

## ROBBERG BAY ESTATE, PLETTENBERG BAY

Designed by Darryl Croome Architects, Robberg Bay Estate is a mixed-use project that integrates an outdoor shopping mall with a housing estate, which is intended to provide a vibrant and fresh focal point for the Robberg neighbourhood in Plettenberg Bay.

The architecture is reminiscent of coastal vernacular houses within an integrated contemporary design approach to create a modern beach village that will remain timeless. The chosen materials retain a connection with the contextual palette, with white walls, charcoal metal sheet-roofing and low 'werf' walls with the intervention

of weathered timber elements, light-weight framed steel and aluminium components. Bedrooms are situated primarily on the top floor with the social living spaces on the ground floor to better achieve an inside-outside relationship and to make full use of the north sun. All the house designs have north-facing, covered patios with built-in braais, open plan living and kitchen areas. The use of a neutral palette of colours through timber vinyl, light grey tiling, and joinery contributes to a light-filled interior which presents opportunities for personalisation. Special details such as reading nooks within

window reveals and floating staircases add a bespoke element to the interior.

Recently launched, the residential scheme consists of sixty houses of varying sizes. The house types range from 109m<sup>2</sup> two beds to 221m<sup>2</sup> four beds. There is a 25m long lap pool with a clubhouse and showers, outdoor braais, social areas and a large 'Village Green' platform for kids to play in, all within a twenty-four-hour secure, private estate. All these additional amenities along with the convenience mall next door, succeeds in creating a cohesive scheme with a much desired 'Village feel'.

