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BREAKGROUND HERALDS NEW ERA OF AGED CARE FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This week marked the commencement of construction of Hall & Prior's new \$90 million Karingal Green aged care precinct in High Wycombe.

Karingal Green is a world-class aged care precinct providing a multitude of residential options, specialist services and in-home & community aged care services for Western Australia.

It is the outcome of Hall & Prior's determination to deliver an exceptional, well-considered aged care proposition to the Western Australian community and has been supported by the Commonwealth Government contributing \$12 million of capital funding support, \$41 million in senior debt from National Australia Bank and subordinated finance from The Fire & Emergency Services Superannuation Fund.

The Karingal Green aged care precinct is anticipated to create 250 new jobs across the delivery of its residential and home care offer. An additional 200 jobs will be created during the construction phase of the project.

Designed by leading international architects Hassell Studio and to be built by Broad Construction, Karingal Green heralds a new era in Western Australian aged care.

Hall & Prior Chief Executive Officer, Graeme Prior said the project had been planned for over a decade and they were thrilled to see it now underway.

"This is a flagship development for Hall & Prior and has involved significant research and development and investment to plan and build.

"On completion the 1.6 hectare planned community will include 160 aged care beds, world-class health and wellness facilities, health and lifestyle programs, rehabilitation services, research & training facilities and day respite services." Mr Prior said.

"It will feature a wellness centre, cinema, private dining, primary & allied health clinic, café, gymnasium, hydro-pool and onsite staff development and training facilities to ensure the highest quality of care services are available to residents and the local community."

According to Mr Prior, Karingal Green responds to a growing demand for aged care services in Western Australia and will set new benchmarks in the provision of contemporary aged care.

"As people age and have greater care needs, they not only want access to world-class care, health services and facilities - they also want to remain connected to their community. And experience tells us, that in-care health outcomes are better when spouses stay together and people retain their daily relationship with both family and community.

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“Our focus is on responding to our senior community and continually evolving our services and facilities to align with their needs and wants.

“Karingal Green does just that. It is forward thinking and challenges perceptions of aged care. It responds to the demands of an ageing population by giving them the choice of care to suit their individual lifestyles and needs. It provides the very best services, care, accommodations and facilities – it’s now for them to access as they choose.” Mr Prior added.

“This is a wellness precinct that will develop and evolve with the residents and community it serves. It’s design and functionality has been thoughtfully considered – not just for the ‘now’ but also with the realisation it will continue to service Western Australia for the next 50 years.”

Karingal Green’s care approach and services are industry leading with both high dependency and low care needs catered for on site, to allow residents to ‘age in place’ and enable couples to remain together.

Specialised care services are in accordance with world’s best practice and include a dedicated dementia care wing within the precinct as well as young disabled care facilities which will cater for the high level 24/7 care needs of younger residents while also providing age and lifestyle appropriate services and facilities. The Hall & Prior owned & operated project also leverages its award-winning care program, providing much needed in-home & community aged care services to approximately 150 people within the local region.

Commenting on the design elements of Karingal Green, Mr Prior said, “numerous design and building features were incorporated specifically to ensure its integration into its natural surroundings and community.”

“Every element has been considered and included from features that enhance views and natural daylight to elements that ensure ease of movement and add character to achieve a feeling of ‘homeliness’.

“The precinct will also connect with the surrounding community so residents can still contribute and participate within the wider community and unite with friends and family.

“In the long term Karingal Green will deliver significant benefits to the community in terms of access to a premium aged care product and the many benefits associated with that, including employment creation and opportunities for the local business community.” Mr Prior added.

- Karingal Green is scheduled for completion in December 2019.
- Karingal Green is located on Hawkevale Road, High Wycombe.

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ABOUT KARINGAL GREEN

Karingal Green is a world-class aged care precinct by award-winning creators of aged care communities, Hall & Prior. Located in High Wycombe and due for completion in late 2019, Karingal Green will provide a much needed, new and innovative approach to aged care in Western Australia.

The precinct will include 160 beds catering to all levels of care needs and provide specialist services (including young disabled & dementia care) as well as in-home and community aged care services. It will be a space for healing with access to state-of-the-art facilities including a wellness centre, hydrotherapy pool, gymnasium, café, cinema, primary & allied health clinic and dedicated research, training & education centre.

This unique, integrated precinct will increase access to leading, quality and relevant aged care, and deliver better health outcomes for local residents and the wider community in a safe, peaceful, connected location.

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ABOUT HALL & PRIOR

Hall & Prior has provided award winning aged care services in the Western Australian and New South Wales communities for more than 25 years. The private, family-owned business today operates 25 residential aged care services, as well as in-home and community care programs.

Caring for more than 1,500 people in residential care, providing services to 1,000 in-home & community clients and employing 2,100 professional and specialist staff, Hall & Prior is dedicated to achieving social outcomes for all Australian's who need care.

Receiving 11 accolades in the past seven years from The Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Better Practice Awards, Hall & Prior is a known leader in the provision of specialist care services including dementia care. The team is committed to research and development to ensure leading and accessible care that makes a real difference to the lives of its residents and their families.

Its newest aged care development in Western Australia, Karingal Green, is evidence of this – offering both high quality, contemporary design and leading care & healing services for residents and integrated programs servicing the local community.

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