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**MEDIAN PRICE  
OF HOME IN  
KINGS BEACH**  
\$800,000  
.....  
FIVE YEARS AGO  
\$620,000  
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TEN YEARS AGO  
\$260,000



**INNOVATING HOUSING:** Trent Erpf and Brad Thompson and (inset) The Melaleuca at Ridges, Peregrin Springs.

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## Energy efficient is affordable

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AS demand for sustainable building and design continues to grow, it is business as usual for Thompson Sustainable Homes director Brad Thompson.

Having completed his advanced diploma in sustainability a few years ago, Mr Thompson said he knew it was the "field to be in".

"It's where we're all heading. If you're going to do something, I think it's always great to be the leader and not the follower," he said.

"It used to be a factor that being sustainable would cost you more but now it doesn't; not with our houses anyway."

Despite increased interest in sustainable practices, Mr Thompson said a lot of people didn't understand what sustainability was.

"There are two parts to it; there's sustainability and there's energy efficiency," he said. "Our slogan is 'energy efficient by design', so in that sense, we're concentrating on making sure people save money on their electricity bills."

The company's latest offering, The Melaleuca, is a study of sustainability and energy efficiency.

The home was recently unveiled at the Ridges community in Peregrin Springs, as one of seven new designs. It takes advantage of the Sunshine Coast lifestyle and is rounded out by quality builders Metricon, Aquatic Homes and Cavalier Homes.

"The housing designs complement the future-focused vision for Ridges," said FKP general manager residential communities Evian Delfabbro.

"The display village opens up a whole new realm of living opportunities for people considering moving into the Sunshine Coast's northern growth area with private and public schools, parks, shopping and retail all within walking distance."

Mr Thompson said The Melaleuca was rated 10 stars in terms of energy efficiency and was set across a 197sq m design.

**>> Lots in Ridges Peregrin Springs are priced from \$215,000 for a 471sq m terrace lot. The village is open from 10am to 4pm daily. For more information, call 1800 753 799**



**LAUNCH:** Marking the start of construction are Andrew O'Connor, Debbie Blumel and Rick Williams.

## Edging closer to waterfront reality

ONE of Queensland's fastest-selling projects, Edgewater Lake Kawana, has officially started construction.

Major projects portfolio councillor Debbie Blumel said it was the beginning of a massive amount of activity scheduled for, in and around the Kawana area.

"Over the next five years, the growth in this area will be phenomenal," Cr Blumel said.

"The \$2 billion-plus Sunshine Coast Hospital Precinct starts construction later this year and the \$145 million aged-care and residential facility also has been forecast to commence, both of which are in close proximity to the planned Kawana Town Centre." According to the Midwood Report, Avara Property Group's \$74 million residential project has been the fastest-selling development on the Sunshine Coast for the past two quarters, with more than 85 per cent of the 139 apartments sold.

Avara Property Group development manager Andrew O'Connor said Edgewater Lake Kawana's success was a clear indication of the project's ability to perfectly combine the right product, location and price.

"Avara Property Group has always focused on delivering what key markets want. With waterfront location and easy access to critical infrastructure, Edgewater Lake Kawana ticks all the boxes."

"Although the current property market conditions on the Sunshine Coast remain soft at present, when you look at projects starting in the next few months and by Christmas of this year, this may be the start of a sustained recovery for the industry," Mr O'Connor said.

**>> To secure property in Edgewater Lake Kawana phone PRDnationwide's Rick Williams on 1300 177 558**