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Improving lives of Tasmanians with more homes at Queens Walk

A major expansion of the Queens Walk housing complex in New Town was officially opened today.

Homes Tasmania CEO Eleri Morgan-Thomas said the project was another important step towards giving more Tasmanians a safe, secure and affordable home.

“This expansion has delivered 65 new social and affordable rental homes for Tasmanians, transforming the site into Tasmania’s largest social and affordable housing complex,” Ms Morgan-Thomas said.

“It’s wonderful to see all the people who have been able to move into their new homes – people who now have a place where they can settle, make plans for their future and build a life in their community.”

Ms Morgan-Thomas said close collaboration with Housing Choices Tasmania, which has managed the site since 2014, ensured the expansion delivered significant benefits for existing residents as well as new tenants.

“Existing residents are benefitting from the upgraded infrastructure and landscaping across the site, while for new residents, it’s the chance to start fresh in a welcoming, inclusive community,” Ms Morgan-Thomas said.

“This development shows what’s possible when everyone – government, community housing providers, builders and the community – works together.”

Ms Morgan-Thomas said Queens Walk is a great example of multi-storey, medium density, in-fill apartment living that makes the best use of available vacant land to provide more homes.

“The expansion reflects our commitment to delivering smart, medium-density living – housing developments that make better use of well-located land that is close to jobs, transport and services, so we can deliver even more stable and affordable accommodation for Tasmanians,” Ms Morgan-Thomas said.

“The inclusion of affordable rental homes in the development is part of our system-wide approach to providing more homes for more Tasmanians.

“By combining social and affordable rental homes, we’re building a community that reflects the diversity of Tasmania – people of different ages, backgrounds and experiences living side by side.”

Housing Choices Tasmania managed the expansion project, with Homes Tasmania providing a \$22.5 million grant for the development, a \$4 million grant for enabling infrastructure and site works, and a \$7 million repayable loan to Housing Choices Tasmania.

Homes Tasmania retains ownership of the property, which is under a long-term lease to Housing Choices Tasmania.

The expansion was built by Tasmanian building firm Fairbrother, with construction completed in August, two months ahead of schedule.

“They’ve delivered homes that not only look great but will stand the test of time – homes that Tasmanians can be proud to live in,” Ms Morgan-Thomas said.

“Their work on the project has also supported local jobs and apprentices, helping grow the next generation of Tasmanian tradies.”

The 65 new homes contribute to Homes Tasmania’s commitment to deliver 10 000 new social and affordable homes by 2032, with 4 422 homes completed as at the end of September.

“Every home we build means another Tasmanian household can feel secure, supported and hopeful about their future,” Ms Morgan-Thomas said.

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