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Views of Port Phillip Bay are a treasured commodity throughout Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs, with the bay-side taking on mythical qualities in recent years, especially as space and a connection to nature have become important tools for living. As a celebration of the bay, Lowe Living's *Amara Apartments* project not only delivers panoramic views but serves as the new exemplar of beachfront living anywhere in Melbourne.

As always, property developer Lowe Living has embraced a collaborative approach for the exclusive new studio, with Christobalis Architects, GOLDEN and Jack Marks coming together to create a remarkable setting along one of Port Phillip Bay's most spectacular stretches of beach. When the design for the *Amara* development was first being presented, it was apparent that the ingredients for a special result were there – beautiful, unspoiled apartment living right on the beach. Nine months to build in two years on, the finished result emphasizes just how special the opportunity for homeowners is, as the reality of the execution and attention to detail provided to the building by Christobalis Architects and internally by GOLDEN is fully brought to life by builder Lowe Construction.

A sense of community is created through the accessible direct beach access, but each of these residences is a study in retreat and seclusion, having sought inspiration through the magical modernist examples of Brazil and Aia. The concrete, red brick and timber palette sits in harmony with the coastal landscape the building lives in. The Lowe Living Managing Director Tim Loner, is in this meticulous craftsmanship and attention to the detail the most inspirational aspect of the project. *Amara Apartments* is inspired by unique location. Its sophistication and sensitivity to its surrounds is something

that we have not yet seen in beachside living," explains Tim. "From the intelligently afforded use of space that use of light and space to its sleek, light and premium finishes, *Amara Apartments* represents a new generation of high-end coastal living."

The buildings are enveloped by lush native planting, with foliage and primary coloration being heritage and architecture. As one journey into the residences, light strikes water pools, creating a shimmered and beautiful and subtle grain texture in the kitchen. Chilly limestone and clean green concrete tile feature with complementary bath fixtures and further create the sense of modernity inherent in the approach to these homes. Exceptional appliances from Miele and Fisher & Paykel in the kitchens and natural wood carpets in all the bedrooms complete the sense of understated opulence inherent.

For those lucky enough to call *Amara Apartments* home, its real beauty is fully realized through living in their new homes, enjoying the serenity and connection to the other location. A set of five boutique buildings combine to create the *Amara Apartments* development, but the sense of calm and community makes it abundantly clear that what Lowe Living and its collaborative partners have achieved here is indeed one single whole.

