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Summer 2025

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Welcome to the summer edition of *Life by Hometown Australia*. In the last edition for 2025, we share the exciting news of Hometown Australia’s recent acquisition in Queensland, explore the best in beachside living, and stay up to date on how residents have been leading an active and engaging lifestyle.

We are pleased to announce the recent acquisition of a Living Gem community on the Gold Coast in Queensland. Launching as the Suncrest over 50s* community, it is Hometown's second community in the northern Gold Coast region and expands the Queensland portfolio to 22 communities. Suncrest is a well-established community in the prestigious pocket of Coombabah, supporting a socially and physically active lifestyle for residents. The acquisition supports Hometown Australia’s commitment in delivering affordable and quality homes in lifestyle rich locations in Queensland.

Hometown Australia had a stellar night at the annual NSW Caravan, Camping & Industry Association (CCIA) Awards of Excellence evening being nominated across three award categories. We are thrilled to share the winners and finalists

across all three categories in this edition of the magazine. Thank you to the CCIA for a great evening, which provides the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the standout achievements by professionals within the industry.

It has been a busy lead up to the end of the year with community competitions and events. In this edition we share how residents have been building a lifestyle rich in friendship and camaraderie.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to wish residents and their families a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. We look forward to sharing in a fantastic 2026!

Kind regards,

Kevin Tucker Stuart Strong

Kevin Tucker & Stuart Strong
Joint Managing Directors



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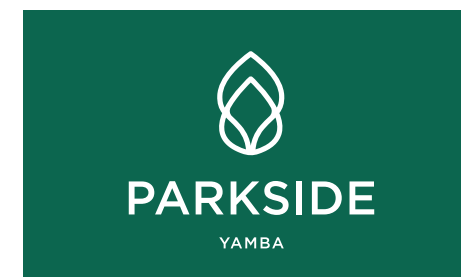


A Shore Thing: The Best in Beachside Living

Discover the joy of over 50s* living in beachside communities, where relaxation meets connection, your dream home won't cost a fortune, and your retirement chapter starts. Let's take a look at some of Hometown Australia's communities set in stunning coastal locations.



Your new life starts at Orianna! Located in the gorgeous Moreton Bay area in Queensland, relaxed beach vibes are the go and sandy feet are welcome. Enjoy days by the pool, social games of lawn bowls, and join your friendly neighbours for sundowner drinks in the clubhouse. You can learn more about Orianna [here](#).



Enjoy contemporary coastal living at Parkside located in the renowned surfing town of Yamba in New South Wales. Start living your retirement dream in this meticulously designed boutique community with access to resort-style amenities, affordable luxury homes, and a charming coastal lifestyle. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this stunning community currently under construction. Discover the range of homes available [here](#).



Set on the iconic Fleurieu Peninsula you will find the Seachange community. Surrounded by stunning beaches, natural wonders, and wineries, it is no wonder South Australia is a popular retirement spot. Spend your retirement years with front row seats to incredible sunsets, enjoy a range of amenities and live a well-connected lifestyle in this friendly community. Discover the range of brand-new homes available [here](#).



Just Like a Resort - Discovering Oasis

For just half the price of homes in the surrounding suburb, retirees Margy and Marty Wooster are enjoying all the pleasures of beachside living at the Oasis Redhead community in New South Wales.

"We feel like we are in a resort. We get the sea breezes, sounds of the birds and the best sunrises over the ocean. It takes us only three minutes to drive to the beach, where we can walk our dog on the sand", said Marty.

The Woosters were among the first to move into Oasis Redhead, after relocating from Newcastle around 12 months ago. The community is located around 400m from Redhead Beach, with a nature reserve, sand dunes and a lagoon separating the beach and community. The beach is so close that residents can go to sleep at night enjoying the restful sounds of waves and cooling sea breezes.

The Woosters shared that a strong community has formed, with residents organising activities including book clubs, bike riding, sewing and table tennis events at a nearby club. Marty compares this friendly and social environment to his time living in a general community home in the Hunter region, where he barely spoke to his neighbours.

Construction of the new state-of-the-art clubhouse is also set to commence soon. The clubhouse will include many high-end amenities, including a gym, sauna, outdoor pool and spa,



and activities, craft and games rooms. It will also include an activity lawn, picnic area, library and cinema, and an alfresco deck with views across the dunes.

Like many other Oasis Redhead residents, the Woosters are thoroughly enjoying their new architecturally designed home. There are nine home designs, with a range of sizes, colours and architectural features, including two display homes available to inspect on-site. New homes are currently available from \$865,000, which is around half the \$1.6m median price for homes in the surrounding suburb of Redhead in July 2025.

"The moment we moved in, it was a lovely relief, as we were very happy with the quality of the home. The only issue is that we don't spend enough time at home, we are always out and about", said Margy.

To learn more about Oasis visit the website [here](#) and explore the range of homes available [here](#).

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Four Reasons to Move to an Over 50s Lifestyle Community

If you are considering your retirement living options, here are four good reasons to make the move to a land lease community.

1 Your Dream Location

Whether you dream of retiring surrounded by nature, finding your coastal paradise, or enjoying urban living just beyond the hustle and bustle, Hometown Australia offers over 60 communities across [New South Wales](#), [Queensland](#) and [South Australia](#) – each with its own unique lifestyle and charm.

2 The Perfect Place to Call Home

Downsizing from your family home doesn't mean compromising on space, quality or aesthetics! Hometown Australia is known for the range of new modern designs that strike the perfect balance of space and luxury within an affordable price range. Hometown Australia also offers preloved homes with many great features, across a varied price range. You can discover all homes for sale [here](#).



3 The Modern Retiree

Hometown Australia's lifestyle communities are designed to provide over 50s* with exceptional living experiences! Each community has a range of amenities designed to support a physically active lifestyle from swimming pools, clubhouses, lawn bowl greens, pickle ball courts, gymnasium, and spas. Making new friends and staying socially connected is a breeze with many communities hosting regular sundowner drinks, sporting competitions, art classes, book clubs, and more!

Looking to understand more about the downsizing or retirement journey? Hometown Australia recently launched a Purchase Guide on the website to help answer frequently asked questions and help simplify the process. You can view the Purchase Guide [here](#).

4 Become a Financially Savvy Downsizer

The land lease model has become an increasingly popular choice amongst downsizers and retirees who are looking to live their next chapter in a home they love and in a location they have always dreamt of. The land lease model is where you own your home and lease the land on which it stands whilst becoming part of a secure community teeming with amenities and friendly neighbours.



Coastal Living Made Affordable at The Pines



With balmy nights on rotation, plenty of room to host family and friends, and the serenity of the beautiful Coffs Harbour surrounds – The Pines over 50s* community in Woolgoolga is the perfect place to retire. We speak with John Adams, Sales Associate, about life at The Pines and how you could be in your new home with prices starting from \$495,000!



John Adams

Why is The Pines a great place to retire?

The Pines is a boutique community with a range of new homes to suit all lifestyles. Enjoy a friendly neighbourhood feel with 172 homes and within walking distance to the nearby lake and beautiful Hernes Beach. The Pines is a vibrant community with a range of amenities including a modern clubhouse, swimming pool, games area, BBQ facilities, and more – making it easy to keep physically and socially active. The Pines is in the last stage of sales with 25 homes remaining. You can choose from a range of affordable homes, new and ready to move in.

Can you tell us about the new homes?

There is a range of seven modern floor plans to choose from, all designed for the best in over 50s living. Choose from homes with modern kitchens, master suites with built-in robes and ensuites, open and light kitchens, spacious living and dining areas, and beautiful entertainer alfresco.

What is the most popular design?

There are designs to meet most lifestyles and whilst all have been popular, our most recent interest has been in the Wren. This well-designed home has a spacious master bedroom with a walk-in robe and ensuite and with a guest bedroom plus a study, there is plenty of space. Enjoy an entertainer's kitchen, separate lounge room plus a covered alfresco - perfect for enthusiastic entertainers!



Wren



Experience seamless indoor-outdoor living in this architecturally designed home. Entertain effortlessly in the open plan living and dining area, with the kitchen flowing outdoors where you can relax on the covered alfresco. The private master bedroom includes an ensuite and walk-in robe. Guests can enjoy the second bedroom with its own bathroom and the flexibility of the additional room with the study.

- Master suite with walk-in robe and ensuite
- Guest bedroom with separate bathroom
- Modern kitchen with quality appliances
- Study with design option for third bedroom
- Double undercover carport

A New Chapter at Suncrest

A sunny sanctuary for life after 50, Coombabah in Queensland is known for its beautiful weather, stunning natural surrounds, and relaxed living.

Hometown Australia recently required the Living Gems Gold Coast community and launched as the Suncrest over 50s community. "We are thrilled to welcome current residents at Suncrest to the Hometown Australia family," said Jamie Brown, Asset Manager, Queensland region.

There is always something to do at Suncrest with this friendly neighbourhood-style community buzzing with social events. Offering a range of amenities to

support an independent and socially active lifestyle, residents can enjoy swimming laps in the indoor pool, meeting friends on the green for a social game of bowls, tinkering in the workshop, or joining one of the many activities in the clubhouse.

"With a strong sense of community embedded at Suncrest, we look forward to introducing residents to the Competitions and Events calendar in 2026. They might be bowling their way to the Grand Final of the State of Origin Bowling Competition next year!" concluded Mr. Brown.

To learn more about Suncrest visit the website [here](#) and explore homes for sale [here](#).



Timeless Design for Ageless Living at Parkside



Josephine Maruca-Parker

With its chic design, welcoming spaces, warm touches and gorgeous amenities, once built it will be hard not to mistake the clubhouse at the Parkside community in Yamba, NSW, as a resort you would see in a magazine! We speak with Josephine Maruca-Parker, Creative Director and Founder of JMP Interior Design to discuss the unique design aspects and provide a sneak peek into the new clubhouse at Parkside.

Josephine, welcome it is great to speak with you! From a design perspective, what is the vision for the clubhouse?

The vision for the clubhouse is to create a harmonious space that balances aesthetic, functionality and sustainability, whilst creating a place that's evokes emotion. With open, coastal-inspired spaces, the Parkside clubhouse is designed to feel calm, welcoming, and effortlessly like home.

How would you describe the look and feel of the clubhouse?

The conceptual design for the clubhouse has been derived from the beautiful surrounds of Yamba. We have created a light and bright palette focussed on mixing textures and patterns to reflect the topography and coastal landscape. We wanted the clubhouse to feel sophisticated yet inviting, a space residents



could be proud of to invite family and friends, while also feeling comfortable in using the wonderful amenities the clubhouse has to offer.

What are some of the amenities in the clubhouse?

The clubhouse supports a socially and physically active lifestyle with a swimming pool, gym, bowling green, BBQ area, break out rooms in the clubhouse perfect for activities, reading,

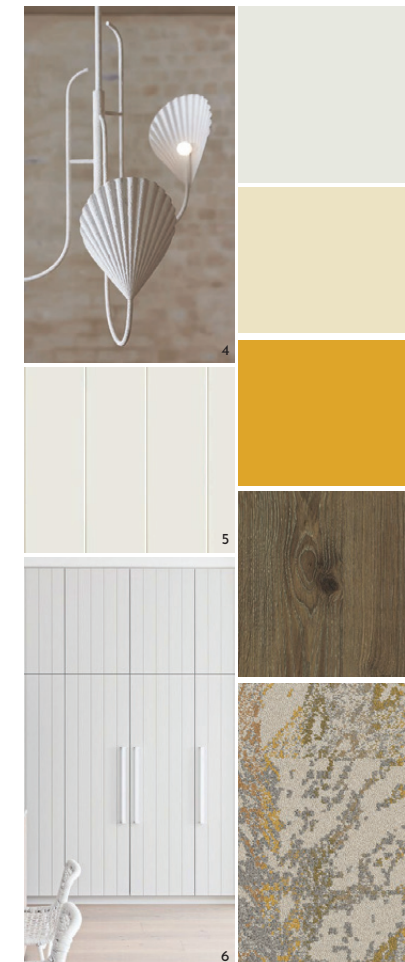


and relaxing. With a gorgeous poolside terrace, sundowner drinks with your neighbours will be a must.

What are some interesting design elements?

Something unique about the design is that the material and finishes develop and vary as you move from space to space. This reflects the different areas of the surrounding environment. For example, the lounge space has a mix of patterned carpet and rug inserts, chosen in the tones of deep and light blue to represent water, whilst other areas feature a warmer colour palette of deep and bright yellows, to reflect the sand and sunlight.

Pictured right: In the concept phase, Josephine carefully assembles design elements to communicate her vision.



About Parkside

Located in the renowned surfing town of Yamba in New South Wales, Parkside is a boutique master planned community with resort-style amenities, and affordable luxury homes where you can enjoy living a charming coastal lifestyle. To learn more about Parkside visit the website [here](#).





Hometown Australia Shines at Industry Awards Night

The annual CCIA Industry Awards was a night to remember! Industry leaders came together to celebrate the commitment, innovation and best practice of professionals within the industry in New South Wales, in a stunning evening at the W Hotel in Sydney.



Cathy Snook, Kristie Neilson, Deanie Petty and Tom Petty from Glenfern - Winner: Team of the Year

Hosted by the NSW Caravan, Camping & Industry Association (CCIA), the Awards of Excellence shines a spotlight on the standout achievements by professionals within the industry. For a fourth year, Hometown Australia received nominations across three prestigious award categories which resulted in an incredible evening.

We are thrilled to share that Hometown Australia team members received awards across the below categories:

-  **WINNER:** Outstanding Contribution by a Young Achiever, Land Lease Community Award: Congratulations to **Mandy Ma**, Associate Director.
-  **WINNER:** Employee of the Year, Land Lease Community Award: Congratulations to **Melissa Booker**, Area Manager, NSW.
-  **FINALIST:** Employee of the Year, Land Lease Community Award: Congratulations to **Adam George**, Community Manager from Valhalla for being named as a finalist.



The Hometown Australia team celebrates at the CCIA Awards in Sydney, NSW



WINNER: Team of the Year, Land Lease Community Award: Congratulations to **Cathy Snook, Kristie Neilson, Deanie Petty and Tom Petty** from Glenfern.

A huge congratulations to all of the winners for this year's Awards of Excellence and thank you to the CCIA NSW for recognising the hard work and contribution to those within the industry.



Melissa Booker
Winner: Employee of the Year



Mandy Ma - Winner: Outstanding Contribution by a Young Achiever



Gardening Champions Bloom at Spring Gardening Competition 2025

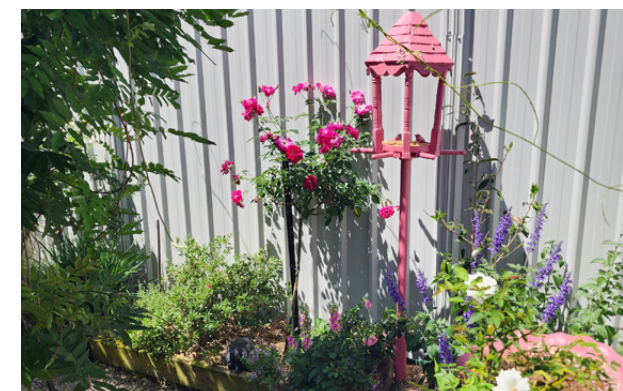
Spring has sprung across the Hometown Australia communities with residents donning their gardening gloves and entering their gorgeous rose bushes, charming everlastings and annuals, and carefully curated gardens areas.

It was a tough decision for the judges with an overwhelming response to this year's competition. The competition was so tight that this year Hometown Australia awarded a runner up in the National Best Resident Garden category. Please join us in congratulating this years Spring Gardening Competition winners:

Winner: National Best Resident Garden

Grace from Jacaranda Grove, New South Wales

Grace wowed the judges with her beautiful entry of her back garden, which she shared is inspired by a 'cottage garden.' Blossoming with beautiful character with a whimsical tapestry of colour and fragrance, rich with rambling flowers and intriguing pathways. It is even complete with a pink bird feeder. Congratulations Grace!



Best Resident Garden Runner-Up,
Sheryl from Cobb Haven.

Runner Up: National Best Resident Garden

Sheryl from Cobb Haven, New South Wales

"Sheryl moved into the community last year and spends as much time as she can in her garden, lovingly returning it to its full glory. She considers herself to be the "caretaker" of the previous owner's hard work, however she too works hard and is now reaping the rewards. The azaleas are just stunning," shared Jodie, Community Administrator. Well done, Sheryl!



Best Community Garden winner is Kingfisher Gardens, Queensland

National Best Community Garden Winner Kingfisher Gardens, Queensland

"In the heart of the Garden City, our residents came together to transform a tired garden bed in the community into something truly special. This was a big job removing an old dead tree and overgrown shrubs, designing a new layout, and working side by side to bring it to life. At the centre stands a beautiful olive tree in a feature pot, chosen by the committee to symbolise peace, resilience, and community. Surrounded by white standard roses and lavender, this garden is a proud reflection of who we are — connected, caring, and committed. Built by many hands, rooted in community," shared Rosie Gillece, Community Manager.



Thank you to all residents who were involved in this year's competition and congratulations to all of the in-community Best Resident Garden competition winners. Hometown Australia looks forward to hosting the Spring Gardening Competition in 2026!

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A Day on the Green at the Port Stephens Community Golf Day

The Hometown Australia Port Stephens Community Golf Challenge was back for its second year, held at the Horizons Golf Resort in Port Stephens!

"It was a brilliant day, filled with big smiles, special camaraderie and outstanding golf shots. The competition ran slightly different to last year which added a bit of extra fun, which came down to a close finish!"

said Jaki Stewart, Event Organiser and Community Manager at Sunrise.

Please join us in congratulating this year's winners:

Nearest to the Pin:
Peter Parry from Sunrise.

Team Ambrose, Drop Out Three Ball:
Winners: Team 4 – Ryan, Colin, Peter and Ina with 79 (C/B) from Homestead, Sunrise and Sandy Shores.

Runners Up: Team 5 – Kevin, Paul, Angelo and John with 79 from Birubi and Sunrise.

Individual Team Colour Ball:
Winners: Team 5- Kevin, Paul, Angelo and John with 103 from Birubi and Sunrise.

Runners Up: Team 1- Chris, Alison, Rob and Kurt with 105 from Sea Winds and Sunrise.

Congratulations to all of the winners and runners-up and thank you to everyone who participated in this year's competition. "Two years in, two successful golf days and we are already looking ahead to next year's Community Golf Challenge Day!" said Jaki.





R U OK? Day at Hometown Australia



A sea of yellow was seen across Hometown Australia's communities on Thursday, 11 September 2025 in support of the annual R U OK? Day initiative.

R U OK? Day is an important initiative that residents across the communities have taken part in for the past four years, where they create a safe space within the community to ask the important question, R U OK? Let's take a look at how residents supported R U OK? Day within the communities this year –

R U OK? Day with a Twist at Nepean Shores!

This year, residents at the Nepean Shores community in NSW did something with a twist! Instead of the traditional yellow theme, the community hosted a Gatsby themed evening to support the R U OK? Day initiative. "The evening was a beautiful mix of connection, catching up, and checking in with each other. There was live entertainment, lots of belly laughter and delicious food complete with 20s inspired desserts. Residents are saying the event was the best yet!" said Tina Andreanis, Community Manager at Nepean Shores.



A Sausage Sizzle with a Smile at Red Gum

Residents at the Red Gum community in Queensland did not disappoint, dressing up for the annual R U OK? Day BBQ event in fun yellow costumes. Management hosted a sausage sizzle for residents to enjoy and share in a moment of connection to ask the important question, R U OK? "We had a great turn out this year with residents popping by for a sausage sizzle and staying for good conversation and some laughs!" said Renee Bettles, Community Manager at Red Gum.

Checking-in (Any Day!) at Rosetta

For this year's R U OK? Day event, Management at the Rosetta community in South Australia hosted a sausage sizzle followed by a few sweet treats for residents. "It was lovely to see so many of our wonderful residents attend, dressed in theme with a hint of yellow and enjoy the chitter chatter amongst themselves," said Lisa Fyfe, Community Manager. This year the team's main message was to check in on your neighbours – any day – with one resident demonstrating how to ask R U OK? in Auslan.



Make Your Holiday a Permanent Lifestyle

Discover some of the gorgeous locations across Australia and extend your summer holiday to be a permanent lifestyle in a Hometown Australia community.

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Seabreeze | \$585,000

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- Features
- Modern kitchen
 - Open plan living and dining
 - Master with WIR and ensuite
 - Guest bedroom with separate bathroom
 - Study

Seachange, Goolwa is set on the iconic Fleurieu Peninsula amongst stunning beaches, natural wonders, and wineries.



The Avalon | \$600,000

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- Features
- Modern kitchen
 - Master with WIR and ensuite
 - Two guest bedrooms
 - Second bathroom
 - Double garage

Book an appointment with Kerry Lange, Sales Consultant to tour the new display homes today by visiting the website [here](#).



7 Lilly Pilly | \$720,000

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- Features
- Chefs kitchen
 - Spacious outdoor deck
 - Master bedroom with WIR and ensuite
 - Guest bedroom
 - Study

Parkside, Yamba is a brand new, luxury over 55s community located in the renowned surfing town of Yamba, NSW.



14 Driftwood | \$735,000

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- Features
- Modern kitchen
 - Outdoor alfresco
 - Master bedroom with WIR and ensuite
 - Guest bedroom
 - Study

Join the team in December for the Display Home Event to explore the new home designs - [RSVP here](#).

Who We Are

Hometown Australia are experts in creating vibrant over 50s* communities.

With more than 15,000 homeowners across 65+ communities, Hometown Australia creates vibrant lifestyle communities where you can enjoy an independent way of living, stay active with quality amenities, build lasting social connections, and embrace lifestyle-rich locations – all without the premium price tag.

You can find our communities throughout Australia, with each location handpicked for its natural surroundings or urban conveniences.

Hometown Australia's land lease living communities provide true value for money, without the high entry and exit fees often associated with other retirement living options.

Choose from the range of quality new or pre-loved homes, carefully designed to suit your needs and your budget. Hometown Australia's active, amenity rich communities are waiting to welcome you into an exciting new way of living!

*Hometown Australia has a range of communities for over 50s and over 55s.



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