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INNOVATIVE DESIGN SOLUTIONS TO HELP AGEING IN PLACE

Brisbane's first integrated retirement community designed to help residents 'age in place' has been presented the nettletontribe Award for Design Excellence at the National Retirement Living Awards 2018 gala ceremony at Parliament House in Canberra.

The Aveo Newstead community in Brisbane has been recognised for its world-class community and building typology, combining independent premium retirement living with sophisticated residential aged care options and first-class lifestyle amenities above a vibrant urban village.

Care and wellbeing services have been incorporated into the building's design to ensure residents can age in place over time by providing all levels of care within the one community, along with premium lifestyle facilities such as a gym, day spa, library, private movie theatre, restaurant and bar, business centre and beauty salon. There is also a wellness suite with a GP and allied health services.

The building has been designed to accommodate residents by providing flexibility to age in place from independent living to residential aged care. The ability to transition within the building as their care levels or circumstances change mean that important connections, including friends, family and support networks, remain unchanged. The building includes a range of one, two and three bedroom apartments and penthouses to cater for a wide variety of needs and support services.

Independent living apartments include simple design considerations to maximise flexibility, including kitchens with wider than standard galleys for ease of access and turning circles for mobility devices; raised appliances; swipe card entry; larger than normal light switches and increased door widths. The development features no step thresholds throughout the building, improving mobility and reducing trip or fall hazards.

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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