



Quality and reputation pave the way **AR Developments**

For over 20 years, AR Developments have been developing new communities and building high quality turnkey townhouses across South East Queensland for families and property investors. With quality control at front of mind and a solid reputation in the residential and investment markets, they needed to ensure their IT security was up to the task in today's cyber climate.

The Challenge

As the preferred property developer to many investors and owner occupiers, you need to know that your data assets and reputation are protected. For AR Developments, an IT Security Audit provided insights to enhance existing security and keep up with the latest available technology.

Mick McMillian, CEO at AR Developments said, 'We had general IT security concerns based on recent cyber crime articles in the news and media.'

It is essential that every business knows where they stand when it comes to IT security. Given that today's organisations depend on IT systems to an unprecedented level, a regular assessment of vulnerabilities helps businesses protect their data, revenue, and reputation. AR Developments wanted clarification that their IT systems were well secured against cyber threats.

'Speaking with another business owner that experienced a ransomware attack made us want to know we had appropriate security systems in place,' said Mick.

The Solution

'We were not overly surprised by the result of the audit, but there were some findings that I wasn't aware of. We have had good security practices in the past, but it did identify that we needed to continue stepping forward to keep up with technology advances in IT security,' said Mick.

TechPath were engaged to secure AR Developments' site with a Firewall as a major item and then proceeded with a staged implementation of other recommendations. This included enabling multi-factor authentication, increasing the strength of some passwords, and implementing stronger user account controls.

When asked how they feel about security now Mick replied, 'I still hear of other businesses being hacked or compromised which keeps us vigilant.'

The Outcome

TechPath's Security Audit is an in-depth review of network, server, cloud, and physical security, along with an audit of compliance systems, MFA/2FA, and user awareness. Our security experts use their skills to find all the ways your systems could be compromised, so you have complete peace of mind.

'We had been using TechPath as our IT Partner for many years and they seemed to have a thorough investigation and recommendation process which was easy to understand,' Mick said.

When asked if there are any lessons he would pass on, Mick replied, 'It is definitely worth getting a check done. You need to think of the cost of not doing it - as it is likely to be a "when" not "if" moment when it comes to cyber crime these days.'

He adds, 'When I talk to other business owners, we appear to be at a high standard in relation to security which gives us comfort.'

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