



Organic patterns create calming aged care flooring

Project: Amaroo Village

Location: Perth, Western Australia

Product: Powerbond Meridia –
Persian Garden & Gilded Linen
Powerbond Regalia –
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Seeking a calming yet practical flooring solution for an award-nominated aged care facility, Tarkett liaised with the architects and interior designers of Amaroo Village, a new double-storey 74-bed specialist aged care facility in Perth, Western Australia.

De Fiddes Design was engaged to undertake selections of all interior finishes, including flooring, and worked with Tarkett to create a solution that met the client brief for the environment to be welcoming and relaxing for residents.

Tarkett Australia National Aged Care BDM Matt Potent said the eventual flooring solutions were inspired by organic patterns and colours. “De Fiddes Design was tasked to create an environment that was welcoming and relaxing for the residents,” said Mr Potent. “We know that proximity to nature helps recharge our personal batteries. Amaroo Village is set in gentle bushland and we drew on research around that to suggest flooring designs that helps to bring natural qualities indoors and provide a calming environment for the residents.”



Subsequently, Tarkett Powerbond – a nylon pile carpet with a closed-cell impervious backing – was chosen.

The Powerbond range was selected after consultation with the client to understand the needs of residents and reviewing the latest research on designing for elderly and those living with dementia.

“With the aesthetics and comfort of carpet, Powerbond seams can be cold-welded to create an integrated, impermeable floor covering ideally suited for health and aged care applications,” Mr Potent said. “We know that spillage is one of the main challenges staff and residents may face and, with no leakage, Powerbond is impervious to spills.

“It also needed to be a sustainable solution which fitted within the client’s budget.”

Products chosen for the buildings’ flooring from the Powerbond range included Meridia – for its soft, tone-on-tone all-over pattern that provides an eye-catching alternative to solid colour, and Regalia – a soft stipple all-over effect that adds an energising flourish.

Gary Batt Associates Architects was responsible for Amaroo Village’s architectural design, which includes two residential aged care facilities, a library, hairdresser and open barbecue space. Both Gary Batt Associates Architects and De Fiddes Design were Finalists in the 2018 Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards for the project.