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Precinct to cater for everyone

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A PROPOSED northside development promises to be a community precinct, catering for all ages – from toddlers to retirees as well as the disabled.

Residential developer Traders In Purple has submitted an application to the Brisbane City Council for a \$125 million two-building mixed use project at 1A Northmore St, Mitchelton, near the Brookside Shopping Centre.

Traders In Purple general manager Brett Robinson said he wanted to deliver a project that offered a genuine community benefit.

"We've done a lot of research and work to determine what Mitchelton really needs from this project," he said.

"This is not one of those cookie cutter designed apartments buildings ... we hope it will become a precinct."

Designed by Arkhefield, one building will have 103 owner-occupier apartments, with the majority being large two and three-bedroom units.

Partnering with Life Without Barriers, 18 per cent of the apartments have been designed to meet a platinum level standard. If approved, it will be the first in Brisbane to be purpose-built for specialist disability accommodation under the



GROUND BREAKING: An artist's impression of Traders In Purple's mixed use project proposal at Northmore St, Mitchelton.

National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The other building will have 100 retirement apartments comprising 50 independent living units and 50 assisted living units. The assisted living apartments will have ad-

ditional services such as meals, cleaning and other selected home care services.

On the ground floors there are plans for a 70-place child-care centre and a specialised disability respite care centre.

Unrelated to Traders in

Purple, Japara Healthcare is proposing a new purpose-built 106-bed care facility next door.

Mr Robinson said having aged care, retirement apartments, specialised community services and owner-occupier apartments in one precinct

would significantly expand the services available to downsizers in the local area.

"But I'm most excited that we've been able to include specialist disability accommodation in our project," he said. "Being able to live an inde-

pendent life is something many of us take for granted.

"For the people who will one day live in these apartments, having their own place designed specifically to their individual requirements could be truly life altering."

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