



# ATTRACTIVE, SUSTAINABLE, ECO-FRIENDLY LIVING

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You've purchased a fabulous block of land. Planning your dream home is next. But creating that dream to suit the Top End climate and perfect lifestyle can be nerve-wracking.

Entertaining is a dream with About Homes NT at Breezes Muirhead.





All weather outdoors in About Homes NT at Breezes Muirhead Display Village.



Love your life with Killarney Homes at Breezes Muirhead Display Village.

## THE FIRST THING YOU FEEL IS A SENSE OF SPACE AT BREEZES MUIRHEAD.



Soirée or a swim with Saroukos Homes at Breezes Muirhead Display Village.



William Forster Park at Breezes Muirhead on your doorstep.

At Defence Housing Australia's (DHA) award-winning Breezes Muirhead development, they've already begun the process for you – through orientation, setbacks and breezeways. 'We've taken great care to design a sustainable community that responds to the local environment,' said Chris Grimm, DHA Senior Development Manager. 'Lots have been orientated to allow for good airflow and ventilation in and around the homes, with large setbacks to create better streets, privacy between homes, and most importantly to create what we have called the "breezeway".' Owners and builders only need to follow our specially designed guidelines.' Living in a tropical climate means your lifestyle within a home needs to adapt to the different seasons, and a well-planned home should, even during the wet season, mean your air-conditioner gets very little use. Together with DHA, MODE Design has produced the Breezes Muirhead Design Guidelines. 'Our practical guide has been created specifically for Darwin's climate,' said Jade Ah Wong from MODE Designs. 'It will help you choose a house that is comfortable and appropriate for the Top End climate and more cost effective to run. 'It takes into account individual tastes and preferences, while still maintaining an attractive and sustainable neighbourhood for generations to come. 'Homes at Breezes Muirhead require a 6-star NatHERS rating.



About Homes NT's grand entry at Breezes Muirhead Display Village.



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The guidelines make it simpler for people to design a home with the environment in mind.' Capturing the essence of the tropical lifestyle, houses feature broad eaves and verandahs to help keep your home cool, while providing perfect spaces for al-fresco living. Energy efficient homes look out onto broad back and side yards where families have the space to grow and have fun, while out the front, attractive fascias and gardens ensure the appeal of Breezes Muirhead will continue to flourish into the future. 'The way your home looks from the street is another important consideration at Breezes Muirhead,' adds Jade. 'Ensuring all homes have a quality appearance protects your investment. 'The extensive open space network is landscaped with the seasonal Top End climate and native vegetation,' she continues. 'Gardens are integrated with street landscaping and shady footpath areas, making a more walkable neighbourhood with relief from the heat.' Breezes Muirhead, a DHA award-winning residential land development, is committed to creating a vibrant, healthy and sustainable community that brings Defence members and new homeowners together – a place where you can be proud to call home.

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Life's a breeze at William Forster Park Breezes Muirhead.



LAST RELEASE OF RURAL SIZE BLOCKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT NORTE HAVEN.



Ensuite heaven in the master bedroom.

# RURAL SPACE IN THE SUBURBS

When Jacqueline and Shaun bought their rural size block, they didn't expect to find something in the northern beaches suburb of Muirhead, just four kilometres from Casuarina Shopping Square.



The huge 4000m2 block affords rural sized privacy.



Big block, big house, room to move in peace.



Joe taking time out around his favourite things.

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'We'd been looking at blocks in Palmerston when we saw the Muirhead rural release,' explains Jacqueline. 'We managed to grab the last 4000m2 block off the Lot plans at the time. It had everything we desired for our forever home and lifestyle.' In August 2015 when Titles were released, they walked onto their purchase at Bridge Street, Norte Haven. 'Now cleared it was a blank canvas. I began sketching my dream home,' she continues. 'John, a builder and painter at Argos Painting offered his expertise with the build, and our architect friend, Kelly Hedger of Aurora skilfully worked within the Breezes Muirhead design guidelines to produce our ultimate lifestyle within our budget. 'We also worked alongside Lisa from Paterson Interiors. Her experience with space added that extra comfort level. Simple elements like interior flow, walk-in storage and having no glass in our main or ensuite bathrooms was ideal for our special needs son, and one I enjoy when cleaning.' The home has five bedrooms and multiple large spaces that family and friends can feel comfortable in, plus a fully self-contained apartment with a separate exterior entrance and interlocking doors internally. 'Everyone who's used that space has loved its functionality and privacy from our residence, while still being under the same roof,' adds Jacqueline.

'Lisa listened to our family needs. Somehow she made the laundry my favourite room! I enjoy sunset views from the clothesline under the verandah and watch the community families stroll by, plus my kids tend to leave me alone out there.' The home also has twenty-three 6kw solar panels, and a purpose-built cyclone shelter with a concrete ceiling in the event of the roof being blown off. 'Both our shelter and studio apartment have been wired for a generator to be plugged-in to provide power when required.' 'Everyone enjoys our multiple entertaining spaces and pool. And I love my edible garden too,' she continues. 'However, we need to train the dog. So far he's eaten all my eggplants and has started on my lemons. I suspect he'll enjoy a side of chicken or eggs with his fruit and veg next. 'Shaun and Joe enjoy the bike and walking trails, pristine beaches, fishing, parks and sporting facilities right outside our door. The move has been the best for all the family.'

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