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Hume Community Housing Appoints Hon. Robyn Parker (GAICD) to Hume Board

One of NSW's largest community housing providers, Hume Community Housing, has announced the appointment of the Honourable Robyn Parker (GAICD) as their newest Board Member. The former Member of the Legislative Council and former NSW Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage, who has also held public sector roles in child and family services and ageing and disability services, was officially appointed in February this year.

In 2018, Hume Housing was awarded a 20-year contract as part of the NSW Government Social Housing Management Transfer program and will manage more than 2,200 Family and Community Services properties and 4,000 customers in the Maitland & Port Stephens region.

According to Hume's Chief Executive Officer Nicola Lemon, the appointment of Robyn Parker, a long-term local resident of the region, significantly strengthens the make-up of the Board. "Robyn has dedicated her life to supporting, developing and strengthening individuals, families, and communities. Having spent four years as The Member for Maitland means Robyn has a deep and genuine understanding of the needs of the local community and how Hume can deliver the most positive impact".

Also instrumental to Robyn's appointment is her solid experience in the disability sector. Hume offers Specialist Disability Accommodation under the NDIS and intends to build a deserved reputation as a leader in providing housing management of homes for people with a disability.

For Robyn, the appointment provides an opportunity to further support a community she is passionate about developing. "I'm excited to be a part of such a committed and effective organisation. Hume provides so much more than social and affordable housing options. They support their customers with effective integrated services to support mental health and well-being, employment and educational opportunities and are recognised as builders of connected and resilient communities where people and families thrive. I'm looking forward to playing a strategic role in establishing Hume in the region."

Hume will deliver a range of programs designed to make a real difference to the well-being of the regions marginalised, including the elderly, youth, and those impacted by family and domestic violence and other social health issues.

Hume will officially launch their operations in the region in September 2019, offering up to 40 new employment opportunities, two offices, and mobile office services.

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