

Modern office block for today's lifestyle

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IRONMAN Guy Leech and television celebrity Jamie Durie are involved in a new Brookvale office concept that aims to provide working spaces that suit our changing lifestyles.

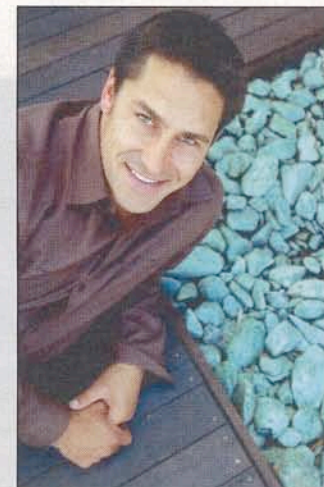
Guy is an ambassador while Jamie's landscape architecture firm Patio is responsible for all the landscaping aimed at integrating indoor and outdoor living.

The 170-office development next to Warringah Mall in Old Pittwater Rd will have a 25m heated lap pool, gymnasium, cafe and an underground car park for more than 400 cars complete with car wash.

Dubbed Lifestyle Working Brookvale the developers are including the largest water tank in the country plus the largest solar-energy run building in Australia.

Stable Properties managing director Ed Horton said technology had changed working practices but work buildings were still in the same mould with four walls, a lift and an air-conditioning system.

Lifestyle Working would allow small and medium businesses flexible working space, larger conference space when they required it and lots of personalised options such as lighting and climate control. There is even a swing back to service with the on-site cafe



An artists impression of the Lifestyle Working Brookvale building, which Guy Leech (left) and Jamie Durie are involved in.

supplying refreshments and clearing away afterwards.

The new development relies heavily on cross-ventilation, natural light and breeze and recycled materials. Where energy is used the emphasis is on renewable energy, like solar power and reusable water.

The strata suites range between 37sq m and 184sq m and are aimed at small to medium-sized businesses or large corporate

companies wanting a satellite office. Prices begin at \$245,000 for a suite.

It is imagined up to 800 people will work in the new building in a mix of spaces including a conference room that can seat 130 people.

"There will be privileged meeting spaces that can be leased to outside users with the money going back to the body corporate," Ed said.

Lifestyle Working is set to be the first of a series of similar developments throughout Australia and later in the UK and America.

"We are hoping to be a brand name like Hilton Hotels or AVJennings but for the commercial sector," Ed added.

The Brookvale development, at 117 Old Pittwater Rd, is due to begin in September and be complete 18 months later. Bridge Real Estate is handling sales.