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## Retirement living – not what you expect

If you never thought you would move into a retirement village, you're not alone. Jo and Leon are two people who always thought they would stay at home, but now they could not be happier in Unit 8 – their dream villa at Sanctuary Park Retirement Community in Nambour.

"We have been living in Sanctuary Park for almost a year now and are thrilled with our new home. Once all our children left home, the family house became too big for us, and the garden in particular was too much for me," Leon said.

Jo said that when the couple began looking at moving, they didn't consider a retirement village at first because they thought all the houses would be exactly the same and would only be for the elderly.

"We had heard about Sanctuary Park, and we knew a couple who said they really enjoyed living at the village, so we decided to look at our options there," Jo said.

"We did a lot of research and visited a number of villages; Sanctuary Park was nothing like we had pictured it would be. We love it; it's exactly what we wanted for our retirement and it was the only one where we felt at home. The staff treated us as part of the family from our first interaction and we didn't even have to sell our house first."

"Our new villa is just beautiful; it's spacious and bright with great indoor and outdoor living space," Leon added.

"We love getting involved in all the social activities and the community atmosphere is wonderful. We are close enough to the beach, and also to where our son and daughter live.

"We are so happy we chose to live in Sanctuary Park, it has everything we could have ever hoped for."

Sanctuary Park Retirement Community currently consists of 35 beautiful villas (some stand alone homes), and Stage 3a, currently under construction, will see an additional 18 units added to the village. The total number for this unique location will only be 71 so there are limited opportunities to live in this beautiful environment.

Out of the 18 under construction in the next stage, only five are left for sale and they won't last long.

There is no need to sell your home before securing the unit of your choice at Sanctuary Park. With our exclusive expression of interest program, you can secure first right of refusal for a limited time while you consider your options.

Another choice for you to consider is our flexible purchase options with a range of financial alternatives, giving you the freedom to choose between retaining more funds to spend now on lifestyle benefits like travel; or alternatively pay a higher ingoing contribution and pay no exit fees when you eventually leave.

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Our Retirement Living Coordinator Debra Winter will be pleased to take you through the display unit and the community centre, and on a personalised tour of the village. For an appointment phone Debra on (07) 5476 4657.

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