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## **Amana Living recognised as best aged care organisation in Australia at national industry awards**

Amana Living, one of Western Australia's largest not for profit aged care organisations, has scooped a national industry award for excellence at this year's hotly contested aged care national conference.

The Aged and Community Services of Australia (ACSA) National Excellence Award in the Organisation category was bestowed on the WA-based organisation, essentially recognising it as the best not-for-profit aged care provider in Australia.

Amana Living also reached the national finals in the media award category for its proactive and sustained media coverage, which seeks to raise awareness and understanding in the community for its work undertaken in the aged sector.

Ray Glickman, Amana Living's CEO, said Amana Living was honoured to have been recognised by the peak body for aged care in Australia, for the quality of its care and services in the WA community.

"We are genuinely thrilled to be recognised in this way," Mr Glickman said. "Amana Living always strives to reach the highest standards possible and this is a real honour for our organisation.

"It is an achievement which recognises the all-round commitment and dedication shown by our staff and volunteers every day, and I salute every one of them."

Amana Living is well known in the community for its philosophy of assisting its residents and clients to optimise their quality of life and their personal enrichment. Under the stewardship of its CEO, it has been awarded a number of state aged care awards for excellence over the past four years.

"As many in the community are aware, we are experiencing one of the most challenging times ever in the history of Australia's aged care sector, and to be recognised in this way is a major achievement for us," added Mr Glickman.

During the award ceremony, Amana Living was particularly recognised for its emphasis on innovation, training and customer service, as well as its commitment to the environment. It was awarded the organisation excellence award at ACSA's award dinner at the Perth Convention Centre on 14 September 2009.

Amana Living operates 17 retirement villages, 10 hostels, five nursing homes and three day clubs throughout Western Australia. It provides specialised care for residents with dementia and their families, as well as a wide range of community services to people living in their own homes.

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**Note to editors:**

"Amana Living" should not be shortened to Amana as this is a registered name of another company.