



Big fan of our beaches

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BUCASIA Beach residents, meet your future neighbour.

Big Brother host Mike Goldman is close to signing a contract to buy a luxury beach house at the Northern Beaches' latest development, Tempo Lifestyle: Bucasia Beach Resort and Spa.

"I have been looking at moving here for quite some time. I have a few friends who are interested also," Mr Goldman said yesterday, as he inspected a model of the future resort.

Tempo Lifestyle managing director John Archer said there were a few "nation-wide celebrities" like Mr Goldman who were interested in buying a holiday home and also an international sportsperson.

But Mr Archer would not drop names.

"I can't make any announcements on that just yet," he said. The celebrities, along with Mr Goldman, could be rubbing shoulders with Mackay business people and workers in the mining industry who have also shown interest in the resort.

"So far we have 19 expressions of interest that are being converted to contracts," he said.

The resort, which will contain 37 beach houses, is located on the site of the old Bucasia Beachfront



Mike Goldman relaxes after inspecting the Bucasia area where he intends to buy a retreat.

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Caravan Park.

Each dwelling will sell for between \$980,000 and \$1.8 million, depending on ocean views and if it has two or three storeys.

There will also be a five-star restaurant, a bar, and a day spa within the

resort. Yesterday, Mr Goldman singled out a front-row house with beach views and a back balcony adjacent to the bar.

"All I would need is my sleeping bag," he said.

Mr Goldman, who hosts Big Brother's Friday Night

Live and Up Late shows, said he was a family friend of Mr Archer through the developer's daughter Amanda, and thought Mackay would be an ideal location for a retreat.

The resort is expected to open in mid 2009.