

COURTYARD HOUSE



Limited edition luxury

A GAP in the building industry for premium architecturally designed houses has been filled.

A signature series of limited edition, ready-to-build homes have been created by the renowned architects at Auhaus Architecture for local Barwon Heads business Life Spaces Group.

This is believed to be a first for Australia according to Life Spaces Group director Elliot McLaren.

“There is not a business in the country doing anything like this ... customers get lost in the void of they can’t afford a high-end architect but don’t want a volume builder product, so where do they go?” Elliott asks.

“It is an Australian first with leading architects designing small signature ranges reflective of their vision.”

For those who want an architecturally designed house but don’t want to go through

the long design process, this could be the answer.

Auhaus Architecture have designed a series of five houses and to maintain exclusivity, only 10 of each design will ever be built.

The first house, known as the Courtyard House, is already under construction in Barwon Heads and will be on display for two weeks once finished.

The Courtyard House has been designed for relaxed living with a material palette of bluestone and natural hardwood.

The house is positioned around a large central courtyard which acts as an outdoor entertainment area.

Life Spaces Group plan on commissioning more leading architects in the future to continue to fill this gap in the market.

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SCANDI HOUSE



FRAME HOUSE



Can social media help build community involvement?

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SOCIAL media can be invaluable in today’s busy world.

Communities throughout Geelong have multiple social media platforms enabling residents to discuss a range of topics from where to get the best pizza or to help raise an alert for a missing pet.

These online forums are useful for everything from selling or giving away unwanted household items to finding out which night is bin night.

Social media can also help to raise and debate local issues transparently, providing a channel for people to find out the latest about local information.

Using social media can mean that people don’t have to be dependent

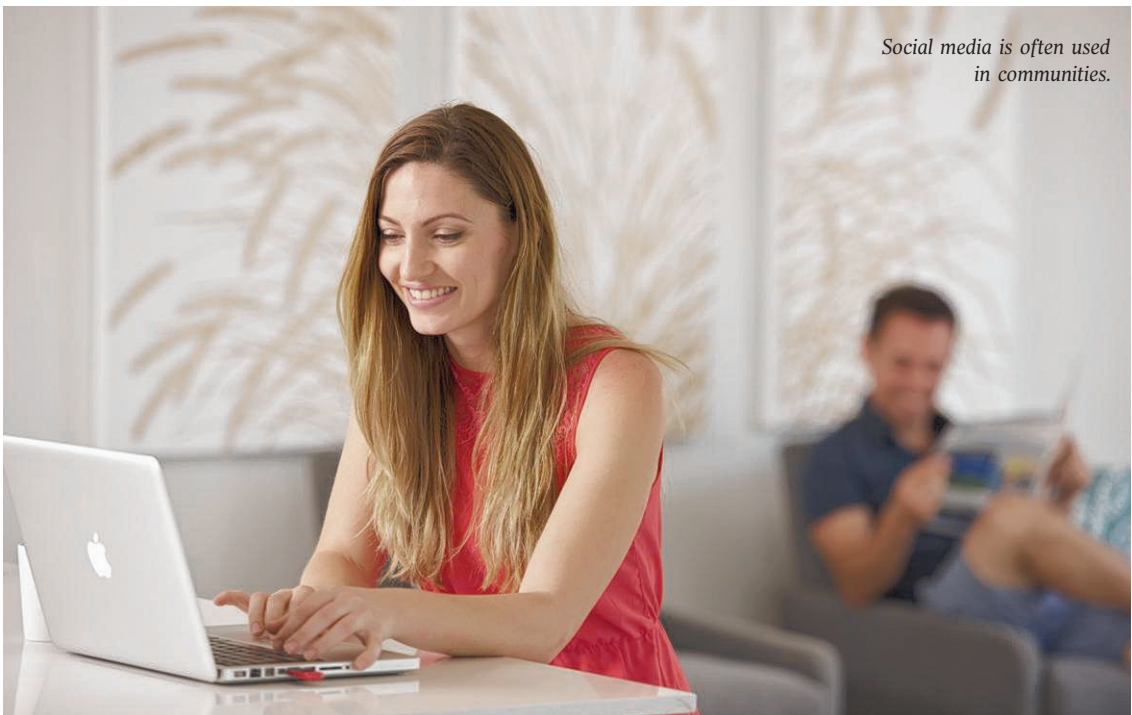
on meetings or chance encounters on the street to share news.

The risk is sometimes a personal opinion or half-truth can come across as a fact that may not be up to date or accurate.

We are all aware that rumours and innuendo can result in distressing personal attacks via social media resulting in people feeling alienated or even bullied in their own communities.

In the worst case scenario, social media can sometimes become a negative presence in our communities.

In cases like this it is always best to remove yourself from the online conversation quickly and completely.



Social media is often used in communities.

Becoming reliant on social media for all your community interaction can also create feelings of social isolation.

It’s tricky to convey emotions in an abbreviated 140-character tweet

or a Facebook post.

Sometimes the best communication is face-to-face.

For sure social media has a place in our communities.

But sometimes there’s no

substitute for a conversation with a real person, minus the screen.

Better still you could join a local community group that meets regularly and engage in community discussions in person.