

## New homes for families and seniors in Erskine



- 22 new one, two and three-bedroom homes
- First large scale development for community housing provider Stellar Living Ltd

The Department of Housing and community housing provider Stellar Living Ltd have delivered 22 new homes for people and families on the housing waitlist in the Mandurah suburb of Erskine.



Housing Minister Colin Holt was on hand to meet the tenants and officially open the homes which are managed and owned by Stellar. He said appropriate available and affordable housing was in high demand in the region.

“Mandurah has one of the highest proportions of people aged 65-plus in Western Australia and the type of housing predicted to increase the most in demand in the region is single-person accommodation,” Mr Holt said.

“The Erskine development helps meet this demand with 16 homes for aged pensioners and 6 for families.”

The Department contributed \$3.1 million to the 22 unit development built by Cachet Homes, with Stellar contributing the cost of the land and three of the units for social housing.

In 2010 Cabinet endorsed growth strategies for community housing organisations through the Government’s Affordable Housing Strategy.

Mr Holt said a key element of the Strategy is the transfer of housing assets to community housing organisations like Stellar to enable them to grow their businesses and leverage assets to increase the supply of social and affordable housing stock.

Stellar manages 226 properties of which it owns 163” Steve Walker CEO of Stellar stated.

“As a community housing growth provider, they have committed to delivering a total of 16 growth properties by 2020.” The Erskine development contributes 3 units from the 22 unit development towards that growth target” the Minister stated.

The majority of the properties managed by Stellar for people off the Department’s waitlist are in the Mandurah district with 132 located in Lakelands and Meadow Springs.

**Fact File**

- **The State Government has delivered 18,800 new affordable housing opportunities under the Affordable Housing Strategy which aims to provide 20,000 by 2020.**
- **Community Housing Organisations such as Stellar manage almost 20 per cent of the social housing in WA.**
- **Of the 22 properties, 16 two and three-bedroom homes are for aged pensioners and six three-bedroom homes cater to families.**