



MEDIA STATEMENT



Innovative aged care facility for Hobart welcomed by sector

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Shelter Tas and Council on the Aging (COTA) Tasmania welcome the announcement of Wintringham-based model, an award-winning aged care and accommodation service to be located on Hobart's Eastern Shore.

The Wintringham model provides integrated accommodation and support for older Tasmanians on low incomes, aged over 55 and meeting relevant aged care assessment criteria.

"These proposed new homes will be an asset to our community. The project replicates the award-winning Wintringham program, which delivers great outcomes for people living there and for their neighbourhoods. We have learned from our members how much communities have benefitted from similar projects", Shelter Tas Executive Officer, Pattie Chugg said.

"Older Tasmanians deserve well-designed and well-located homes for their later years. Shelter Tas and COTA have long called for a Wintringham development in Tasmania", COTA Chief Executive Officer, Sue Leitch said.

"Good housing policy supports people through every stage of life. In addition, this project brings much needed jobs and valuable Commonwealth funding will flow to Tasmania to support these aged care places. With a spotlight on aged care at the moment, this innovative model for Tasmania is more important than ever because of its proven track record", Ms Chugg said.

"With Tasmania's aging population, this type of accommodation meets a critical need. Nearly one in five homeless people in Tasmania are aged over 55 years, and services are seeing increasing numbers of older women presenting for assistance", Ms Chugg said.

"This proposal fits in perfectly with the 'Age Friendly Community' direction of Clarence Council and we would like to see more of these initiatives throughout Tasmania", Ms Leitch said.

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