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Aspire means many things to many people, but always evokes positivity, change and ambition which is what Hume Community Housing Association is bringing to the Warwick Farm community.

With housing affordability continuing to present significant issues, Hume's recently completed \$7 million mixed affordable housing residential development is supporting people on very-low to moderate incomes to secure appropriate, safe, high quality affordable housing which is impossible to obtain in the private rental or home purchase market.

Hume's CEO Nicola Lemon said that Hume's Aspire Project development demonstrates Hume's commitment to build and supply new affordable housing, along with providing support services to residents and the community. Hume is proud to deliver additional housing to the Liverpool local Government area, where housing affordability is a very real concern and challenge for people.

"This development has been a collaboration between Hume, Government, non-government and private sectors and it is humbling to see the finished product positively impacting the lives of people in need. Hume thanks Liverpool Neighbourhood Connections for their partnership throughout the development and their continued support in connecting our new customers to the community".

The Aspire Program development has been designed, built and allocated 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 and increase their independence as they transition out of social housing into longer term housing such as affordable and private rental housing, says Ms Lemon.



“Furthermore the mixture of tenancies means that the development creates an environment where those who are in stable work will act as role models and mentors for their neighbours, creating an aspirational culture focused on education and employment and ultimately increased economic and social participation”.

Pat Hall, Manager of Liverpool Neighbourhood Connections says she believes that the new Hume development in Warwick Farm is fantastic and will enable many families to live in a place they can call home’. “Hume puts people first, they are easy to engage with and I wish them well with this development and others in the future”. Ms Hall said.

Hume has begun to hand keys over to residents. New Aspire resident Tori, states “It feels great to be living in such a secure environment. I can’t put into words how good I feel. I really can call this place ‘home’. I thank Hume for this amazing opportunity.”

Likewise Thi Hue Mai states “It’s a great home for me and the boys. I feel like I have provided my children with a safe environment and I love that everything is new. I love the fact that I am part of the community and feel close to my neighbours”.

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Hume is a values driven Tier 1 Community Housing Provider committed to creating sustainable, vibrant and cohesive communities through the delivery of outstanding homes and equitable services. Hume operates in the most vulnerable and diverse areas of Sydney, working with youth, seniors, families and individuals facing homelessness, housing stress, or those with complex needs requiring additional support to sustain viable housing. Hume develops properties, and provides tenancy management and support services directly and collaboratively with key stakeholders to facilitate sustainable housing solutions and enhanced positive social and community outcomes.

Organisationally through the ownership of this hallmark development, Hume continues to grow sustainably, with strong in-house development and construction expertise, allowing us to deliver more housing in the future. This development delivers on our contractual obligations to State and Federal governments and meets the priorities set out in the NSW Government’s Future Directions in Social Housing Policy. All Hume’s new developments are also contributing to relieving the pressure on the social housing waiting through State Government’s Housing Pathways program.