

A retirement renaissance

Seniors are becoming more particular about their retirement living, with retirement complexes needing to be much more than just a comfortable place to live.

No longer seen as a place to simply age, retirement villages are changing to meet the needs of today's older residents - fit, active people who have a demand for fun and enjoyment and are unwilling to compromise on quality of life, including where they live.

That is what Melbourne-based builder Ravida Group set about to achieve in its new development, Renaissance Living, in Surrey Hills. Aimed at the luxury retirement market, the 43-apartment retirement complex offers high-end independent living.

Designed by JAM Architects, with interior specialists, Peter Strachan Interiors, the complex

features a modern classic design coupled with practical, low-maintenance living options to provide the ultimate lifestyle for active seniors.

To ensure independent living is maintained and embraced, the one, two or three bedroom apartments have private balcony, allocated undercover car parking, communal areas and a central landscaped courtyard.

"Australia's population is aging with the baby boomers now entering their early retirement and demanding luxurious living solutions for the over 55s market," says Don Ravida, managing director.

The complex has an Active Health and Leisure Centre, comprising a pool, spa, gym and massage

rooms, along with a range of amenity, including restaurant and bar, private function room, library, games room, workshop, communal garden, central court yard and 24 hour emergency assistance.

"We have accounted for all of the little extras such as a pool, gym and games room to encourage residents to get to know each other which will build the community," says Ravida.

"The complex will offer a safe and secure environment with a well-equipped staff to manage all the daily requirements such as general maintenance, landscaping and security - all residents have to do is sit back and relax while everything is taken care of."

