



Human touch puts the 'life' in 'lifestyle'

Personal trainers and coaches add a point of difference to this plan.

The last part of developer Hamton's transformation of the Abbotsford riverfront into a residential precinct has begun, with the release of Sanctuary, the final of three stages that began with Eden and Haven.

At 681 Victoria Street, Sanctuary will be built along the street and riverfront edges of the large site and will be designed by architect RotheLowman. Its residents will share the development's facilities, which have been marketed with a "lifestyle" focus. They include the often-seen lap pool and gym but also a beauty and massage room, as well as access to a swimming coach, yoga instructor, personal trainer and art curator.

Hamton is, in essence, building a village, and it will connect to the wider community via Acacia Place, a public laneway containing restaurants, cafes and small offices that will run between the river and Victoria Street.

Sanctuary will have 98 one-



Class: Sanctuary, on Victoria Street (top), has open-plan living (right) and floor-to-ceiling windows (left).

bedroom apartments, 88 with two bedrooms and seven with three bedrooms. The nine levels of apartments include a few on the ground floor rising to some spectacular apartments, with huge terraces, on the upper levels.

One-bedroom apartments range in size from 41 square metres to 58 square metres, and all have one bathroom and a terrace ranging from three square metres to 28 square metres. Prices range from \$365,000 to \$587,000.

Two-bedroom apartments range in size from 56 square metres to 130 square metres and in price from

\$570,000 to \$999,000. Some have only one bathroom, but the larger apartments have two bathrooms and some also have a powder room. Outdoor areas range from four square metres to 74 square metres.

The three-bedroom apartments range in size from 95 square metres to 197 square metres and have two or three bathrooms, with terraces ranging from 12 square metres to 237 square metres. These premium apartments range from \$980,000 to \$1.95 million and feature the best river views.

RotheLowman's design emphasises river and bushland

views, and all apartments have open-plan living areas with floor-to-ceiling windows. Interiors are simple, with stone benchtops and mirrored splashbacks in kitchens, and a choice of light or dark colour schemes.

All but a few of the one-bedroom apartments will have parking, but the development will also have a bike-hire and car-share scheme.

Hamton says early interest has been from downsizers in neighbouring suburbs. Construction will begin early next year and a display suite is open on site at weekends between 1pm and 4pm, 9421 2113.