



## Emmy Monash

Gandel House at Emmy Monash Aged Care delivers high-quality residential aged care to the Jewish community of Melbourne. Designed by Bates Smart, the facility seeks to create a strong sense of place and challenges pre-conceived notions of seniors' accommodation. "The aim was to set a new benchmark in such facilities and raise the bar on the standards generally provided," says Jeffery Copolov of Bates Smart.

The sun-drenched building comprises 97 rooms as well as various communal spaces including multi-purpose rooms, lounges, a beauty salon, a café, a synagogue, and gardens. Each features quality design, furnishings and fittings.

Furniture plays a critical role in articulating the facility's luxurious five-star hotel feel, with Bates Smart drawing upon Schiavello's expertise when specifying seating. Very Wood's Wise collection of timber chairs,

supplied by Schiavello, was used throughout the building. The collection exploits the sculptural potential of wood to mould to the body while offering a high degree of detail and material expression. In an approach rare for aged care furniture design, the chairs demonstrate how ergonomic and mobility concerns are no impediment to good design.

The facility exemplifies the refined direction in which aged care living is heading. "Gandel House reflects cutting-edge design from leading architects, engineers, aged care specialists and supporters to create a facility that best caters for seniors' needs for today and tomorrow," says Joe Krampel, President of Emmy Monash Aged Care.

**LOCATION:** 518-526 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North, Victoria  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Furniture  
**SECTOR:** Aged Care