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Kokoda Residences' Opening Ceremony 19 October 2022.

Kokoda Residences' official Opening Ceremony.

Wednesday 19 October has proved itself to be a hugely significant date in the journey, legacy, and vision of the highly anticipated opening of Kokoda Residences.

Vasey Communities Directors, members, staff, project team, residents and soon-to-be residents witnessed the NSW Governor, Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC formally open Kokoda Residences.

Welcomed by Vasey Communities' former Chairman and Board Director and the ceremonial MC, Colonel Keith Schollum (RETD), he presented a special "brief history of time" video to the attentive audience.

Vasey Communities' Chairman, Kate Gunton, reflected on the project's vision and background along with insights into the history of the organisation itself.

Graham Hooper, Vasey Communities' CEO, followed this with more specific details about Kokoda Residences' architectural vision, the clever design features that make the apartments and facilities so age friendly (but not noticeable), the distinct quality of build, through to the significant naming of the key community spaces.

A personal story was also shared by Kokoda Residences' very own Sales Professional, Maureen Malouf who, along with her husband, even chose to buy, and was amongst the first residents to move in back in late August 2022. With Chairman Kate Gunton alongside, Her Excellency then unveiled the plaque to officially open Kokoda Residences as the Patron of Vasey Communities.

The Opening Ceremony date of this much-praised retirement community coincided with the 125th birthday of Vasey Communities' inspirational founder Mrs Jessie Vasey. A special ceremonial video was shown to pay tribute to Mrs Jessie Vasey.

This made the location of the ceremony in Kokoda Residences' community lounge, 'Jessie's Place', a poignant and inspirational choice.

Her Excellency and Mr Wilson were then taken on a formal tour of Kokoda Residences by Vasey Communities' Chairman Ms Gunton, accompanied by Mr Hooper and Colonel Schollum, while the guests enjoyed canapes and cupcakes made specially to celebrate Jessie Vasey's 125th birthday.

There was a great amount of joy and comradery among residents, with many describing the night as magnificent, elegant and sophisticated.

To read the full details of the Opening Ceremony, including two fantastic videos played in the presentation, please scan the QR code.



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Feature apartments.

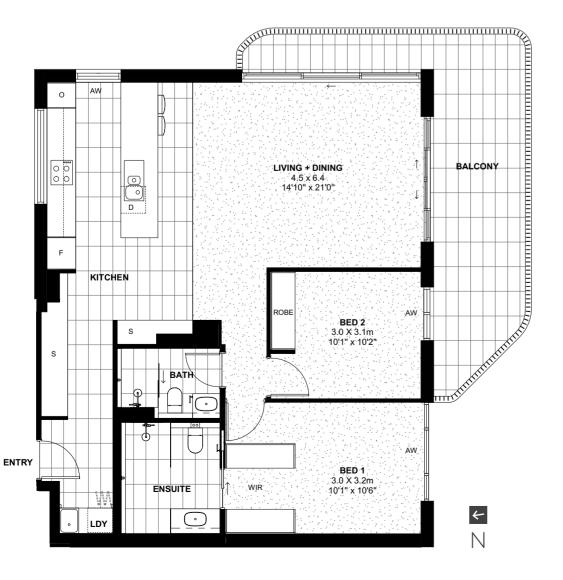
Residence 6.03

2 Bedroom | 2 Bathroom

Our feature apartment on level six is truly magnificent. Apartment 6.03 features a large wrap-around balcony looking over leafy treetops with floor to ceiling windows. With beautiful timber cabinetry, plenty of storage, fantastic cooking appliances, and a stunning island stone benchtop, this apartment is a beautiful place to enjoy with friends and family. The master bedroom has a walk-through robe leading into the expansive ensuite.





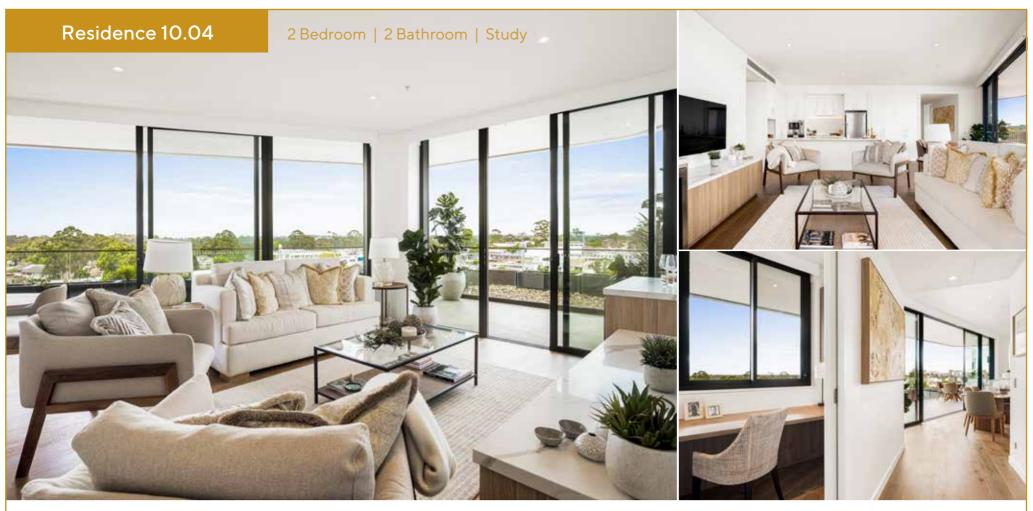


The choice is yours!

There is currently a choice of dark or light timber colour schemes available with this floor plan layout - on different levels - that are provided in the kitchen and bathrooms.

Both offer beautifully warm and neutral colour palettes to complement your own tastes.







Coffee catch up with our soon-to-be residents.

What a few months it has been at Kokoda Residences! Since opening on 29 August 2022, we have over half the 117 apartments fully occupied and being enjoyed by new residents.

As we still have many more depositors who are in the process of decluttering and selling their homes to get ready to move into Kokoda Residences, Maureen and Jodie host regular morning teas in Jessie's Place, Kokoda Residences' resident-only lounge and bar.

It is lovely to catch up with our soon-to-be residents, and it is a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other over a cup of coffee and scone provided by our café, George's.

Before Kokoda Residences was completed, the sales team organised monthly coffee catch ups for two years leading up to completion, to give each person the chance to get to know their neighbours before they moved in.

Our residents tell us all the time how much they valued these morning teas, and how it helped the community spirit flourish once they moved in as they already knew their neighbours.





Melbourne Cup.

Residents got race ready at Kokoda Residences, watching the Melbourne Cup in Jessie's Place, with a stocked bar and nibbles. It was such a fun day, and we would like to say a special thanks to residents Elizabeth and Grace who made delicious platters for everyone to enjoy.











We are so excited to share that The Payten Theatre, Kokoda Residences' private cinema is now open for residents to enjoy.

The Payten Theatre comfortably fits 16 people with the ability for residents to watch movies on the big screen from streaming services like Netflix.

We know the big screen will be a real hit and we encourage all residents to enjoy The Payten Theatre with their friends and family.

We're open to view!

Kokoda Residences' Sales Professionals Maureen Malouf and Jodie Pennings hold twice-weekly Open Days for tours. Every Tuesday at 10am and every Wednesday at 2pm we welcome you to drop in and view our display apartments and beautiful community spaces – no appointments necessary! Please check our contact page on our website for updates to open times.

If you would like a private tour, or would like to come at another time, please call Maureen and Jodie on 9299 3953, they would love to make an appointment with you.

The Kokoda Trail 80th anniversary.

Vasey Communities would like to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Kokoda Trail in respect of those who fought.

Vasey Communities' strong connection to the Kokoda campaign is due to the founder, Mrs Jessie Vasey. Jessie's husband, Major General George Vasey, was in command of the World War Two Pacific Campaign that included the battle of Kokoda from July to November of 1942, 80 years ago.

To honour the Kokoda campaign, Vasey Communities of course named their newest village Kokoda Residences in memory of those who served and lost their life defending Australia. The mountain ridgeline in Kokoda Residences logo, is in fact a representation of the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea.

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