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Brookland's new five-star lifestyle is here

Our highly anticipated expansion of Brookland Robertson is now complete, signalling the start of a new era for our vibrant community.

Three years ago Reside Communities lodged plans to redevelop part of Brookland. A close-knit, established retirement community, Brookland is located in the Brisbane inner south suburb of Robertson, just minutes to Sunnybank Plaza, medical facilities and endless entertainment.

Our plans to expand on Brookland's 120 on-ground villas and dated community centre included the addition of 92 new low-maintenance apartments across two boutique buildings, and a brand new five-star community Clubhouse with recreational facilities and resident services.

After close to two years of construction, we're excited to be opening the doors to our new community Clubhouse and architecturally-designed apartments which are now welcoming Brookland's newest residents.

Adding to the close-knit, connected community, Brookland residents can now enjoy access to their very own Bar for casual get-togethers, café facilities, a private dining room for intimate gatherings, The Health Club with indoor swimming pool and gymnasium, library, hair and beauty salon, and outdoor recreation and BBO spaces

We can't wait to see residents and their families enjoying these amazing new facilities.

Come take a look for yourself. Brookland Robertson is open Monday to Friday. 10am to 4pm. Find us at 18 Romulus St. Robertson

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Margaret flies high again

It's been 65 years since Samford Grove resident Margaret Baltis first stepped foot in a Tiger Moth plane, but after winning a local raffle the former pilot was able to relive her flying days once more.

Entering a Samford Community Library raffle for a chance to win a one-hour scenic flight as a passenger in a Tiger Moth plane was a no-brainer for Margaret.

At 86-years-old, the Samford Grove resident wanted to fly since the age of ten and followed her dream of becoming a pilot at the age of 21 when she learnt in a



Tiger Moth plane and obtained her private pilot licence. "From the age of 10 my heart was set on learning to fly," Margaret said. "I flew for my own pleasure. Those five years in flying were the only times I did anything for myself, and the past has joined with the present."

During her recent flight she enioved a birds-eve view of the Samford Grove community that she calls home. Residents and staff watched on from the community as their friend soared high above

"It was my choice where I wanted to fly, and I said I wanted to fly over Samford Grove to take photos of the place. I wanted to see where I lived and all the places around it." Margaret said.



Reside Communities is pleased to introduce Essence, the second chapter in Esperance's unfolding story.

Essence offers a superb collection of 76 one, two and three-bedroom apartments plus a luxurious penthouse collection.

Offering residents the very best in convenient, coastal living, Essence embodies the very being of Esperance – a retirement community tailored for you, by you.

Boasting a magnificent canal location within the Esperance community in the heart of Hope Island, Essence adds to the first stage building, Esprit, which features a curated selection of resort-style amenities and services.

We love our communities

Reside Communities is a proud sponsor of local community organisations and events, such as Paradise Point Bowls Club and Pacific Golf Club.

Our teams recently spent a few days out on the bowls green and the fairway in support of our local communities, with our CEO, Glen Brown, participating in the recent Reside Communities 2022 Pacific Legends Pro Am tournament.

At Paradise Point Bowls Club, we sponsored prizes for competing bowlers over a busy week on the green and enjoyed participating in the charity bowls day to raise money for the Pride of Bettermen and Lionesses



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Rich in amenity, Hope Island is a destination popular for its major retail hubs, health and wellbeing services, waterfront dining, transport connections and more. Boasting a walkable lifestyle, residents of Esperance

will benefit from everything Hope Island has to offer, all within a short stroll from home.

A community for independent, active retirees, Esperance is made for connections. Whether you're seeking security and privacy in retirement, or are looking to make likeminded friends. Esperance offers something for every retirement story.

We are now taking VIP expressions of interest for residences within Essence. To enquire, call Justin Daniels on 07 5510 9555.



Willy is making a splash in retirement

Samford Grove resident and breast cancer survivor Wilhelmina (Willy) Kranenburg has paddled into the best years of her life, joining a senior squad of cancer survivors to form a dragon boat paddling team.

After being inspired to take up the sport by a young mum and fellow breast cancer fighter in late 2007, Willy took to the water with a group of cancer survivors. The group train and participate in the communitybased watersport all over Australia and the world.

Initially shy about the physical requirements of the sport, which requires groups of 8 to 20 to manually paddle a watercraft between 200 and 2,000 metres, Willy, who had also undergone a hip replacement, instantly fell in love with the sport.

"I didn't think I would be able to try dragon boating, because of my age, but my friends and husband told me that I should try it, so I did," Willy said. "I tried paddling for the first time when I was 68 and I got lost in it. I absolutely loved it." With her new passion and likeminded community supporting her every step of the way, Willy went on to enjoy many dragon boating events

including trips to Canada, Tin Can Bay and Italy.

Although Willy no longer physically participates in paddling, she is still actively involved and regularly catches up with her fellow dragon boaters and plans to continue travelling with the resilient squad.

"A group of us ladies made a pact that we would all continue paddling until we reached 80 years old, so that's what we did," Willy said. "There are still ladies paddling well into their 80's but I stopped at that time after 12 years.

"The last time I paddled was in Florence under the Ponte Vecchio while singing Waltzing Matilda. It was amazing. I'm still looking forward to joining the ladies on upcoming trips. We're going to New Zealand next."

Born in The Netherlands, Willy and her husband moved to Australia where she spent the maiority of her working career as a teacher, before retiring in 2005 as a kindergarten teacher, one year after receiving her cancer diagnosis. Now living out her golden years at Reside Communities' Samford Grove retirement village after the sudden loss of her husband in 2016, Willy enjoys an active and fulfilling retirement surrounded by supportive staff and friends.

Samford Grove Village Manager Bronwyn O'Brien said Willy is an inspiration to the community's other residents, as well as staff.

"Willy's story and determination is so inspiring to everyone at Samford Grove," Bronwyn said. "Despite everything she has been through she continues to be a beacon of positivity and is always and is actively involved in our community. Willy loves living at Samford Grove and we are so grateful to have her here."











The Faces of Reside

Introducing Anne Haag of Samford Grove

During a casual stroll through her hometown of Samford Village four years ago Anne noticed a villa for sale at Samford Grove and immediately knew that was the home for her.

"When I moved in four years ago there was only 40 residents," Anne said. "Nowadays there's something like 100 or so. I haven't even had the chance to meet everyone vet, but I do mingle a lot at social gatherings, and I attend the exercise classes and Yoga."

Anne enjoys living an independent, social lifestyle and is often found around the Samford Village community or visiting her family and nine grandchildren that live only a short drive away.

"Samford Grove really is a wonderful place to live. The amenities are great, and the staff are very friendly, caring and helpful. I have nothing but positive things to say.

Fairway Carindale is taking shape

Reside Communities' vision to create one of Brisbane's most exclusive golf side communities is fast becoming a reality, as construction moves full steam ahead on Stage One at Fairway.

Our teams are hitting big construction milestones at Fairway Carindale, with the majority of excavation works now complete for the basement levels

The concrete for the first two buildings. which will house 52 apartments and Penthouse residences, is now being prepared and work on the building's exterior walls will soon commence.

Significant progress has also been made on the new Clubhouse facilities which, once complete, will house a restaurant and café, driving range, golf simulator complex and more

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View our most recent drone footage of the site, highlighting current construction status at fairwavcarindale.com.au

Reside CEO Glen Brown opens up about downsizing

A retirement living industry veteran with more than 30 years' experience, Glen has spoken with hundreds of retirees about downsizing.

In this exclusive Q&A, Glen discussed his opinions on the downsizing process and shares some valuable tips for retirees.

Q: What are the main benefits to downsizing?

A: Time and time again I hear residents of Reside express their regret for not downsizing sooner. It's a common misconception that downsizing to a retirement village will mean losing your independence or freedoms - which couldn't be further from the truth. Freeing yourself from the daily demands of maintaining a large home and garden provides so many opportunities to explore newfound interests and enjoy a relaxed lifestyle.



Get to know our team: **Bronwyn O'Brien**

Samford Grove Village Manager

"My relationship with the residents is my priority, I want them to know that they can trust me and feel secure coming to me with anything they want to discuss," said Bronwyn.

Since January, 2021, Bronwyn has been the Village Manager of Reside Communities' Samford Grove. Although she was a new face around the community, Bronwyn is certainly no stranger to retirement living having spent the 11 years prior working in the industry.

"I love the diversity of my role," Bronwyn said. "No two days are ever the same. Our residents have lived amazing lives, and I love learning something new about them every single day. I go home feeling so uplifted and happy that I get to work in such an amazing environment. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated team that support both myself and our residents."



Not only does downsizing free up wealth that has accumulated with the growth of your property value, but it also allows you more time to focus on what you want to do. Read Glen full interview at

residecommunities.com.au/news/



Breezy and blue: **Esperance** boasts beautiful views

It has been hard to miss the progress of construction at 1 Sickle Avenue, Hope Island, the location of Esperance - one of the Gold Coast's most luxurious new waterfront retirement communities.

A name that means 'hope', Esperance is set to bring a new standard of retirement living to the Gold Coast, featuring five-star facilities and a team with experience running some of the world's most luxurious hotels and resorts.

Construction of Esperance's first stage, Esprit, has just reached Level 7, the final floor within the community's first building. Never before seen views from Level 7 now reveal uninterrupted panoramas over the Coomera River to South Stradbroke Island in the east, the Gold Coast city skyline in the south and Mt Tamborine in the west.

Esperance General Manager and Gold Coast local Michael Foster says the stunning views now visible from Level 7 provide another layer of excitement for future residents

"Never before have retirees been able to experience this level of luxurious retirement living with five-star amenities and services set on prime canal frontage in the heart of Hope Island. With construction now reaching the final level it's becoming a close reality for many excited buyers," Mr Foster said.

"We look forward to watching on as construction continues and we near the completion of Esprit, which houses Esperance's first residences and the community's luxury amenities."

Follow the progress at esperancehopeisland.com.au

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Village living is snapped up at Samford Grove

Just as quickly as we released Samford Grove's 11 luxury new villas within the Stage 3A expansion, they were snapped up by a waitlist of eager downsizers.

All new homes in the first two Stages were also sold in quick succession, including all residences within the Homestead Collection which are the only dedicated retirement living apartments in the region.

Adding to the already strong sense of community spirit, the expansion has included Samford Grove's new recreational facility, the award-winning Homestead, with its five-star suite of facilities and services including a private cinema, gymnasium, indoor pool, bar and dining room, café and more.

The community has been a hive of activity in recent months, with construction of the new homes well underway. With construction of Stage 1 now complete, and Stage 2 due for completion in late 2022, early civil works have now commenced on Stage 3.

Offering a large variety of home types within a retirement village in south-east Queensland, the Samford Grove community is quickly becoming the most popular in Brisbane's north.

To read the construction updates, please visit samfordgrove.com.au/communityinformation or visit Samford Grove at 18 Camp Mountain Road, Samford Village.

