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Amana Living's affordable accommodation is given the thumbs up from Melissa Parke MP

Federal Member for Fremantle, Melissa Parke MP, will visit Amana Living's Hale House facility in Coolbellup on Tuesday 9 June to inspect the refurbishment work currently being finalised with Commonwealth funds on a range of units designed to provide affordable accommodation for seniors in our community.

The work will shortly be completed thanks to a grant of \$1.76 million provided to Amana Living by the Commonwealth government under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS). The project has also received WA State government funding, and the charitable organisation itself directly contributed a further \$500,000.

The funding has resulted in 22 unoccupied units being painted, re-carpeted and refurbished with new kitchens and bathrooms. The units are now available to eligible low-income seniors at a much reduced rental cost.

Ms Parke will tour the finished units with Chief Executive Officer of Amana Living, Ray Glickman, before taking time out to meet and spend time with residents of the retirement village.

"We are very pleased to welcome Melissa Parke to our facility and to give her the opportunity to see how the federal and state funding we have received, in addition to our own financial injection, has been used to assist local seniors on low incomes," said Mr Glickman.

"The refurbishment of these units furthers our mission to enable more people to remain living in quality homes, appropriate to their needs, and we are very pleased that Ms Parke has taken the time to view the accommodation and see the very real ways in which Amana Living helps older people remain living in their local community."

Ms Parke congratulated Amana Living on the completion of this important social housing project. "I am really pleased to see the NRAS funding put to such good use, and this government is certainly committed to helping organisations like Amana Living to address the severe shortage of social housing in communities across Australia.

With the additional investment made by Amana Living to the government funding, a number of other units have also been refurbished, in what has amounted to a \$2.261m upgrade of the facility.

Ms Parke will tour the facility at 2.30pm on Tuesday 9 June, followed by an afternoon tea with residents at the Hale House facility in Coolbellup.

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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