

Top Builder on the Border

Southern Vale Homes, Wodonga Garden's new builder, has again been listed in Australia's top 100 builders, according to the recent HIA (Housing Industry Association Economics) and Colorbond steel Housing 100 report for 2015/16.

Looking at builders by location, Southern Vale has come in as the top builder in the Albury-Wodonga region, and the 20th largest builder in Victoria.

"We're very proud to be recognised as the premier builder based in Albury-Wodonga,"

said Managing Director Graham Searle.

This latest acknowledgement from HIA is a complement to the company's success earlier this year, taking out an award for 'Best Display Home' for the Retreat 35 in White Box Rise at the MBA Victorian Regional Building Awards just a few months ago.

The family-owned business was founded in 1994 by Graham Searle with its first office operating from the garage of his Albury home. After continued growth and multiple building awards, Southern Vale's offices

are now spread across Albury Wodonga, Sydney, Griffith, Shepparton, Bendigo and Ulladulla.

"We believe the difference between Southern Vale and other project home builders is our ongoing quality of workmanship as well as our flexibility in creating unique homes tailored to suit each client," said Graham.



Southern Vale Homes first office



Award-winning display home 'Retreat 35'

A Worry Free Retirement

Security is a key consideration when selecting a retirement community and to ensure all our residents have extra peace of mind, we offer a medical alert system monitored 24/7. You'll enjoy the best of both worlds with complete privacy but aware that help is close by. For those who love to travel you can relax in the knowledge that your home is being watched over and cared for during your time away.

Security Features:

- Emergency call system, monitored 24/7
- Gated entrance to the Estate
- Security doors on all villas
- Private backyards.



Merry Christmas

What a fantastic year it has been at Wodonga Gardens Retirement Estate, full of memorable moments with many great events and activities being enjoyed at the Estate.

Gannon Lifestyle Group would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead and to welcoming new residents to Wodonga Gardens Retirement Estate in 2017.

With warmest Christmas wishes,

The Gannon Family

We are closed between Christmas and New Year. We are open by appointment only and will return 3 January 2017. Sunday to Thursday, 11am - 3pm.



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Tail-wagging society



Lovely homes
and gardens



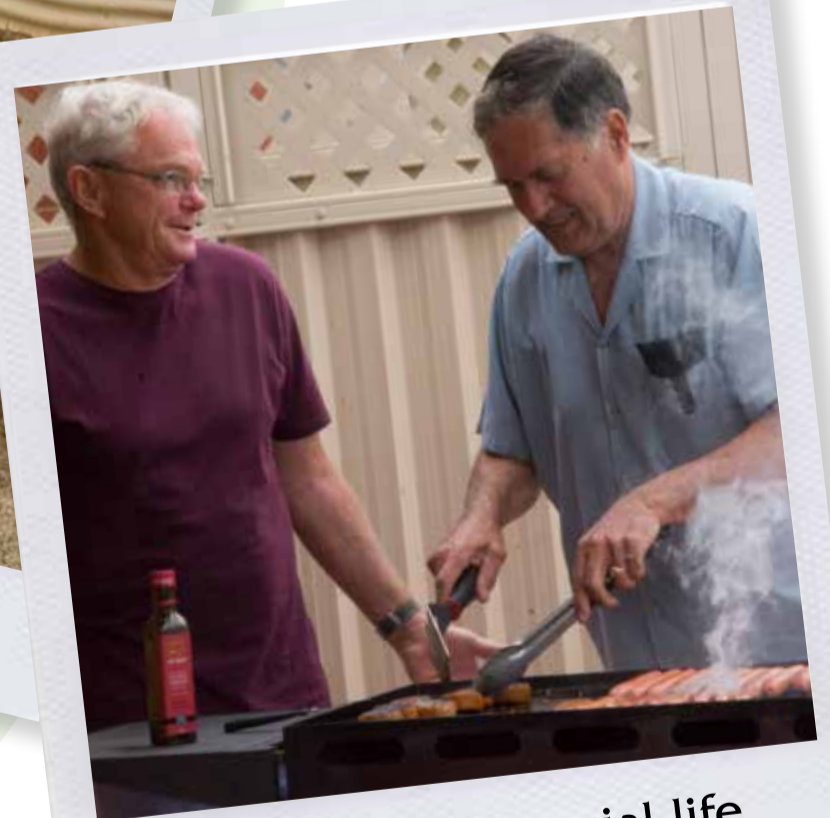
Learn new things



Make new friends



Grow your
own veggies



A wonderful social life

Talented Residents

On a lovely sunny Tuesday, in late November, our residents at Wodonga Gardens Retirement Estate took part in a professional photoshoot.

Armed with a truck load of enthusiasm, fun and talent, many residents volunteered to take part.

The images taken on the day will be used along with testimonials for press and radio advertising, brochures, flyers and even the website. So look out for them.

In the meantime, have a look at some of these happy snaps in this issue.

We take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our residents who participated on the day. Thank you!

Stage 4 Now Selling

The homes at Wodonga Gardens feature solid brick construction with a high level of finish throughout. Designed to suit the discerning retirees' needs now and in 20 years' time, while remaining stylish and modern.

In recent weeks, all the slabs have been poured for Stage 4 and framework has been completed on the first 4 homes.

With construction work on Stage 4 underway, it's worth popping down to Wodonga Gardens to take a closer look – 2 Flinders Way, West Wodonga - Sunday to Thursday 11am to 3pm.



We take the Work out of Retirement

We welcome to the Wodonga team our Maintenance and Garden Officer Andrew.

Andrew comes to us with a wealth of experience and has quickly settled into his role. He has the weeds and gardens under control and enjoys a good joke.

How lovely to move into the Estate and not have to worry about maintenance again. We look after all your maintenance issues including squeaking doors, sticking drawers, your front garden and regular service of your air conditioner.

We're also happy to do those extra jobs such as lifting that heavy potting mix out of your boot, reaching up to grab the punch bowl from the top cupboard and even opening those difficult jars!



Homes Available Now

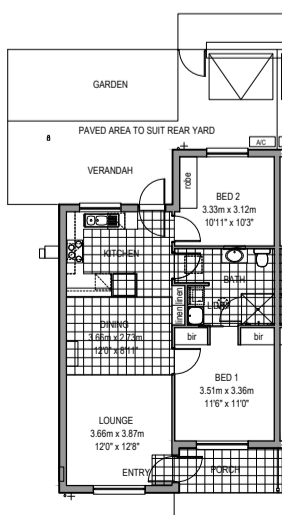
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Villa 71 – Rose \$215,000

Planned for Stage 4 – The Rose style villa is a lovely semi-detached 2 bedroom villa with a carport space and single bathroom.

This stunning villa features wide hallways and well proportioned living areas, bedrooms and bathroom to meet your needs now and in the future.



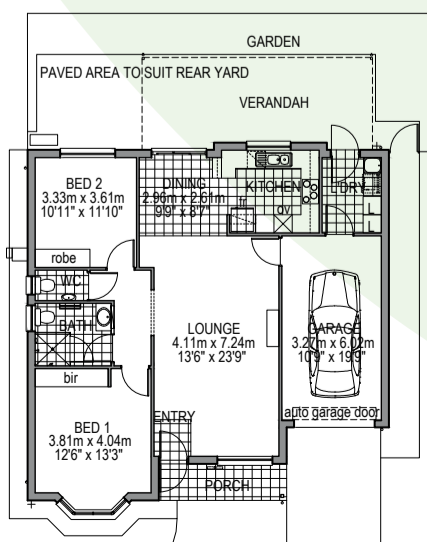
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Villa 69 – Thyme \$292,000

The Thyme is a modern 2 bedroom villa with open plan living, single garage, 1.5 bathrooms and built in robes to both bedrooms.

Designed with comfort and ease in mind for both now and down the track the Thyme's spacious living area, bedrooms and bathroom maximise accessibility.



“Now Everyone’s Happy.”

Kevin and Jenny’s Story

Kevin and Jenny were living in Adelaide when they decided to make the move to Wodonga to be closer to their family. “We also needed to find a place for Mum to live, which is when we found out about Wodonga Gardens” said Jenny. At Wodonga Gardens Kevin and Jenny found a home not just for Jenny's mum, but for themselves too. “It's been fantastic, we've found a home we love close to the kids and Mum lives across the road from us. We never have to worry, it's really changed our lives” said Jenny.

For more of our residents stories, visit our website wodongagardens.com.au



Kevin and Jenny

** Prices are subject to change at vendor's discretion. Photos are of existing properties built on the same plan and are indicative only.

Celebrating Seniors Month with Style

October was Senior Celebrations month in Wodonga and Ruth Kernaghan, Estate Manager, organised a couple of events inviting the general public to attend.

Celebrations kicked off with a stylish fashion parade where guests enjoyed a chic affair featuring clothing and accessories from local fashion house 'Perls'. The afternoon was a great success with over 50 people attending to view the fashions and enjoy a glass of bubbles.

Afterwards guests were invited to view the display villas and other features of the estate. "This has been the best attended event we have hosted at the estate" said Ruth, "such events provide an opportunity for interested parties to come in and see what we have to offer in a friendly, social environment".

Later in the month guests enjoyed a relaxed BBQ lunch and refreshments while taking the opportunity, once again, to have a look around the estate and chat to the residents.

Wodonga Gardens Retirement Estate,

developed by the Gannon family, offers a country lifestyle with the conveniences of city living. Situated just minutes from Wodonga Centro and designed to provide the discerning retiree with everything they need to enjoy retirement.

Directors, Tom and Michael Gannon believe passionately that what makes their Estates so special are that the values of "friends, lifestyle and security" are at the heart of every Gannon community.

If you didn't hear about these events and would like to find out more call Wodonga Gardens Retirement Estate on 02 6059 2690 or visit wodongagardens.com.au for more information.



Meet Estate Manager, Ruth Kernaghan

Ruth Kernaghan brings with her almost 25 years experience in the local retirement industry. Ruth managed a former Gannon Retirement Estate from 1999 to 2012, and she again joined the Gannon Lifestyle Group when they commenced their project at Wodonga Gardens Retirement Estate

Ruth loves her job, whether it be selling, working with the residents or developing events and activities for the community. The most rewarding aspect of her job is introducing residents and watching friendships form. She looks forward to meeting new residents and introducing them to the lifestyle.

Ruth grew up in Albury-Wodonga and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Her favourite spot on the Estate is the library and her favourite pastime is reading. She is also an Elvis fan and enjoys history, especially the Great War, where she recently visited the Western Front Battlefields.

To chat with Ruth and find out more about the Estate call 02 6059 2690

Trust our Family to look after yours



One of the first differences you'll find distinguishing Wodonga Gardens Retirement Estate from most other retirement villages is that it's built and managed by a family rather than a big development company, organisation or charity.

The Gannon family has earned a solid reputation over the last 30 years for building some of the most successful retirement estates in this country. Founded by Tom Snr. and Mavis Gannon, the company is now lead by their sons Tom and Michael Gannon. Currently running retirement estates across Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia, they are committed to providing a unique, quality approach to retirement living for Australian retirees.

The Gannon's know a real community can't be manufactured; it has to be nurtured.