

NEW HOMES  
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# Options abound for new-home hopefuls

Sydney's inner south-west has been stealing the show with apartment sales, but there are choices elsewhere.

Sydney's inner south-west suburbs that make up the new Green Square precinct have caught the attention of buyers with a seemingly endless selection of apartments being planned, launched, or completed. But what if you want a new apartment elsewhere?

In the past couple of years, new developments have boomed across Sydney in an effort to feed the housing demand. Investors have crowded the market but there are still some first-home buyers keen on becoming home owners and plenty of empty-nesters looking to downsize into something new and low maintenance.

This week, Domain looks at three planned apartment developments in diverse reaches of the city. Each complex offers a mix of accommodation including some apartments under the \$750,000 cap

for first-home buyers to receive a government grant.

At Beecroft in Sydney's northern suburbs, a boutique development by Quantum Group is breaking the drought of new apartments in the area. The Grove is a low-rise complex of 36 apartments close to Beecroft train station.

Associate director for selling agents Ray White Projects, Alex Tsaoucis, says there is nothing of its calibre in Beecroft. "This is one of the first developments in the area following council's rezoning." Until recently, the only new strata properties in the Beecroft area had been townhouses.

Tsaoucis reports interest in the development has been exceptional with the majority of potential buyers being empty nesters from the local area and The Hills district. "Eighty per cent are looking at downsizing in their next property transition," he says.



A combination of design by Architects Becerra and interiors by Archer + Wright will deliver a new level of sophistication to the Beecroft apartment market, says Tsaoucis. The north-east-facing building will have underground parking, oversized and light-filled interiors and all apartments will have either balconies or grassy courtyards, some as large

as 250 square metres.

Architects Becerra were also chosen by Acorp Developments to design their centrally located Camperdown HQ project. Two low-rise buildings built around a courtyard garden will house 22 apartments.

Some apartments have views of Sydney University while those on the upper floors have city views. Many

face north. Knight Frank selling agent Noel Lucas-Martinez says Camperdown HQ's mix of sizes, from small units to two-level, three-bedroom apartments, will be attractive to owner occupiers and investors. "Its proximity, so close to the university, the CBD and the vibrant inner west gives it a broad appeal," he says.