

WARWICK FARM

More places to call home

Development helps dreams come true

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WITH housing affordability a problem across Sydney's southwest, Hume Community Housing Association has just completed a \$7 million mixed development in Warwick Farm.

The project supports people on very low to moderate incomes to secure safe, affordable housing, often impossible to find in the private rental or home purchase market.

The Aspire Project provides shelter and support services to the residents.

Hume's chief executive Nicola Lemon said housing affordability was a very real concern and challenge for people in Sydney's southwest.

"It is humbling to see the finished product positively impacting the lives of people in need," she said.

The development was a collaboration between Hume and government, non-government and pri-



The Aspire Project in Warwick Farm. Inset: Hume Community Housing CEP Nicola Lemon.

ivate sectors, including Liverpool Neighbourhood Connections.

It has been designed to create a balance of high-needs, complex support requirements with stable role models and potential mentors or community champions who will guide customers in appropriate

interactions and connection to their local communities.

It is targeted at single parents, women and children and working families and will provide customers with an opportunity to realise their goals and aspirations.

Liverpool Neighbourhood Connections manager Pat Hall believes the new de-

velopment is fantastic and would enable families to live in a place they can call home.

The association has already begun handing over keys to residents. New resident Tori said it felt great to be living in a secure environment: "I can't put into words how good I feel."

