Chic inner-city pads boast wheel appeal

An architecturally innovative boutique development in Collingwood caters for cycling enthusiasts.

Collingwood's industrial past has been transformed into an industrial chic by a team of developers creating residences for the creative types who flock to the edge of the city suburb. The suburb is only three kilometres from the CBD and boasts a plethora of quality eateries, shops, pubs and galleries in Smith and Gertrude streets and their surrounds.

Pioneering boutique developer, Michael McCormack, recently completed his project to date of 26 apartments on the corner of First and Wellington Streets, only a short walk from Smith and Gertrude streets and with a cycling entry directly on to the Coghlans Bikeway, under construction.

The developer, Peet By Milieu, will have further appeal to cyclists with its abundant bike storage and even a bike shop for residents equipped with locks and pumps. The building overlooks a pocket park with seating and is a short walk to the bike path on Camberwell Street. A safe and secure exit on the ground floor of the nine-level building will be appointed by Milieu to ensure residents return the design ethos of the project.

"It's not a Scandinavian look and it is definitely a uniquely Australian look," says Michael McCormack, DKO Architecture, the design team behind the building's innovative design with an angled roofline, has previously collaborated with the same developer at Collingwood for a series of apartment-inspired townhouses at 1 Bedford Street. The interiors at Peet By Milieu, away from the common Nordic-inspired minimalism with an Australian palette featuring materials such as bluestone, timber and natural timber floors. "It's not a Scandinavian look and it is definitely a uniquely Australian look," says Michael McCormack, Window bricks designed by Jordan, appliance areas that conceal cabinets and kitchens with pull-down elements and comfortable shelves are practical design features that get the most out of the space.

Peet By Milieu is being marketed by Narelle Alexander, phone 9447 7594. A display suite with a garden opens during the work of local photographers is open at 47 Peel Street from Tues (12) 2pm, 5pm and Sat-Sun, 5-6pm.

Residences fit for a king

An elegant new development at Southbank boasts stunning architecture and hotel-style luxury.

A grand elliptical shaped development at Southbank called Kings Domain has views of an impressive list of the city's attractions from its corner site. Located at 68 Dorcas Street, the 23-level building with all the luxuries of high-end complexes, including a full concierge service, is a minimum two months from Kings Domain Gardens, two minutes from the Royal Botanic Gardens and a 15-minute walk from Albert Park Lake. At the end of the street you have the Shrine of Remembrance and all the beauty of St Kilda Road.

Artists' impressions of the luxurious 236-apartment Kings Domain development at Southbank, seven minutes from the CBD.

Kings Domain is being marketed by 360 Property Projects, phone 9004 1800. A display suite at 68 Dorcas Street, Southbank, is open Sat-Sun, 12-3pm.