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Partnerships delivering more social housing for Tasmanians

More Tasmanians are finding a place to call home, as part of the Tasmanian Government's partnership with Community Housing Providers.

Providers such as Housing Choices Tasmania, are delivering more properties and providing more homes for Tasmanians in need around the State.

Housing Choices Tasmania has today officially launched its 16-dwelling development in Oakdowns, which is already being used to house priority applicants from the Housing Register.

Developments such as this are making a huge difference in the lives of people in need of secure, stable housing, who have been homeless or are at risk of homelessness.

The homes have been funded through the Tasmanian Government's record investment in affordable housing, with total grant funding of \$2.32 million under the Community Housing Grant Program 2, plus a 50 per cent land purchase contribution of \$500,000.

Housing Choices Tasmania will deliver a total of 133 new dwellings through funding under the Program. 103 of these dwellings have already been built and the remaining 30 will be complete by December 2022. Housing Choices also has an additional 246 dwellings in its pipeline to be complete by mid-2023.

The launch of this development coincides with this year's National Homelessness Week, of which theme is: 'To end homelessness we need a plan'.

The Tasmanian Government's plan comes in the form of our \$1.5 billion housing package will deliver 10,000 new homes for homeless Tasmanians and other Tasmanians in need over the next decade. But we know that there are Tasmanians who are doing it tough and need support right now.

That is why we invest over \$36 million a year on wrap-around services to ensure those who need help now are getting the services they need.

This includes funding for 17 Specialist Homelessness Services, as well as crisis shelters and supported accommodation.

In addition, \$6.9 million has been allocated specifically for our Safe Spaces and connected support services.

If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness, please contact Housing Connect, 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 1800 800 588.