



Mt Eliza Gardens achieves a welcoming feel with Tarkett Garden Walk Collection

Tarkett's Garden Walk collection provides long lasting durability for Mt Eliza Gardens in Victoria. This tufted Broadloom Carpet collection brings a luxurious, welcoming feeling to the 140-bedroom Aged Care residence.

Mt Eliza Gardens is owned and operated by the family-run Australian Aged Care Group, which has been delivering premium Aged Care for over 60 years. This extensive experience in creating state-of-the-art residential communities provides an understanding of the materials that will best make their residents feel at home. For Australian Aged Care Group, this includes specifying Carpet from Tarkett.

Carpet that combines function with aesthetics

Designed by Smith+Tracey Architects, the facility provides each bedroom with a private balcony and ensuite. It incorporates three-tiered suspended sprawling garden terraces, offering views over Victoria's Canadian Bay, and is set among mature landscaped surroundings.

"The client's brief was to create a residence that had a luxurious look with the comfort of home," says Hayley Hadj, Senior Interior Designer at Smith+Tracey. This needed to be balanced by the practical requirements of an Aged Care facility, which meant materials had to be both aesthetic and highly functional.

"The group had previously installed Tarkett Carpet in their other residential facilities which has performed perfectly for Aged Care." says Paul Burrows, Tarkett's Victorian State Manager. "It has always performed well for them, so they wanted to use it again, only with an updated design."

Broadloom Carpet for a luxurious feel

With Broadloom Carpet installed in all the corridors and public areas, which include a cinema, café and bar, and private dining room, Hayley and her team chose the tufted Carpet range, Radiance in the colour Stellar's Jay. Radiance is part of the Garden Walk collection, designed to create feelings of well-being.

"With the theme of luxury," notes Hayley, "colour was very important, and we wanted a scheme that was both timeless and suited the environment. The subtle blue-grey Carpet features a beautiful metallic yarn running through it which compliments the brass details and other fittings throughout the space."

"It was important to use patterning and colour to break up the long corridors with visual interest. The stylish design was also great for emphasising the six-star luxury feel. Given it was a patterned Carpet, we decided to use a custom plain colour from the Acadia collection to compliment the design and run along the perimeter as a border."



Custom colourways made easy

"The customisation process was really easy," says Hayley. "The Tarkett team provided us with several design options for the border Carpet. We found the perfect shade, and once we'd selected the main design, ordering the custom product was very straightforward."

As part of Tarkett's Garden Walk collection, Radiance is designed to welcome residents and guests with the warmth and comfort of home. Its warm array of colour and pattern gently alludes to organic materials from the outdoor environment and embraces the imperfect beauty of the natural world.

In contrast, Acadia, from the Island Gate collection, adds soft and subtle styling to independent and assisted-living environments. With delivering improved acoustics and lasting performance, Acadia's subtle single tones blend easily with furniture and fittings.

Backing quality products with excellent customer support

"Both Radiance and Acadia are high-performance Broadloom Carpets which are specifically designed to provide a luxurious feel to commercial spaces, making it ideal for Aged Care, Hotels and high-end finishes." notes Paul.

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Along with providing the optimum products for Aged Care facilities, Tarkett's customer support team provided an invaluable service in keeping the project running, particularly as it was begun in 2019. "Unfortunately, it went on through the time of Covid-19," Hayley notes, "which did create some logistical challenges."

"We looked after all the pricing and facilitated the compliance aspects of the project, such as fire certification. We assisted in arranging deliveries and attended site visits during the installation to ensure everything was in place for installation day," says Paul.

"I think what Australian Aged Care Group and its contractors valued most about working with Tarkett was the personalised service, with a local team member on the road ready to attend site and answer questions. And the fact that we have products uniquely suited to Aged Care facilities that also have the level of luxury and homeliness valued by residents, families and staff."

Project: Mt Eliza Gardens Aged Care

Product: Radiance Stellar's Jay Ergoblock & Acadia Ergostop

Architect: Smith+Tracey Architects

Installation: Trump Floor Coverings

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