

Lifestyle deal works for Hall

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One of Sydney's largest suburban accounting practices, the Allan Hall Partnership, has bought a major slice of the new Lifestyle Working project in Brookvale for more than \$6 million.

Lifestyle Working, which is due for completion later this year, is a \$75 million strata title office project with a strong emphasis on the relaxed but environmentally conscious style of Sydney's Northern Beaches.

The Allan Hall Partnership has pre-purchased a strata title space of around 1000 square metres.

Managing partner Scott Somerville said staff were critical to the business and all 70 of the

firm's staff were Northern Beaches people with Northern Beaches lifestyles.

"We have always considered ourselves to be a 'lifestyle employer' and when we were first introduced to 'Lifestyle Working' we knew it was a perfect fit for us," he said.

"At lunch, and before or after work, our staff can walk 30 metres to the [Warringah] Mall, have a swim, go the gym or drive to the beach for a surf.

"You are also part of a community. With 700 people working in the building it will be attractive to the Y generation."

The Allan Hall Partnership, now based in Dee Why, was introduced to the project by Leigh

Hyland of Delmege Commercial.

Lifestyle Working at Brookvale is being developed jointly by the listed FKP and the private Sydney Stable Properties group.

Stable director Ed Horton said that sales had been exchanged, or were under contract, on over half the strata space in the building.

Suites range from 40 sq m to 1000 sq m and the prices from around \$5500 to \$7000 a sq m.

Mr Horton said the Brookvale project was the only strata building in the country to have a five star commitment agreement from the Australian Building Greenhouse Rating.

And it had the "largest water harvesting tank of any building its size".