



CASE STUDY

Specialist Disability Accommodation, Bayview Rd, McCrae

Background

A result of collaboration between a design and construct operator, Aged Care Developments and Morton Dunn architects, this highly considerate project was commissioned by GenU, an organisation whose mission is to build happier and healthier lives for people living with disabilities and those experiencing disadvantage.

This development was no exception. An example of independent and sustainable housing that answers to the individual needs of the occupants, the beautifully-appointed McCrae project is a Specialist Disability Accommodation completed in August 2021. Built on an elevated block, the state-of-the-art development comprises six bedrooms, three ensuites, two kitchens and a selection of store rooms, large accessible bathroom, laundry and lift for easy access.

Challenge

Based on the profile of the accommodation, it was paramount for the interiors to be an inviting fusion of practical serviceability and comfortable luxury. While ensuring ease of maintenance and mobility were appropriately prioritised, the accommodation had to retain an elegant look and feel in order to generate a pleasant and empowering space that would feel like home.

This consideration had to be reflected in all the fittings and fixtures throughout the interiors, including the bathrooms, where accommodating mobility limitations felt particularly important in order to create a space that nurtured dignity and sense of independence.



Solution

Caroma LiveWell is a dedicated range of products designed to help create empowering independent living solutions. Designed with purpose, this specialised collection is a result of extensive collaboration with health and aged-care specialists, and offers a mindfully curated selection of innovative solutions that enhance the wellbeing of the occupants. A reliable combination of meaningful design, quality and timeless aesthetic, the range was ideal for this project, and as such, an extensive selection of Caroma's products was specified for the ensuites and bathrooms.

While Caroma's Liano Cleanflush Easy Height Wall Faced Suite with Liano Double Flap Seat was installed in the staff ensuite, Caroma's Care 800 Cleanflush Wall Faced Suite Pedigree II Care Double Flap Seat was installed in the resident ensuites and bath toilet suites. This particular model was designed with ease of cleaning and maintenance in mind, and caters for residents with restricted movement, with extended 800mm pan projection making it suitable for wheelchair use.

In addition, the Liano Nexus Semi Recessed Basin Single Tap Hole - with exposed pipework beneath the bench - was specified for the staff ensuite and a selection of resident ensuites. For the bath wall hand basin, the specifiers selected Opal 900 Twin Wall Basin Single Tap Hole. Both products have been designed with modern simplicity and ease of use in mind, elevating not only aesthetic appeal, but also the practicality of the bathroom spaces.

These fixtures were then completed with the addition of Skandic Care Sink Mixer (Hot/Cold) and Skandic Care Basin Mixer (Hot/Cold) - both with extended lever handle for added convenience, particularly for the residents with restricted movement - which were specified in staff ensuite basin taps, kitchens and a selection of resident ensuites. To ensure a consistent look and feel for the laundry, ensuite and one of the bathrooms, Caroma Elegance II Washing Machine Set CP and Skandic Bath/ Shower Mixer with the Urban Multifunction Fixed Wall Shower were selected. Caroma's Elegance II Washing Machine Set CP and Skandic Bath/ Shower Mixer with the Urban Multifunction Fixed Wall Shower were selected.

Combining modern simplicity and timeless elegance, as well as ease of maintenance and utmost considerations for limitations where mobility is involved, Caroma's range of products helped create a stunning, and comfortable interior that fosters independence, enhances wellness and celebrates the individual needs of the residents. "When needing products that are luxurious whilst maintaining a high level of serviceability and reliability and ensuring compliance with AS 1428.1, the obvious answer was Caroma," says Jesse Selby-Hele, the Construction Manager of the project.

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