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Ever Bright provides an affordable housing option in an opulent suburb.

\$850,000-\$2.45 million
MALVERN

Stonington Townhomes
1-21 Somers Avenue
Private sale

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AFTER much controversy and many changes of ownership since Deakin University sold the site for \$30 million in 2006, the final release of townhouses at Malvern's Stonington mansion site has begun and the new owner has brought out the big guns, calling on some of Australia's leading designers to create the 49 townhouses that will complete the project.

To be built on the enormous site's curving Somers Avenue frontage, the Stonington Townhomes are being offered for sale by developer Ever Bright, which has engaged architects Rothe Lowman, with construction by Becton, gardens designed by Paul Bangay and constructed by Tract Consultants and interiors by Margie Bromilow's

MBA Design. All are long established and award winning.

Designed around plenty of open space — made lush by Bangay's design — the multi-level townhouses range from \$850,000 for the two-bedrooms plus study, up to \$1.05 million for three bedrooms and from \$2.45 million for the enormous four-bedroom offerings.

Marshall White marketing agent Leonard Teplin says only nine of the 49 remain for sale as local buyers have responded quickly to the mix of luxury finishes and relatively affordable prices — as well as the names behind the design.

He says young couples and families have recognised the value of the smaller townhouses, snapping up the two-bedroom-plus-study options, but the stylish three-bedroom townhouses for less than \$1 million also offer good value in a very expensive area.

"To buy a house like that, you would be going to Malvern East and it wouldn't be renovated," Mr Teplin says.

Rothe Lowman's design adds



Outside and in, the project has been shaped by industry leaders.



external interest, with dark vertical and horizontal panelling set against areas of white render and glass.

The interiors include natural — but expensive — materials, such as stone, marble and timber, with wide-board oak floors in living areas and wool carpets in bed-

rooms. Kitchens have stainless steel Miele appliances, while en suites are rather jazzy with glass feature walls, pendant lights and free-standing baths.

The three-bedroom townhouses range from 159 square metres to 175 square metres and those with a study range from 304 square metres to 380 square metres.

All will have garages with access from Somers Avenue, with this section of the Stonington redevelopment set at the back and side of the mansion.

A display suite, at 452 St Kilda Road, is open from 1-2pm at weekends. Construction will be finished late next year.

CONVENIENT

\$365,000-\$405,000

BAYSWATER

Kingston Apartments
25 King Street

Private sale

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OVERLOOKING a park and with a design and finishes more typical of an inner-city project, Kingston Apartments in Bayswater will appeal to both investors and first-home buyers because of their price and proximity to shops and the train. The 12 apartments, over three levels with underground parking and storage, will have two bedrooms — one apartment comes with a study — and are huge compared with inner-city offerings. Sizes range from 84.7 square metres to 103.38 square metres, with exterior spaces up to 36 square metres. All have one bathroom. Michael Knight Real Estate's Michael Bott says early sales and interest have been from first-home buyers, who have been attracted by the price and contemporary style. All the apartments will have parking, storage and use of a bike rack, plus hardwood floors and carpeted bedrooms. Kingston overlooks Marie Wallace Park. Construction will be finished by the middle of next year.

