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AJ+C completes another landmark aged care facility for HammondCare

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The dirt has settled, the final brick laid and the doors are now open for the latest Allen Jack+Cottier (AJ+C) designed Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF). This 90 bed dementia care facility is accommodated over six self-contained cottages for the HammondCare Group in Horsley, west of Dapto, NSW. HammondCare is an independent Christian charity with a long held commitment to innovation and excellence in dementia care. AJ+C has been the leader in seniors living architecture for over a decade with international recognition for the design of dementia care facilities.

The design, from the conceptual layout through to details such as door handle selection is focused on creating an environment where people can feel physically, socially and spiritually 'at home'.

"Cueing" helps residents navigate their way around the cottage and is achieved using different timber panels; natural lighting and adding picture frames of collectables on bedroom doors

HammondCare Horsley is a new, bright and airy facility which is linked by generous courtyards, secured gardens and covered walkways with views of farmland and the Illawarra Ranges.

This facility not only caters for on-site care, but is taking the next step by operating as a base for the Community Aged Care Packages (CACP) and Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH). Both programs enable the local community to receive care without having to relocate to a nursing home. The Horsley base will enable HammondCare staff and volunteers to coordinate the care offered by these programs, which is tailored to meet the needs of each of its end-users, whether it be a weekly clean of the house, or a trip to the local shopping centre for groceries.

Since Grindley Construction's official handover to HammondCare, the facility has been in demand, with five of the six cottages already occupied ahead of schedule.

AJ+C is also commencing construction on another development for HammondCare at Hammondville, in southwest Sydney. It will consist of the first 10 of 45 independent living units (ILUs) and a new village centre, linking this project with earlier stages of ILUs at the village.

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