



Klim officially 'starts' estate

BY HOWARD JONES

MICHAEL Klim flexed his broad shoulders yesterday and turned the first sod on what promises to be Wodonga biggest housing estate.

The dual Olympic gold medallist and former world champion swimmer launched the Riverside estate for JMP Developments.

With 2300 homes planned at Killara and at the foot of Huons Hill, the estate will be the first in Australia to honour more than 100 Olympians, with Klim Street being among the first to be laid out.

Klim, 33, said he was pleased with the theme and honoured to be cho-

sen by developers Andrew and Jenny Stern to have his name perpetuated in this way.

"It's going to be great to show my children Stella and Rocco and my grandchildren," he said.

Klim, a veteran of the Atlanta, Sydney and Athens Olympics is based in Melbourne where he and his wife, Lindy, operate their MILK skin-care products business.

"I still swim two or three times a week but it's more like three hours than the 20 hours I used to swim when training," he said.

"I also do a lot of running and cycling now, which might seem strange for a swimmer."

● Michael Klim, one of the streets in the new Riverside estate is named after him. All the streets in the estate will be named after Olympians. INSET: Michael Klim with Wodonga mayor Mark Byatt and Jenny Stern, director of JMP Developments turn the first sod. Pictures: KYLIE GOLDSMITH