



Subiaco's first truly 'green' office building

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The award-winning Northerly Group has commenced construction of a new state-of-the-art office building on the corner of Hay Street and Railway Road in Subiaco. On completion Amana Living, one of Western Australia's leading aged care providers, have agreed to purchase two floors of the building for their corporate headquarters.

The new building is one of the first projects registered through the Green Building Council of Australia in Subiaco and has been designed to offer best practice in energy efficiency.

Designed by Jolimont based architects Scott Penn Hall, the building embodies numerous environmentally sustainable design principles and will enable Amana Living and Northerly Group to reduce their office space requirements, thereby reducing their carbon emissions. The 'green' building will also include bike racks and showers to facilitate a healthy working environment.

Michael Lawson, a Director of Northerly Group, said the new office building named ECO 541 will become a local landmark in terms of sustainable development.

"It is also a validation of our philosophy at Northerly and our commitment to trust and transparency and doing the right thing," he added.

Amana Living CEO, Ray Glickman, said the not for profit organisation needed to relocate from its current site in Cottesloe which has been earmarked for development to provide additional aged care services for its residents and clients.

"This move will enable us to focus on good environmental practice and sustainability within the WA aged care sector," he said. "In all the projects we undertake we work hard to reduce energy and water use and to provide our employees with a modern and comfortable place to work.

"Although our core objective is to provide excellence in aged and community care, we are also committed to our workforce and to providing our staff with the best working conditions possible."

Amana Living's new head office is scheduled for completion in August 2009. The company will own and occupy the ground floor of the building and will lease the middle floor. Northerly Group will occupy the top floor.

Staff at Amana Living's current head office in Cottesloe are scheduled to move into the building in September 2009. The current site has been earmarked for eventual redevelopment as part of Amana Living's \$300m refurbishment program to improve services and facilities.

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