



Quest Apartments opens first green property in Mawson Lakes

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Quest Serviced Apartments opens its doors in Mawson Lakes with a green accommodation offer on September 21, 2009. It will become one of the first to meet the community's renowned environmental sustainability requirements, with: recycled water (toilets and landscaping irrigation); solar hot water; energy efficient lighting; and energy efficient heating and cooling included throughout its design.

The Mawson Lakes community was purposefully built with strict Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) principles enforced throughout the 620 hectare Delfin Land Lease development. Such town planning seeks to create a sustainable place in which to live, work and play.

Mawson Lakes exemplifies an emerging trend across Adelaide and South Australia where new developments are increasingly incorporating ESD principles. Two new developments following this model are currently planned for Bowden and Cheltenham. Both sites lie on the northwest fringes of Adelaide.

The new Quest property will not only compliment the Mawson Lakes community, but will also provide environmentally sustainable accommodation to the greater Adelaide region for many years to come.

Quest Chairman, Paul Constantinou, said, "We understand just how important it is to minimise our ecological footprint. That's why we incorporate environmentally sustainable design elements into all our latest accommodation offerings. Throughout the Quest Mawson Lakes development we've aimed to be on par with, if not a step ahead of, government environmental requirements."

The project, which was managed by Corporate Property Services Pty. Ltd. generated 225 jobs and brought an estimated \$12 million to the region, supporting local suppliers and providers in the process. On opening, Quest Mawson Lakes will generate 13 local jobs and inject an estimated \$4 million a year into the local economy.

Industrial and institutional businesses rapidly developing in Mawson Lakes are set to benefit from this new accommodation offering.

City of Salisbury Mayor, Ms. Gillian Aldridge, said the new Quest opening shows confidence in the future of the Mawson Lakes region.



“One of Councils’ key directions is ensuring the future environmental sustainability of our city. We’re very excited that Mawson Lakes’ fantastic development is continuing to attract high quality design principles such as those implemented by Quest,” Ms Aldridge said.

The property has been purchased by franchisees Simon and Danielle Neck and features 66 studio, one, two and three-bedroom serviced apartments spread over four levels, with an anticipated 4.5 Star AAA Tourism rating. The property includes on-site undercover car parking, gymnasium and conference facilities that can cater for up to 55 people.

Located at 33-37 Main Street, Quest Mawson Lakes boasts fully equipped kitchen and laundry facilities, plus in-room broadband internet access and Foxtel connection.

“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: Mid July 2008

Cost of development: \$12 million

Date opens: 21 September 09

Anticipated number of staff to be employed: 13

Accommodation type: Anticipated 4.5 star serviced apartments

Address: 33-37 Main Street, Mawson Lakes SA 5095

Business structure: Franchise

About Quest Serviced Apartments

Quest has become Australasia’s largest provider of serviced apartments, with 127 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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