


# BATHROOM DESIGN FOR CLINICAL HYGIENE AND AN AGEING POPULATION.



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Case Study 1

Mark Moran Vacluse - Luxury Seniors Living Precinct





## MARK MORAN VAUCLUSE

Luxury Seniors Living

The Mark Moran Group recently opened their latest luxury retirement, aged care and wellness precinct in the exclusive Sydney suburb of Vacluse. The complex is more reminiscent of a high-end boutique hotel than a traditional aged care facility, with its state-of-the-art gymnasium, restaurant-quality room service, luxury spa, cinema and a unique Digital Concierge service. Yet the facilities still retain a welcoming, homely feel – a combination of serenity and class, perfectly reflecting the iconic seaside suburb in which it's located. The \$115 million complex has already won a string of awards, including Best Design & Architecture Award at the APAC Eldercare Innovation Awards.

In establishing this unique residential community, developer Mark Moran felt committed to creating environments where residents can enjoy life to the full.<sup>1</sup> Key to the design of this unique precinct for architects Marchese Partners was the value they place in residents' everyday life experiences.<sup>2</sup> As experts in seniors living design, Marchese Partners collaborated with the Dementia Centre at the University of Stirling, UK, to create innovative design solutions for the seniors living & aged care environments.



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<b>Location:</b>	Vacluse, Sydney
<b>Developer:</b>	Mark Moran Group
<b>Architect:</b>	Marchese Partners
<b>Builder:</b>	Brookfield Multiplex
<b>Plumbing:</b>	Central Plumbing Group
<b>Budget:</b>	\$115 Million

## Designing for Independence

A report by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment found that “older people want homes that give them independence, choice and the ability to maintain their friendships and family contacts”.<sup>3</sup> And in creating such spaces for seniors to live independently, “good design is vital”.<sup>3</sup>

Along with independent living units, Mark Moran Vauclose comprises a range of aged care and rehabilitation units, with each one purposefully designed to ensure residents can enjoy life with maximum independence. An important aspect of this design was the specification of kitchen and bathroom fittings and fixtures – so for Mark Moran Vauclose, Marchese Partners turned to Caroma. Caroma offers a range of kitchen and bathroom fittings specifically designed to assist seniors to live independently, including products compliant with AS 1428.1 *Design for access and mobility*.

**Comfort and mobility in the bathroom** - With toilet access sometimes difficult for seniors with limited mobility, Marchese Partners specified the Caroma Opal II Wall Faced Easy Height Toilet. This modern, streamlined toilet has a

raised seat height, which makes it easier for those with restricted movement to transfer onto and off the toilet. The architects also specified the Caroma Care 800 Wall Faced Close Coupled Toilet with Backrest. As well as a raised seat height, this toilet has a built-in padded backrest, making it much more comfortable to use. The backrest, as well as the raised pan height and increased pan projection mean that this toilet is compliant with AS 1428.1 *Design for access and mobility*.



Care 800 Wall Faced Close Coupled Toilet



Opal II Wall Faced Easy Height Toilet

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Opal 510 Wall Basin

## Easy-to-use Bathroom Fittings

Limited hand strength and mobility can often make using standard tapware challenging. For Mark Moran Vauclose, Marchese Partners specified the Caroma G Series Concealed Wall Sink Lever Taps. These taps have large lever-style handles and feature ceramic disc cartridges for smooth, easy activation and greater water control, making them ideal for aged care facilities. Marchese Partners also specified the streamlined Opal 510 Wall Basin and the Cube Extension Wall Basin, which can both be installed to comply with AS1428.1 standards.

## About Caroma

Creating the right balance between form and function is a major consideration in new commercial developments, particularly in the growing healthcare and aged care sectors.

As Australia's leading bathroom brand, Caroma has an extensive range of care and compliant bathroom products including toilets, backrests, grab rails, basins and tapware. These purposefully designed products teamed with Caroma's depth of knowledge and ongoing research in the care environment mean Caroma offers market-leading product solutions with a commitment to quality, sustainability and compliance.

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