof, we had to seek approval for the design from the developer, but fortunately they were keen to have a variety of house types in the estate," Mr Gleeson said.

A state manager for a

distribution company in Osborne Park, Mr Gleeson said it took him about 25 minutes to get to work in the morning pre-peak hour, but the return journey in the rush was about 45 minutes.

With their children, Cooper, 11, Jaida, 9, and Phoebe, 5, the Gleesons were the second family to move into the street in April 2009.

All three children attend Bletchley Park Primary School with most of their friends living in the street. The school is a short walk from home.

Mrs Gleeson said the developers had done a good job with the landscaping, design and overall layout of the estate.

"The estate has been well

The people

Southern River population
2955

Median age 32 (WA 36)

Median individual income
\$32,600 (WA \$26,000)

Median household income
\$78,200 (WA \$55,432)

Homes Owned outright 18.7%,
Mortgaged: 65.3%, Rented

8.8%, Not stated 7.1%.

Country of birth Australia 59.4%, England 13.9%, New Zealand 2.5%, Malaysia 2.2%, South Africa 2%, Singapore 1.9%.

Religion Catholic 22.6%, Anglican 19.9%, Baptist 3.1%, No religion 22.1%.

Dwelling types Separate house 99.4%, Semi/terrace 0.6%.

Family households 85.2%.

planned, with footpaths for walking and riding scooters and bikes well back from the edge of the road," she said.

Eighteen children aged between three and 16 live on

Selbourne Rd, despite there being only 12 homes in the street.

With neighbouring children also visiting, the street is often filled with the happy chatter of

children playing after school and on weekends.

Selbourne Rd has a close but diverse group of neighbours. There are managers, farmers, cabinet makers, IT technicians, an interior designer, a first-aid instructor and a teachers' aid.

Mr Gleeson said all Selbourne Rd residents were good friends, as well as friends on Facebook.

A neighbour set up a Facebook page for them to communicate online with everyone else in the street. Only residents are members of the page.

"It's like having an extended family on the one street," Mrs Gleeson said.

RECENT SOUTHERN RIVER SALES

Houses			Source: Landgate		
ADDRESS	SOLD	PRICE	ADDRESS	SOLD	PRICE
Barrett St	10/03/11	\$685k	Chicago St	18/02/11	\$441k
Strutt Pwy	28/02/11	\$670k	Treeline Pde	17/02/11	\$603k
Lucida Rd	20/02/11	\$540k	Strutt Pwy	16/02/11	\$530k
Alaska Cr	19/02/11	\$373k	Hodan Pl	8/02/11	\$535k
Lakey St	18/02/11	\$457.5k	Balfour St	05/02/11	\$600k



RECENT SELBOURNE RD SALES

Land				Source: RP Data			
No	SOLD	SIZE	PRICE	No	SOLD	SIZE	PRICE
18	17/01/10	706sqm	\$285k	7	20/04/09	795sqm	\$280k
8	14/09/09	756sqm	\$340k	9	25/03/09	791sqm	\$310k
14	11/05/09	529sqm	\$240k	11	20/03/09	760sqm	\$299k
16	04/05/09	585sqm	\$250k	4	03/07/08	686sqm	\$280k
5	04/05/09	774sqm	\$275k	3	03/03/08	752sqm	\$334k



Charlie and Mel Gleeson surrounded by some of children who live in the family-friendly Selbourne Rd.