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LEISURE CENTRE BRINGS NEW LIFE TO WOODCROFT VILLAGE

Transforming a small 'green shed' into a luxury leisure centre has won national recognition for Living Choice's Woodcroft retirement village in Adelaide.

The Living Choice Woodcroft Leisure Centre rebuild has taken out the Keeley Green Interior Design Award for Best Refurbishment in the National Retirement Living Awards, which was presented at a gala ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra.

When Living Choice acquired the Woodcroft village in 2015, the owners Ian Tregoning and Graham Hobbs were shocked to discover the 21-year old village and its almost 250 residents had never had a community centre. Residents were forced to meet in a small 'green shed' for village social activities or hire venues outside the village.

In February this year, the new \$7 million two-storey leisure centre, incorporating six new apartments, was officially opened. It includes a theatre, pool, gym, meeting rooms and specialist rooms.

The new facility includes a number of treatments to improve energy efficiency, comfort and sustainability ranging from 113 solar panels, thermally efficient glazing and extensive use of energy-efficient LED lighting, through to high quality artificial and non-slip grass surfaces and environmentally-friendly cladding products.

The new leisure centre has enhanced village life for residents, strengthening the sense of community and offering a wide range of activities and services. The new centre is a meeting place for residents and their families and where people can pursue hobbies and activities, consult health professionals and stay fit.

The leisure centre has been warmly welcomed by residents and described as a 'flagship' of what can be achieved in delivering better services that can be enjoyed by residents and the local community through the creation of a warm, welcoming space.

The National Retirement Living Awards recognise high achievement across all areas of the retirement living sector, by people and companies helping ensure senior Australians have an enjoyable retirement. Awards are presented in seven categories from nominations across Australia.

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There are currently more than 180,000 people living in more than 2,300 retirement villages across Australia. With 22 per cent of Australians expected to be over the age of 65 by 2054, the need for comfortable, affordable and supportive retirement living options is ever-increasing.

More information is available at www.retirementlivingawards.com.au

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