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Summit Homes is ready to meet the demand for small-lot homes with a range of options and specifications so that clients can make a selection depending on lifestyle and budget

If you're buying a narrow block, you may well find yourself spoilt for choice when it comes to finding the perfect house to put on it. With skinnier sites now often the norm in new residential estates, builders are responding with a growing range of tailor-made designs.

Summit Homes now has a collection of 16 designs perfect for lots ranging from 10m wide to 14m wide.

Starting from \$159,499, the portfolio offers a choice of specifications so that clients can find the perfect match for not only their block, but also their lifestyle and budget.

"Cottage homes are now a very big part of mainstream design as developers have increased the number of cottage lots being released in estates, some by as much as 40 per cent of all lots released," says Tim Underwood, sales and marketing manager at Summit.

"In most cases, our designs have been created to fit a certain block width and, therefore, require little, if any, tweaking."

For first homebuyers, Tim says the beauty of a small lot is that it is usually more budget-friendly than a traditional lot.

For older couples looking to downsize, cottage homes offer lower maintenance and free up time and cash. Not only can these prime-timers take that dream trip overseas or move closer to the grandkids, they also get to enjoy a new home with all the mod cons.

"Narrow-lot living no longer means clients have to think and live small," Tim says.

Three of Summit's cottage-lot designs are

on display. Each with three bedrooms and two bathrooms, they showcase how compact homes can still offer bags of accommodation, plus an impressive line-up of features that includes solid-surface benchtops and high ceilings.

The narrowest of the three displays is the Chessell Cottage in Champion Lakes.

Designed for a 10m-wide block, it is just 8.75m wide but offers roomy, functional spaces that will appeal to a variety of buyers.

Glazed double doors lead out from the master suite to the deep veranda that is a key feature of the contemporary front elevation.

Also on display in Champion Lakes is the Waterside, another contemporary cottage making the most of a narrow block. Perfect for 13m-wide sites, it includes a home theatre and a rear master suite.

The Aurora, on display in Aveye, is ideal for

a 14m-wide building block and has the added benefit of a study.

The smallest home in Summit's narrow-lot collection is the Middleton Cottage, which offers almost 200sq m of accommodation. Just 8.87m wide, it is a popular off-the-plan design perfectly at home in an urban setting.

Like the Chessell Cottage, it sits happily on a 10m-wide block with rear access.

Tim says designing for a rear laneway means the garage is positioned at the back of the home instead of at the front.

"Because of this, it allows us to design an elevation that is not dominated at the front by the garage, thus allowing our designers to create a more functional design and appealing street presence," Tim says.

The Middleton Cottage features a detached garage linked to the house by the alfresco.

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Rivergum Cottage



Middleton Cottage



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