



Heather and Terry Eames are waiting for construction to finish on their new apartment in Maroochydore

# Homes that are worth waiting for

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Five vertical retirement villages are under construction across southeast Queensland and Sunshine Coast couple Terry and Heather Eames are waiting to move in to one of them.

The projects in Brisbane, Toowoomba, the Gold and Sunshine coasts are being developed by Aura Holdings, and all are on track for their completion dates despite the COVID-19 crisis which has created a challenging environment for the construction industry.

A sixth retirement project, The Atrium Lutwyche in Brisbane's northern suburbs, was completed earlier this year and has 59 chic apartments with city views.

"It was a big decision to move, it came out of the blue," Mr Eames said of the couple's decision to buy a ground floor apartment in The Avenue Maroochydore.

"We are reasonably fit in our seventies, but we've had parents that we put into homes and had to run around after and we just didn't feel that the kids should have to go through that."

The couple will move into a two-bedroom apartment in The Avenue Maroochydore when the final stage four-storey building is completed at the end of the year.

"There's doctors and shopping and restaurants. I don't like shopping. My wife loves

## THE BASICS

### Retirement projects by Aura Holdings

- The Pavilion North Kirra, 3 Lang St
  - Somerset Indooroopilly, 293 Meiers Rd
  - Kingsford Terrace Corinda, 260 Cliveden Ave
  - The Avenue Maroochydore, 32 Baden Powell St
  - The Ninth Middle Ridge, Toowoomba Golf Club, 235 Rowbotham St, Middle Ridge
  - The Atrium Lutwyche, 15 High St
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it. So guess what? I'm not going. I was a requirement but now she can walk.

"There's a pub close by but I better not go there too often, and plenty of other things to do, a pool table and reading rooms, you can book a dining room for a party, and when we went over there to inspect the unit, a couple of ladies came out from Stage One to welcome us and we've made arrangements to catch up when we move in."

The developments are part of \$200 million worth of construction projects for the four-year-old development company, Aura Holdings, with co-director Tim Russell saying interest had remained high through the pandemic lockdowns.

"Our residents have expressed their great appreciation of the support they received during the health crisis," Mr Russell said.

"At our villages all the maintenance is taken care of so residents can just enjoy their independent, relaxed lifestyle."