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## Baringa at Aura wins top Australian property award

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Baringa – a suburb in Stockland Aura – has been named the 2023 national winner for ‘Best Masterplanned Community’ at the Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards, held in Sydney on Wednesday night.

The national property awards are regarded as one of the most prestigious in Australia, promoting excellence in design and innovation in property developments.

Stockland Aura is located on the southern end of the Sunshine Coast, close to Caloundra’s beaches and an easy commute to major business districts.

Stockland Project Director Josh Sondergeld said Stockland is honoured to receive this national industry award, recognising Baringa as the best masterplanned community in Australia for 2023, and setting a new standard for residential living.

“We are extremely proud of what we have created and achieved since launching the project in 2016. As the first suburb of the \$5 billion masterplanned community of Stockland Aura, Baringa provides a wide range of much needed housing options for the Sunshine Coast,” said Mr Sondergeld.

Baringa was the top selling masterplanned development in Australia for the two years prior to December 2019, with the development selling out in half the time anticipated by Stockland, prompting the commencement of Aura’s next suburb, Nirimba, which is also experiencing similar demand from buyers.

“Our vision for Stockland Aura is to be Australia’s most sustainable and liveable city with its sustainability credentials recognised by the Green Building Council of Australia certifying Aura as achieving the highly coveted 6 Star – Greenstar Communities rating,” said Mr Sondergeld.

“From mandated building policies, cutting edge approaches to water management that protect downstream waterways, large wildlife corridors with dedicated fauna underpasses protecting wildlife, an abundance of open spaces and parks and the creation of an extensive cycle veloway network that connects the community, Stockland has adopted a distinctive and innovative approach to master planning.

“The success of Baringa can also be contributed to its diversity of housing options, from affordable, entry-level terrace homes to family-sized house and land packages, making it desirable to a full spectrum of buyers.”

Mr Sondergeld said Baringa is a carefully considered masterplanned community providing convenient and connected living where residents can live, shop and work and is anchored by a community centre, primary school, high school, childcare centre, sports ground, shopping centre, tavern and several parks and green spaces.

‘Baringa’ means summit, a word inspired from the Kabi Kabi language and was chosen as the official name of Aura’s first suburb to pay tribute to the indigenous heritage of the local area.

More information on the Aura community can be found at:  
<https://www.stockland.com.au/residential/qld/aura>

## About Aura

Aura is one of Australia’s largest masterplanned communities and is currently home to more than 10,300 residents.

On completion, Aura will have over 200 kilometres of walking paths and cycling veloways, connecting the community and encouraging residents to live active and healthy lifestyles. It will also feature its own Central Park, a 120-hectare regional park, 10 sporting grounds as well as parks and playgrounds within 400 metres walking distance of every home, linking residential areas to local employment precincts, schools, the city centre and local neighbourhood retail centres.

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