

Building chemistry

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Celebrating its 10th year, Aquila Homes has cemented itself as a reliable builder in the industry, but it wasn't the easiest decision to open shop during an industry lull.

But the weak economy and a drop in new home builders a decade ago did not stop a hopeful Domenic Nardelli from powering ahead with starting up Aquila Homes.

"It wasn't a good time in the industry at that stage; it was a big step going into uncharted waters," he said.

Despite this risky step, Mr Nardelli was determined to open his business.

"There's no time like the present; like the old saying, 'don't leave for tomorrow what you can do today'," he said.

"I haven't looked back since so it's been brilliant."

Mr Nardelli started off his career with architecture drafting, moving into scheduling, before progressing to site supervision; all combining to make 22 years' experience in the industry.



"It's an exciting industry, it's full of challenges and a lot of job satisfaction," he said.

Filled with excitement for what he does, the high-spirited builder said he took great enjoyment from seeing his clients' new homes come together.

"It's very rewarding when they have been involved through the building process and you give them the keys to their dream home and just the excitement in their faces, it's priceless," Mr Nardelli said.

Building custom builds without the custom build price tag, the company provides innovative and forward-thinking ideas



for their clients' dream home to unfold, ensuring it fits their unique lifestyle and taste.

"I like building to the client's needs so for me if a client likes federation style I'll get enjoyment building that, if the client likes more contemporary I'll see enjoyment in that taking shape," he said.

Building your dream home is an exciting time, but with so many options available from designs, to builders, to aesthetics,

there's a lot to consider before jumping in.

"Take time in getting the design right and don't rush, be cautious, and I guess the biggest thing is to find someone you can trust," Mr Nardelli said.

"It's the biggest investment you'll make and you need that chemistry."

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