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Fresh face for Amana Living retirement village

A major facelift has given a new lease of life to Amana Living's Inglewood retirement living facility, St Francis Court. The five-storey block just a short walk from Beaufort Street shops and buses has emerged from an 18-month, \$3.75m refurbishment to offer a fresh crop of single-bedroom apartments at attractive prices.

To minimise disruption to existing residents in the 91-unit independent living complex, the renovation took place progressively.

As part of the freshening up process, the units have been repainted and gained new vinyl flooring in the kitchens and new lights throughout. Bedrooms have been fitted with new robes, and smoke detection equipment upgraded. Kitchens came in for special attention, older-style cupboards being replaced with gleaming vinyl wrap ones, thoughtfully bevelled at the entry point to allow freer access.

Although compact, the all-electric kitchens are designed to be user-friendly for older people. They have floor-to-ceiling cabinets, pot drawers and a stainless steel Omega oven, a pull out pantry and 'lazy susan' in the corner cupboard.

The single bathroom in each unit has new cabinetry and tapware, and where required, ageing shower screens have been renewed.

Twenty of the units are currently available for occupation, with over-55 residents contributing an initial one-off fee of \$35,000 for smaller apartments suitable for singles, and \$47,000 for bigger ones for couples, plus a weekly rental of between \$60 and \$77, used to offset maintenance costs, insurance and administration.

The grounds of St Francis Court have also been landscaped and improved with two new gazebos. A hair dressing salon and new lift cars were included in improvement to service areas.

Amana Living, the principal aged care agency of the Anglican Diocese of Perth, currently operates 17 retirement villages, 10 hostels and five nursing homes throughout WA. 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.

More than 1400 residents patronise the facilities, with an additional 700 in home and day care, supported by approximately 1200 staff and 500 volunteers.

For further information on the Amana Living St Francis Court rental units, contact Leah Tapping on 9424 6381.

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