

Trendy high-rise tower a first for island



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an artist's impression of Modena on Chevron, which will be the inner-city island's first high-rise tower.

Stylish Chevron

WORK has begun on Chevron Island's first high-rise tower amid speculation further high-density apartment buildings could be in the island's future.

Situated between Stanhill Drive and Darrambal Street, the 10-level Modena on Chevron development will feature 64 luxury units in three buildings.

The \$36 million development was approved by council four years ago and should be completed by early 2010.

"I think it will be a positive thing for the island and probably in the future, depending on the financial situation," said Chevron and Cronin Islands Residents Association president Herb Gulikers.

"I am sure we will see more of

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those developments in the future if the land is available.

"As far as I know there were no objections to it."

The development will be built by the Beretta Property group and company director Marco Ferro said there was a positive response from island locals.

"We have had a particularly strong interest from Chevron Island residents who have lived on the island for some time," he said.

"We seem to be defying the current economic climate because we have sold 38 units, which is 60 per cent of the project."

Surfers Paradise Chamber of Commerce president Laura

Younger said Chevron Island was evolving.

"Whenever you see cranes, it is a positive sign," she said.

"Chevron Island is really coming ahead with the redevelopment of the area and it has been a long time coming.

"If the residents support it, then it is a good thing."

Division Seven councillor Susie Douglas said she was pleased to see the building was under way.

"It is good to see it is coming online now," she said.

"We are trying to get more people living on Chevron Island in high-density accommodation close to the CBD so they don't have to use cars."