



📷 Berlasco Court Caring Centre will be demolished and replaced with a state-of-the-art facility catering to the cultural needs of its many ethnic residents. Centre director Athena Ermides with resident George Karydas. Picture: Renae Droop

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## Two major new retirement villages to open in Brisbane

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TWO new facilities are due to open soon in Indooroopilly and Corinda to help address a looming surge in the number of westsiders approaching, or in, retirement.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk will open the second stage of Aura Holdings' Kingsford Terrace development in Corinda, called Duporth, on July 4.

The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ) also hosted community meetings on Monday and Tuesday this week about its bold plans to redevelop its Berlasco Court Caring Centre in Indooroopilly.

The existing residential care facility, a local landmark since 1988, will be demolished early next year to make way for a state-of-the-art, culturally-sensitive and technologically advanced facility.

Berlasco Court offers high-level and dementia care for residents from a wide range of cultural backgrounds.



📷 Artist's impression of the ECCQ project, from Central Ave looking east

General Manager, Athena Ermides, said the concept developed by design team, Paynter Dixon Queensland, would better address the cultural needs of its residents.

It would also feature child-friendly social spaces for family and friends to connect with each other, as well as spaces that could accommodate diverse

programs and large functions.

“The rebuild will result in major improvements to the lives of our residents and families,” Mr Ermides said.

Larger single rooms with ensuites, interconnected rooms and apartment-style living were part of the designs, aimed at fitting in with residents’s cultural needs.

“It is anticipated that the rebuild will take approximately 18 months. During this time, our residents and staff will relocate to another local service where they will experience the same quality of care and culturally-inclusive service,” he said.



📍 Northern aspect of proposed ECCQ building

The Kingsford Terrace development comes after the opening of stage 1, known as Litchfield, in 2015.

Aura Holdings bought the property after Litchfield opened but pressed ahead with Duporth, which would include 53 one, two and three-bed independent living units and a range of community facilities.

The name Duporth is a nod to the Ladies of Duporth Private School which opened in Oxley in 1888.

Agents said there had been strong sales of apartments, priced from \$395,000.

Aura Holdings is a specialist retirement village owner and operator founded in 2016.