

On doctor's orders

86 Gugerl St,
Claremont

Price: Mid to high \$900,000s

Features: 4 bedrooms,
2 bathrooms, kitchen/meals/
family room, formal lounge,
activities area, double carport,
on 544sq m

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This low-maintenance, livable home is being reluctantly sold by a doctor who, at 71, is taking his own advice.

"I tell my patients that when they get old they should live within 300m of a shopping centre with a doctor and a pharmacy and a supermarket and a coffee shop, so that's what I'm doing," says Dr Neil Beck.

Built by Scott Park Homes four years ago, the property was designed specifically for Dr Beck and his two sons.

"I built it for myself purposely as a retirement place," he says. "It's got no steps or stairs and it's on the one level all the way through.

"I also designed it so there's separation between me and the boys.

"The boys were in their mid-20s when we moved in and had fairly active social lives.

"The separation means that you've got three bedrooms, one bathroom and an activity area on one side, while the formal lounge and my bedroom are on the other side."

Separating the two sides of the house is a spacious, open-plan kitchen, dining and informal living area, which is flooded with light from north-facing windows.

"Because the living-dining-kitchen area was fairly deep it might have got a little bit dark at the back," Dr Beck says, "so we made the roof higher and put a big triangular window in."

Built on a rear-strata block, the house is designed to need little maintenance.

