



The Willow apartments building in Kangaroo Point – not just a plain box, says Urban Living.

Urban Living takes \$37m leap

Matthew Cranston
Boutique Queensland developer Urban Living Homes has launched a \$37 million apartment project at Kangaroo Point in Brisbane called Willow.
The 73-apartment project has council approval and will be built next year. It increases the number of projects where more than 20,000 apartments have been approved by the council.
Urban Living Homes founder and owner Caroline Barry said she was con-

fidant of her new project following her successful Circle on Felix project in Brisbane's inner north which sold out last year.
"We like the concept of taking a piece of land and creating a building that is not just a plain box," Ms Barry said.
The latest development, on the corner of Duke and Princess streets, will have a recreation roof deck with city views.
It will comprise one-bedroom apartments priced from \$365,000 and two-

bedrooms starting at \$498,000.
"Kangaroo Point is like a little oasis next to the CBD," Ms Barry said.
"Willow is not on a main road, yet is a stroll to excellent dining precincts, a massive bus station and South Bank is also close by."
Other projects in Kangaroo Point due to proceed include Metro Property Development's 20-storey residential tower, which successfully fought an appeal by a neighbourhood group seeking to overturn the council approval.

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The project integrates the historic Dalgety building with a 12-level office tower.

Quintessential in Geelong

Nick Lenaghan
Melbourne-based fund manager Quintessential Equity has lodged plans for a \$90 million office building in Geelong as the state's second city forges ahead with a strategy to revitalise its CBD.
Designed by architects peckvonhartel, a 12-level office will be developed at 1-7 Malop Street. The project integrates the historic Dalgety & Co building with a new tower providing 13,500 square metres of A-grade office space.
"It's no secret there is a growing demand for affordable, high-quality, green office space in Geelong, particularly for government tenants such as WorkCover and the National Disability Insurance Agency," director **Shane Quinn** said.
Quintessential has \$200 million in property under management and another \$300 million in its development pipeline. It has pursued other redevelopment projects, including at Parramatta in Sydney. "We intend to deliver a similar – and even better – result for Geelong," Mr Quinn said.
Geelong mayor **Darryn Lyons** said the city's action plan to boost activity and employment in the city centre was already yielding results. "With NDIA, WorkCover and TAC [Transport Accident Commission] in the heart of Geelong in the next five years, the city will become a centre of excellence for disability and insurance providers."

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