



Quest Apartments to add \$2 million a year to Shepparton economy

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Quest Serviced Apartments opens its doors in Shepparton on July 6, generating 15 jobs and injecting an estimated \$2 million a year into the local economy.

The new property will invigorate Shepparton's industries and provide high-end accommodation to the Greater Shepparton region. The property has been purchased by franchisees Robert Sumpton, Peter Sweetland and Sonya Boaden.

Robert and Peter are returning to Shepparton after previously running a motel in for five years in Shepparton some years ago. Sonya previously held the position of National Operations Manager at Quest head office and will partner with Peter to run the property on a daily basis.

Quest Chairman, Paul Constantinou, said that during construction, the project generated 200 jobs and brought an estimated \$8 million to the region, supporting local suppliers and providers in the process.

The new complex will service the accommodation needs of the local farming and food production industry, as well as regional tourism and the large sporting facilities available in the area.

"We understand just how important it is to contribute to the town, both in economic terms and providing the level of accommodation required to meet the growing needs of industry in the area," Mr Constantinou said.

The established food production, horticulture and farming industries critical to Shepparton will all benefit from this new accommodation offering.

Shepparton Mayor, Geoff Dobson, said the new Quest opening shows confidence in the future of the Goulburn Valley region.

"Quest accommodation is a much-needed addition to the mix of accommodation already available," Mr Dobson said.

"Quest's apartments will be valued by all visitors to the Goulburn Valley. The new accommodation will particularly support workers coming into Shepparton for weeks at a time in pursuit of farming employment and in service of the food production industry."



Quest Shepparton is a modern property, featuring 69 studio, one, two and three-bedroom serviced apartments spread over four levels, with an anticipated 4½ Star AAA Tourism rating. The property includes on-site undercover car parking, gymnasium and conference facilities that can cater for up to 70 people.

Located close to the centre of town at 177-183 Welsford Street, Quest Shepparton boasts fully equipped kitchen and laundry facilities, plus broadband internet access and Austar. It will also offer chargeback at a selection of local restaurants.

“Quest will have everything the business traveller needs. It will suit people staying for shorter periods and will feel like a home-away-from-home for those who want to stay longer,” Mr Constantinou said.

At a glance

Construction started: June 2008

Cost of development: \$13.5 million

Date opens: 6 July 09

Anticipated number of staff to be employed: 15

Accommodation type: Anticipated 4.5 star serviced apartments

Address: 177-183 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Business structure: franchise

About Quest Serviced Apartments

Quest has become Australasia's largest provider of serviced apartments, with more than 120 properties across Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Established in 1988, Quest offers stylish, well appointed and spacious apartments designed with the business traveller in mind.

With separate bedrooms and living areas, fully equipped kitchens, additional amenities and high service standards, Quest provides flexible accommodation that allows its guests to work or relax in complete comfort.

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