

# DON'T JUST PLAY GOLF, LIVE IT!

IT'S every golfer's dream to just swing open their front door and stroll out on the rolling fairways. That's the idyllic lifestyle to be offered to retirees at The Ninth Middle Ridge retirement community within the historic Toowoomba Golf Course.

Aura Holdings, a Queensland-based retirement village provider and operator, says The Ninth Middle Ridge will offer something unique on the Darling Downs when it is completed next year.

Expressions of interest are being taken now to secure an apartment of choice in the village to be built next to the ninth hole on what is often referred to as the "best inland course in Queensland".

The 18-hole championship golf course was established in 1896 and is surrounded by quality homes and gardens in Middle Ridge, one of Toowoomba's sought-after suburbs.

Set amongst towering trees and green fairways, The Ninth Middle Ridge will provide independent living where all the maintenance is taken care of in a secure, welcoming community of like-minded neighbours.

The village's 85 pet-friendly two, three and four-bedroom apartments will be set across three low-rise buildings where residents will share a range of facilities including a gym, billiards area, wine room, library, craft room, lounge, multipurpose function room,

outdoor entertainment and barbecue areas. Buggy parking and golf club storage will be provided to residents.

Aura Holdings Director Mark Taylor said The Ninth Middle Ridge will offer golfside living like nothing else offered in regional Queensland. "The Ninth is already appealing to golfers and non-golfing retirees who desire to live on a parkland site on the picturesque escarpment of the Great Dividing Range," Mr Taylor said.

"The Ninth will be built in a peaceful, green oasis environment where retirees can downsize from the family home to a place where the maintenance is our responsibility. It's also a lock and leave lifestyle where your home is safe while you head off on holiday.

"Residents will live independently within the village with in-home services readily available if needed.

"This is a much-anticipated development for the Toowoomba Golf Club members, current residents who love the area and retirees who are attracted to Toowoomba's lifestyle and facilities. It's the place where over-60s will aspire to retire."

Early preparation work has begun with earthworks to relocate storage sheds for club members' golf buggies, the relocation of the tenth tee and new carparking.



Experienced retirement village builder McNab has been appointed to the project with designs by Cox Architecture.

Toowoomba Golf Club general manager David Marr said the retirement village had created an air of excitement among the club's membership.

"Already the general conversation around the development is very positive and with some initial sales a good yardstick for the popularity of the project," Mr Marr said.

"We feel that the setting and quality of the Aura Holdings' project very fitting of the demographic of our members.

"We look forward to being able to host many of the incoming residents in our facility both on and off the course, with planning already underway for more casual and comfortable settings inside the club."

Construction is due for completion by mid-2021 on the site at 235 Rowbotham St, Middle Ridge. Prices start from \$575,00 to \$1.17 million.

The over-50s online property portal, Downsizing.com.au, revealed in February that Toowoomba was the second-most-searched location by Australian retirees last year. It found that Toowoomba rose from the fifth-most-regularly-searched location up to second spot in 2019 behind NSW's Port Macquarie.

Aura Holdings has six retirement communities in various stages of development in Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Toowoomba. It is also developing the retirement living village, Somerset Indooroopilly, on Brisbane's prestigious Indooroopilly Golf Course. Somerset will provide 168 luxuriously appointed apartments and eight penthouses. Early construction work is underway.

For more information about living at The Ninth Middle Ridge call (07) 4602 9099 or go to [www.auraholdings.com.au/theninthmiddleidge](http://www.auraholdings.com.au/theninthmiddleidge)



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