



# Chance to retire to the good life

When we think about retirement, it is usually with a longing sigh for the freedom to do as we please, as we dreamily imagine all the wonderful things we'll be able to do with our free time. For some, it can be difficult to imagine this ever becoming a reality, and when it does come, they find the change stressful. Retirement does not have to mean a significant lifestyle change as our priorities, obligations and daily routines undergo transformation. When we retire at long last most of our time becomes our own, so it really is worth giving some thought to how we want to spend our hours, days and weeks

— in essence, how we want to spend our lives in retirement. It's no accident that retirement villages are increasingly becoming known as 'lifestyle villages'. Their features support comfortable and easy living, privacy, independence, health and wellbeing, and community connection. Most of us want to live in a beautiful neighbourhood in a comfortable home that is private and easy to maintain. We want easy access to essential services and facilities, such as medical and health services, shops and convenience stores. We'd like neighbours we can relate to and the company of others when we feel

like it. These things can become more important when we retire because we're spending more time at home and less time with activities. Two display homes have just been opened in Saffron Grove Village, Hallam. Saffron Grove is a great example of a 'lifestyle village'. Developed by Karidis Corporation, which specialises in retirement villages, Saffron Grove displays a sensitive and thorough understanding of retirement housing needs. The village will have 90 architect-designed, two- and three-bedroom houses on land adjacent to the large, open space of Ern Barker Reserve.

Although the site is under construction, visitors to the website or the information centre at the planned site can get an idea of what the village will be like when completed. Saffron Grove homes can be bought off the plan, and early buyers are able to choose from a range of designs, colour schemes and floor coverings. The houses are of a classic design with a variety of character features and sumptuous interiors, with maintained front gardens and private courtyards. Facilities include a large and inviting community centre with a games and craft room, billiards table, library, gym and indoor heated pool and spa.

The thought of moving into a village like Saffron Grove banishes any fear of change and hesitancy about what to do in retirement. It offers the sort of lifestyle that would be envied by people of any age, and if you're over 55, the opportunity to retire to the good life is right there. Saffron Grove is on the corner of Saffron Grove and Nettle Drive, Hallam. Phone the information centre on 1300669523. The display houses are open 11am-4pm daily. For more information, visit [www.saffrongrove.com.au](http://www.saffrongrove.com.au)

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