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HUME COMMUNITY HOUSING CUTS RIBBON ON LIVERPOOL'S NEW SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Tier 1 community housing provider, Hume Community Housing, officially opened a new, environmentally sustainable social housing development in Liverpool earlier today, the culmination of a partnership with the NSW Government to project-manage the development of 23 units at 188–190 Moore Street.

The ribbon was cut by Hume Board Chairman Bob Vine, and Hume CEO Nicola Lemon, together with Member for Holsworthy the Hon. Melanie Gibbons MP, Mayor of Liverpool Council Cr. Wendy Waller, and employees from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The development meets the priorities set out in the NSW Government's *Directions in Social Housing Policy*. Now that the project is complete, Hume is managing the tenancies and property maintenance. Customers have been moving into their new homes since July this year.

Hume CEO Nicola Lemon said, "Hume is proud to be selected to work in partnership with the NSW Government to deliver additional social housing to Liverpool, where housing affordability is a very real challenge.

"Everyone has the right to safe and secure housing, which in turn provides the necessary foundations to pursue life enhancing opportunities including education, training and employment along with the important social connectedness that comes from being a part of a community," she said.

The Moore Street development is now home to senior sisters, Mira and Rada. The sisters were experiencing challenges with mobility as they aged. Their former homes were in multi-storey buildings with stairs that were becoming increasingly difficult to live in.

Hume was able to transfer both sisters from their existing units in separate buildings into the new development in Liverpool. The sisters were even more excited to secure neighbouring units, so they can see each other every day.

"We are so happy. We walk together, we eat together, and we do everything together and never feel alone anymore," Rada said.

"We're excited to spend our first Christmas together and are planning on cooking a special meal to celebrate. We look forward to getting involved in community events in the coming year too," Mira said.

Ms Lemon said, "Hume is pleased that we could work with our customers to transfer to Moore Street, meaning the sisters could live closely and be comfortably housed in apartments that will assist them to age in place.

"New developments like Moore Street are also contributing to relieving the pressure on the social housing waiting list Housing Pathways program," Ms Lemon said.



“Hume’s extensive in-house development and construction expertise, combined with our successful tenancy management services, mean that we will continue to ensure successful partnerships such as this one.

The project includes:

- 9 x 2-bedroom apartments
- 14 x 1-bedroom apartments
- 4 x 2-bedroom adaptable apartments
- basement car park with 21 secured car parking spaces.

The complex’s design meets the environmental performance and residential amenity guidelines of the *State Environmental Planning Policy 65: Apartment Design Guideline*.

The building is designed to maximise solar access and natural ventilation, acoustic and visual privacy is maintained, and the building complies with the requirements of energy efficiency, and water and waste management.

Materials and finishes used in the building are locally sourced, with lower embodied energy, and are resilient, to minimise ongoing maintenance and replacement.

The Liverpool development brought the total of new social housing homes built under Hume’s partnership with the NSW Government to 52 delivered in the last two years.

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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.