

Domain DEVELOPMENT KATHERINE TOWNSEND

Environment for thriving

Neometro's latest includes luxury with its eco-friendly vision.



In a block of four (left), the apartments emphasise airflow, light and comfort in spacious, sleek surrounds.

\$4 million-plus
SOUTH YARRA
126 Walsh Street
Private sale
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NEOMETRO has developed a reputation for environmentally and resident-friendly apartment design, with fine examples in youth-oriented areas such as Fitzroy and St Kilda, but, in the past couple of years, the team has ventured into more expensive South Yarra and Toorak.

Its latest offering is at 126 Walsh Street, South Yarra, only a few doors from the corner of Domain Road. This leafy street is home to apartments dating from every decade from the early 1900s onwards.

With only four apartments to be built, replacing an old house on the site, the project will have Neometro's signature attention to airflow, light, comfort and sleek design but will, naturally, have more space and higher-quality fittings than many of the units aimed at younger buyers elsewhere.

The three three-bedroom apartments will range from 300 square metres to 333 square metres — larger than many houses — and the top-floor two-bedroom apartment will be about 200 square metres. Prices begin at \$4 million.



Large, open-plan living areas lead to west-facing terraces overlooking Walsh Street with moveable shutters in powder-coated aluminium and timber-lined ceilings.

Interiors are luxurious, with all bedrooms having a walk-in (or through) wardrobe and an en suite. Designed by Sue Carr of Carr Design, the interiors have a pared-back look in grey tones and light timbers. Kitchens will have Miele appliances and marble benchtops, with a large scullery adjoining.

Bedrooms will have grey carpet

and dark-stone tiles in bathrooms, while living rooms will have oak floors, gas log fires and plenty of storage in timber cabinets. Apartments also include study areas, large laundries and powder rooms.

A central system will control heating, lighting, irrigation and sound and can be operated remotely by a smartphone or tablet device. Each apartment will have three car spaces, bike racks and storage cages — as well as lift access. Construction is expected to begin in November and be finished in early 2014.

VIDA APARTMENTS

\$369,000-plus
MURRUMBEENA
17 Railway Parade
Private sale
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Melway 69 B5

CURVED balconies revive memories of Murrumbeena's early days of the 1920s and '30s, but a development of 17 apartments designed by Ascui Edwards Architects will have plenty of today's comforts.

Vida, at 17 Railway Parade, Murrumbeena, will have six one-bedroom apartments (46 square metres to 53 square metres) and 11 two-bedroom (60 square metres to 88 square metres). All will have a terrace or courtyard and some will have wraparound terraces.

On the southern side of the railway line and within walking distance of Murrumbeena's shopping strip, Vida will have three levels of apartments and each will have basement parking and a storage cage.

One-beds begin at \$369,000 and two-beds from \$520,000. Construction is expected to begin late next year.

