

\$2m Amana Living grant will provide more community accommodation

Amana Living has been granted almost \$2 million dollars in Commonwealth and State government funding to create quality and affordable accommodation for seniors at its Hale House facility in Coolbellup.

The \$1.76 million in funding, granted over 10 years under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), is being used to refurbish 22 unoccupied units which will be completed by April 2009.

The units have been painted, re-carpeted and refurbished with brand new kitchens and bathrooms. Under the NRAS scheme, they will be rented to eligible low-income seniors at a much reduced cost.

"This grant has enabled Amana Living to create much needed accommodation for seniors on low incomes and we are extremely pleased to be able to do this," said Suzi Cowcher, Acting CEO of Amana Living.

"The creation of these units furthers our mission to enable more people to remain living in the community, in quality homes appropriate to their needs."

The Hale House upgrade will also include the refurbishment of a number of additional units not covered by the grant, in what will amount to a \$2.261m upgrade of the facility by Amana Living. In total 47 units will undergo a major facelift.

Members of the local community who would like to gain more information about the completed units should contact Emma Carless on 9424 6382.

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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