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HUME COMMUNITY HOUSING ANNOUNCES JOBS AND NEW OFFICES TO SUPPORT THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE HUNTER

Hume Community Housing, one of New South Wales' leading Community Housing Providers, has announced the creation of more than 40 jobs and a plan for offices in Maitland and Raymond Terrace as part of their entry into the region.

Hume successfully secured the largest social housing transfer in NSW last year under the Social Housing Management Transfers (SHMT) program. The Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) awarded the transfer of over 2,200 homes and more than 4,000 customers across the Maitland and Port Stephens Local Government Areas to Hume.

Hume's CEO Nicola Lemon has advised that Hume has been warmly welcomed into the Hunter by customers and partners. "We've met with over 1,000 of our newest customers over the past fortnight while assisting them to complete their transition paperwork. There's a positive buzz throughout the communities we've visited including Rutherford, East Maitland, Woodberry, and Raymond Terrace, with customers telling us they're optimistic and looking forward to when we officially open our doors in September this year".

Hume brings a 30-year history of delivering a wide variety of housing and social programs designed to help people and communities prosper. "I'm delighted that we're now able to bring our expertise, customer-focus, and award-winning programs to support the well-being and success of people in the Hunter. We're delivering life-changing results for our current customers and we'll do the same in the Hunter. We can't wait to get started," said Ms. Lemon.

Hume's expansion into the region has generated 40 plus local employment opportunities, and according to Craig McGregor, principal of Hunter Recruitment Group, there is already strong interest in the newcomers. "Hume is a unique and very well-respected organisation. Their strong track-record and reputation have meant we've been inundated with quality candidates looking to be a part of this growing organisation."

Hume has secured an office in High Street, Maitland and will announce a second office location shortly. The Maitland office is due to officially open in September 2019.



Hume recently recruited former long-term Hunter resident The Hon. Robyn Parker, GAICD, to their Board earlier this year. Ms. Lemon cites Parker’s knowledge and commitment to the prosperity of the region as invaluable. “The Board and I have ambitious plans to meet the needs of even more customers in the future by extending our range of housing options to include affordable housing, specialist disability accommodation, and emergency housing programs. We’re committed to listening to all of our stakeholders in the Hunter to ensure our new and prospective customers have access to tailored social and community support programs that build prosperous and vibrant communities that people genuinely want to live in and contribute to.”

Hume is working closely with FaCS and support partners in the area to ensure a smooth transition for customers and is providing face-to-face support to complete transition paperwork by the cut-off date of June 30. If you are a customer transitioning to Hume and need assistance or have questions, please contact (02) 9722 4300 or visit www.humehousing.com.au.

Nicola Lemon, CEO of Hume Community Housing is available for interviews.

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The Social Housing Management Transfer (SMHT) is part of a broader program of more than 14,000 properties across NSW transferring from FaCS to nine registered Community Housing Providers. Providers were selected following a rigorous evaluation of their capacity to deliver good outcomes for social housing customers. The transfer of management to Community Housing Providers such as Hume Community Housing means over \$1 billion of additional funding can be harnessed over 20 years to improve the experience of people living in social housing.

About Hume: Hume Community Housing is a Tier 1 Community Housing Provider with more than 30 years’ experience in providing homes and services to more than 9,000 customers across metropolitan and regional NSW. Hume offers a full continuum of housing spanning temporary and transitional crisis housing through to long-term community and affordable housing. Hume also builds and develops new properties and provides tenancy management services for property owners. Hume delivers life-changing results for individuals, families, youth, seniors, and people with disability through a range of customised wrap-around services supporting health, employment, and social connections. Hume has been awarded numerous sector awards in recognition of their expertise and service delivery and in their fostering of vibrant and connected communities where people prosper.