

Pushing the edge of development and design

Pushing the edge of innovative inner-city development, MiHaven launches three new luxury homes in Edge Hill this weekend. “Bold and beautiful with a splash of sunshine” are the first words that come to mind when you drive past the latest MiHaven project on the corner of Pease and Russell Sts. The three yellow doors set against the black exterior backdrop have a deeper connection for MiHaven’s Sarah Mort, reminiscent of the Yellow House in Sydney’s Potts Point which was the bohemian art hangout for some of Australia’s most famous contemporary artists including Brett Whitley and John Olsen.

In today’s fast-paced world, finding refuge from our busy lives is one of the most significant requirements for any home. This refuge takes the form of rooms for rest, spaces for interacting with family and friends, as well as outdoor spaces. MiHaven’s newest project at 85 to 89 Russell Street, Edge Hill is an urban sanctuary, showcasing the best of contemporary design and construction, exploring inventive ways of living with quality spaces both indoor and outdoor.

MiHaven is one of the best exponents of inner-city development embedded with a wealth of building and design expertise. The project is the culmination of 30 years of development experience of owners James and Sarah Mort. “It’s all about the clean lines, the simplicity of the design and how to incorporate the balance of indoor and outdoor living in the urban tropics,” James said. “Of course, to actually create this took significant time both at the design stage and during the construction process.”

Leading a team of 30 across the MiHaven Group, the couple are passionate about beautiful design as much as they are about innovative urban planning. “Russell Street represents the next stage of MiHaven’s evolution of inner-city design and living,” Sarah said. “Creating three luxury residences on freehold title with no hassles of body corporate.”

The property comprises three separate 3-bedroom residences, each over two levels with a living zone on each level. The ground floor has a luxury master suite (with walk-in wardrobe and ensuite bathroom) and chefs kitchen with gas cooking and plenty of room for entertaining both inside and out across outdoor decks and courtyards, surrounded by beautiful tropical gardens. James states: “The importance of green space, be it with a cluster of outdoor pots, courtyard or borrowed landscape, cannot be overestimated”.

With their combined passion for the arts, James and Sarah have collaborated with a range of local artists and Kick Contemporary Arts Gallery to showcase works inside the homes, including works by Belinda Williams, Theo Ropeyarn and Netta Loogatha from Mornington Island. These stunning works of art add another punch of colour and creative energy.

MiHaven continues its mission of creating and benchmarking a new design vernacular for inner city living that embraces tropical outdoor connections. The homes offer intimate living spaces with extensive sound insulation and high secure fencing, video intercom surveillance, double car garaging and secure yards perfect for



your beloved pet. Sarah adds: “The properties are ideally designed to accommodate a range of people’s needs from downsizers to young professionals, or to those who want to live a simple urban tropical lifestyle with all the luxury that MiHaven delivers with a hassle-free lock up and go attitude”.

Positioned in the Edge Hill school catchment, the three properties are opposite Edge Hill State School and a short walk away from the village of

Edge Hill with its popular cafes, boutiques and the Botanic Gardens. Piccones IGA just a few hundred metres away completes the story of urban convenience and hassle-free living. Not just a developer of beautiful properties, MiHaven is globally recognised as a social enterprise, being a business for purpose and B Corp registered, the company values community and education. MiHaven is a registered training organisation delivering a range of courses and apprenticeships, as well as developing and

operating its new MiHaven Student Living accommodation in Parramatta Park. It’s no wonder James and Sarah are motivated to build “easy living” homes given how busy they are shaping the future of Cairns. And quoting one of Sarah’s favorite Chinese proverbs: “the temptation to quit is greatest before you are about to succeed”. There’s no quitting just yet with a small pipeline of new MiHaven projects bubbling away.

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