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Space and elegance await in well-planned abode

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This elegantly appointed residence is an excellent choice for seniors wanting space in a great location.

Boasting an air of elegance, this recently refurbished villa is centrally located at Mercy Village Wembley.

Speaking to *West Real Estate*, Seniors Own Real Estate Managing Director Mike Graebner said the villa offered plenty of space and was ideal for people ready to downsize.

"With a living space of 122sqm plus a large



single-car garage with extra space for storage, downsizing from your family home will be a smooth transition," he said.

Seniors Own Real Estate Sales Consultant Caryl Sutrisno said this north-facing residence was surprisingly spacious and featured a recently refurbished kitchen and bathroom.

The villa features two bedrooms and one bathroom. It also has a study which could be used as a third bedroom if required.

"Designed with functionality at its core, the bedrooms are located away from the main living areas," Ms Sutrisno said. "The main bedroom has a semi-ensuite bathroom with a generously sized shower recess.

"The second bedroom looks out on to the central atrium and has a built-in robe while the third bedroom or study overlooks the rear courtyard."

Ms Sutrisno said the home was built specifically for seniors. It has wide passageways and

doorways and does not have any steps.





"Residents have direct access into the house from the garage," she said.

The villa is in the centre of the retirement village and just a short stroll from the residents' community centre.

"The shared communal area includes a recently refurbished library and reading room, a fully equipped gym, consulting rooms, an activity room, a sheltered alfresco, a multi-use function room with a lounge and dining area, a bar, a kitchen and a movie screen," Ms Sutrisno said.

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Address: 49/71 Ruislip Street Price: \$675,000

This immaculately presented villa is designed to accommodate couples with ease. Featuring contemporary fittings throughout, the home was recently refurbished and includes splitsystem reverse-cycle air-conditioning in the main living area and main bedroom. Mercy Village offers great shared amenities and has a pet-friendly policy.

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"There are also barbecue facilities on the upstairs terrace and communal gardens for residents to relax in."

Contact Ms Sutrisno for further information or to arrange a viewing.

Revamped hotel provides superior accommodation

CHRIS THURMOTT

If you had to guess, where do you think you would be if you were told you were standing in the same spot Oprah, Michael Buble, Beyonce, Sting, John Cleese or former British Prime Minister Tony Blair once stood?

If you guessed The Richardson in West Perth you would be right. Kind of.

The Richardson used to be a five-star hotel, and it was then that it hosted movie stars and dignitaries.

Today though, following an extensive refurbishment, The Richardson extends hospitality to a different kind of guest – it has been transformed into an aged care home.

According to Oryx Communities CEO Michelle De Ronchi, this is the first conversion of its kind in Western Australia and to the best of her knowledge, in all Australia.

"We provide a five-star living environment combined with exceptional care and services," she said.

Ms De Ronchi said the hotel's floor plan worked well with Oryx Communities' ethos of creating small communities as part of its philosophy of care.

Comprising 92 units across eight floors, each



floor only accommodates 11-14 residents.

"This supports social connections between carers, residents and their families, enabling optimal health and wellbeing outcomes for our residents and their loved ones," Ms De Ronchi said.

"Creating small supported communities, we have been able to foster close relationships between our residents, their family and friends and our dedicated team. Being able to access and utilise the various amenities and spaces to entertain has enabled close friendships to be formed amongst residents and their families."

The heated indoor swimming pool and fully equipped on-site gym have proven to be popular with The Richardson's residents.

"We hold regular pool classes that are well attended and genuinely enhance our residents' wellbeing," Ms De Ronchi said. "The pool is also used by family and friends and is a particular hit with grandchildren.

"The seven-day dynamic lifestyle program, which includes excursions, exercise routines, time in the heated pool, unique experiences and enrichment activities, is also well supported."

When the time comes to relax, there is the theatre room to retire to for watching a movie or the latest sports game in the company of others. Alternatively, residents can make the most of an on-demand TV entertainment package in their own rooms.

A restaurant, cafe and bar are on hand to entertain guests and allow residents to socialise.

The Richardson enjoys an enviable location close to Kings Park and is within range of cafes and shops.

Easy access to CAT buses and public transport ensures residents can enjoy some independence.

Ms De Ronchi said the uptake of suites and apartments exceeded all expectations but there were still some suites and rooms available with views of the city and towards Kings Park.

Prices start at \$550,000. The Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) and flexible payment options are available.

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