

# Capturing the essence of beach lifestyle

**C**ONSTRUCTION on the Sunshine Coast's \$36 million Kula Beach Shacks at Coolum development is expected to begin this month, as the project continues to record strong sales.

Buyers from across southeast Queensland and overseas have been among those to snap up one of the complex's 62 residences, with remaining two and three-bedroom homes priced from \$475,000 and sized between 115sq m and 204sq m.

Developer Turrisi Properties has already built a sales office on site, where potential buyers can view the 16 available floor plans and 3D imagery of the soon-to-be built shacks.

Nestled between nature reserves on a 1.47-hectare site with Mount Cooloom as a backdrop, the beachside complex is being touted as a "modern approach to how coastal lifestyles used to be".

Some of the country's leading architects came together to design the complex, with the site masterplanned by Lindsay and Kerry Clare from Architectus.

Other architects to lend their expertise were Bligh Voller Nield's Shane Thompson, Shawn Godwin of Base Architecture and Graeme Spender from Davis Sommerville

Lindsay Clare said the beach houses of southeast Queensland in the 1960s and 1970s were a key design inspiration behind Kula, resulting in the development being a "low-key coastal escape".

"Sunshine Coast beach houses were traditionally weekenders that were modest and robust dwellings closely connected to the sandy dune landscape," Mr Clare said.

"We try to capture this simplicity with the direct spatial arrangements and connections to landscape and a palette of natural and weathered materials so that the basic nature of the shelter can play the role of backdrop to the many activities and gatherings that occur."

The project is a distinct venture on the Sunshine Coast, providing large semi-detached and detached "shacks" for comparable prices to what is offered in beachside unit towers.

Each home has an expansive north-facing deck, an individual rainwater tank, private courtyards and quality finishes, with the option of open-plan living or split-level layouts with separate lounge areas.

A central recreation space will be a focal point of the complex, with a pool, barbecues and sheltered areas and just a short stroll over a boardwalk takes residents to an uncrowded beach.

Two internationally-renowned golf courses are nearby and the bustling towns of Noosa and Mooloolaba are both 20 minutes drive in either direction.

Completion on the beach shacks is due in 2010, with settlements expected at the same time.

## Essentials

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