

Green light for revolutionary Elders housing complex

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Noongar Mia Mia's complex will set new housing sustainability standards for Aboriginal Elders. (Image: Supplied)

A housing complex for Aboriginal Elders and their carers in Western Australia has received the go-ahead.

Indigenous community housing provider Noongar Mia Mia partnered with precast building technology firm NXT TEC on the project near Midland.

The complex will comprise 11 units, including seven two-bedroom and four studio units, providing secure and sustainable residences for Elders who otherwise would not have access to culturally safe housing.

The project supports Noongar Mia Mia's goal of providing homes for Elders to help reduce financial and housing stress, improving their quality of life and recognising their contributions to community.

Noongar Mia Mia chair and Wadjuk/Ballardong woman, Jasmine Kadic, said the Woodbridge Project would create 40 direct jobs during construction.

"We are excited to come together with NXT TEC to build not just houses, but homes for our Elders," she said.

"This is a significant step forward in ensuring our people have access to quality housing that reflects their dignity and heritage.

"We are looking forward to starting this journey and creating spaces where our Elders can thrive within the Noongar Mia Mia community."

Noongar Mia Mia was contracted to purchase the 1,695sqm site at the Midland estate for the project.

The Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation will own and manage the complex and receive support throughout the project.

The two-bedroom units feature open-plan living, a double-height void, and a second bedroom on the upper level designed to accommodate carers, with all residences set to raise the bar for sustainability standards by using the NXT Building System.

NXT TEC chair and managing director, Natasha Di Ciano, said all units would meet the highest industry standards for accessibility.

Communal gathering areas within the development's native landscape enhance the project's cultural elements, while sustainability measures included a 7-star energy rating via aspects such as solar panels and off-peak hot water systems.

The 11 units will be close to St John of God Midland Hospital, shops and public transport.