ABSTRACT

The project is a new type of centre for elderly people, integrated with commercial activities. It examines issues pertaining to elderly people – portrayed as fragile, non-productive and lack a contributory role in society. It attempts to dissolve the barrier between the aged and the public so as to dispel negative stereotyping and ageist biases that elderly people are often associated with. It sought to heighten public awareness of the aged in the society. In addition, it aims to create options and provide alternatives to enable them to be re-integrated into the mainstream of activities.

The site is located at the fringe of Queenstown Town Centre. This site, together with the existing library and polyclinic, would be integrated by landscaping.

The proposed centre offers social, recreational, employment and educational activities for elderly people aged 60 and above. It has facilities for learning, training, working, and for sharing experiences and knowledge. It aims to break away from the physical boundaries that bind facilities for elderly, and to integrate it as part of the community. Circulation paths are introduced through the site to tie the Town Centre and future high-density housing to bring opportunities for interaction. Courtyards are incorporated to enhance outdoor activities. Activities proposed attract the public to the centre. This aims to reveal the presence and value of the aged, thus rectifying the prevalent negative image of the elderly people.