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Ringwood: CEHL's Lakewood high rise social housing complex undergoing huge refurb

It's covered in blue sheets is an eyesore, but exciting things are happening at this social housing complex in Ringwood.

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An artist impression of the redeveloped Lakewood social housing complex in Ringwood, which is tipped to be finished by the end of 2021. Picture: Supplied.

Fresh rooms, a community garden and more comfortable surroundings are part of a multimillion dollar overhaul of a run-down multistorey Ringwood social housing complex.

The Lakewood complex on Larissa Ave, built in 2011, is undergoing an internal and external makeover after moisture problems and “significant defects” impacted the eight-storey building.

The board of property managers Common Equity Housing approved the upgrades in March 2020 and they were ticked off by Maroondah Council the following month.

Residents were relocated to nearby temporary housing late last year, and most were set to move back when construction finishes depending on personal circumstances.



Ringwood's Lakewood social housing complex is undergoing a complete overhaul. Picture: Kiel Egging.



Construction is in full swing for the redevelopment of Ringwood's Lakewood social housing complex on Larissa Ave. Picture: Kiel Egging.

The layout of the building will be improved with better access to storage, and each of the 80 apartments will have new kitchens, split system cooling and heating, double-glazed windows and privacy screening.

It will also boast upgraded balconies and terraces and tiled surfaces to allow for improved waterproofing and drainage.

The cost of the overhaul is unclear but [a tender for the project](#) showed its budget was \$5m-\$10m.

CEHL communications manager Sandra Castro said renovations would hopefully be completed in time for Christmas, depending on Covid-19 restrictions.

She said the tenants would be a mix of existing residents keen to return and new residents chosen from the Victorian housing register.

“We’re looking to bring some vibrancy back to the area ... it will be like a brand new building on the inside and a lot flashier on the outside,” Ms Castro said.

“It’s been 10 years since it opened, there’s still a core number from that original group of residents, and they’re excited to move back in to a refurbished building.

“People have said being part of the housing co-op has really changed their lives and been a positive part of their lives ... we’re all about making them feeling, safe, secure and enabling them to thrive.”

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