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Coastal twist

**Kula Beach Shacks take a modern
approach to 1950s beach life — Page 43**



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Kula Beach Shacks

Agent's report: Construction on the Sunshine Coast's \$36 million Kula Beach Shacks at Coolum development is now underway and the project continues to record strong sales and a continuing high level of interest.

Buyers from across south-east Queensland and overseas have been among those to snap up one of the complex's 62 residences, with remaining two and three-bedroom homes priced from \$475,000 and sized between 115sq m and 204sq m.

Developer Turrisi Properties has already built a sales office on site, where potential buyers can view the 16 available floor plans and 3D imagery of the soon-to-be built shacks.

Nestled between nature reserves on a 1.47ha site with Mount Coolum as a backdrop, the beachside development is being touted as a "modern approach to how coastal lifestyles used to be".

Some of the country's leading architects came together to design the beach shacks, with the site master-planned by Lindsay and Kerry Clare from Architectus.

Other architects to lend their expertise were Bligh Voller Niels's Shane Thompson, Shawn Godwin of Base Architecture and

Graeme Spender from Davis Sommerville. Lindsay Clare said the beach houses of south-east Queensland in the '60s and '70s were a key design inspiration behind Kula, resulting in the development being a "low-key coastal escape".

"Sunshine Coast beach houses were traditionally weekenders that were modest and robust dwellings closely connected to the sandy dune landscape," Mr Clare said.

"We try to capture this simplicity with the direct spatial arrangements and connections to landscape and a palette of natural and weathered materials so that the basic nature of the shelter can play the role of backdrop to the many activities and gatherings that occur."

The project is a distinct venture on the Sunshine Coast, providing large semi-detached and detached "shacks" for comparable prices to what is offered in beachside unit towers.

Each home has an expansive north or east-facing deck, an individual rainwater tank, private courtyards and quality finishes, with the option of open plan living or split-level layouts with separate lounge areas.

A central recreation space will be a focal point of the development, with a pool



What: Kula Beach Shacks at Coolum
Price: From \$475,000
Features: Two and three-bedroom houses, 16 different designs
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and barbecues and just a short stroll to the beach.

Noosa and Mooloolaba are both 20 minutes' drive in either direction.

Completion of the beach shacks is due in 2010, with settlements expected at the same time.

