

Our beachside bliss

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THE sold-out Pavilion North Kirra retirement community has opened its first stage and more than 100 excited residents are moving in.

The Pavilion North Kirra is providing something very different for retirees on the sought-after southern end of the Gold Coast. The vertical village's first building was officially completed in October after selling out seven months earlier.

North Kirra's first independent-living retirement community on Lang Street is only metres from the white sands. Stage one has 68 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments over 10 storeys on the 2025sq m site.

Settling into their beautiful apartment on the seventh floor are retirees Kim and Bill Horne.

"Our 'forever home' at The Pavilion is everything we hoped it would be," Kim said. "It's a bit surreal waking up to a sea breeze and a beautiful sparkling ocean view each morning. We're still at the pinching ourselves stage.

"We have beautiful new



VERTICAL VILLAGE: Residents Kim and Bill Horne.

facilities, friendly and accommodating staff and the knowledge we don't even have to change a lightbulb rounds out the perfect living situation for us. It's like we're on holidays... all the time."

The Pavilion is operated by southeast Queensland retirement living operator Aura Holdings and director Tim Russell said it had exceeded

all expectations.

"We knew from the project's launch there would be a demand for quality, independent retirement living beside the beach at North Kirra but the pace of sales was unprecedented," he said.

"The Pavilion has addressed a gap in the market for a safe, maintenance-free

lifestyle for over-60s and is the only retirement village east of the Gold Coast Highway.

"It is a very special lifestyle and the ocean views are sensational."

The pet-friendly village will provide residents with a range of community facilities including a rooftop garden, café, gym, yoga and pilates

zone, wine room, billiards room, library, functions room, plus retail space on the ground floor.

Stage two will include the pool.

The Pavilion's stage one was designed by O'Neill Architecture and built by Woolam Constructions.

Apartments sold from \$505,000 to \$1.2 million.