Nelspruit Retirement Estate On Show

The first show houses in Bateleur Estate, a retirement development just outside Nelspruit, are attracting interest even while they are being completed.

The estate aims to provide luxury living in a secure, yet natural environment for retirees and people older than 50.

With baby boomers reaching retirement age there is a marked increase in demand for retirement living that offers more than the traditional 'old-age home'. Many retirees are still fit and healthy and require a lifestyle option that suits their current status but which will also provide facilities needed in later years, and Bateleur Estate neatly fits this requirement.

The 200ha lifestyle estate will offer walking trails and jogging routes through the 60ha portion that will remain undeveloped, as well as sporting facilities such as tennis courts, bowling greens, a swimming pool and gym. More sedate options will include a library and recreation hall, restaurant, bar area and billiards room while a carpentry and welding workshop is being planned to cater for hobbyists.

Frail care facilities will be developed in one of the later stages. Based on research, the developers have decided to open the facilities to non-residents to make them viable, Pascoe says. Initially residents will have access to a health care facility that includes preventative and monitoring services, as well as home-based care.

At completion the estate will offer more than 1000 stands with full title homes, sectional title homes and apartments, and assisted living units adjacent to the frail care centre. The low-maintenance homes are wheelchair friendly and ensure privacy.

Care has been taken to preserve as much as possible of the natural habitat and small game will roam in the undeveloped portion. Natural dams have been retained and more will be constructed. Apart from the natural attractions of the estate, another benefit is that at an elevation of about 950m above sea level, the area is about three degrees cooler than Nelspruit proper.

Prices of sectional title units range between R630 000 and R850 000 and prices of full title homes between R947 000 and R1,818m. Prices include VAT and transfer fees.