



Footprints in sand

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Investors looking for property along the coast they can stay in and rent out should look at a new resort-style project south of Mandurah which is bringing back the concept of the old beach shack but with more stylish finishes.

Developer Rapley Wilkinson is redeveloping the Preston Beach caravan park into a holiday resort with beach shacks and town houses, designed by architect James Christou, at relatively affordable prices from about \$300,000.

The low-key resort 20 minutes from Mandurah, called Footprints at Preston Beach, is 500m from the water and sheltered by vegetated dunes.

Footprints will comprise 102 beach shacks and 28 bigger two-storey town houses, a restaurant, two pools, tennis court, playground and parking areas for boats and bikes.

All shacks have air-conditioning and a timber deck with a barbecue.

They are fully furnished with a dishwasher and microwave in the kitchen and a washer and dryer in the separate laundry.

Rapley Wilkinson development manager Darren Staunton said the two-bedroom, two-bathroom town houses also featured big decks and were priced about \$400,000.

Construction of Stage 1 — 31 shacks and 13 terrace houses — was expected to take nine months and start in the next few months.

All lots in this stage are on hold with 20 under offer.

In Stage 2 five town houses and five beach shacks are on hold.

Mr Staunton said the homes could be let when owners were not using them, enabling them to earn rent and claim a tax deduction for expenses.

Sales inquiries should be made to PRD Nationwide on 9383 2066, or agents Angus Murray (0418 938 102) or Scott Spinley (0408 863 353).



An artist's impression of beach shacks in Preston Beach.