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New homes at New Norfolk to help more Tasmanians in need

The Tasmanian Government's record social and affordable housing construction program is continuing to deliver new homes for Tasmanians in need.

Successful partnerships between Homes Tasmania and the State's Community Housing Providers continues to put roofs over the heads of vulnerable Tasmanians around the State.

Centacare Evolve Housing has just completed construction of 10 two-bedroom units in the third stage of a significant development at New Norfolk for priority applicants on the Housing Register. These new units add to the 29 homes CEH has already delivered at the site.

Homes Tasmania provided funding for the New Norfolk development of \$135,000 per unit for 25 of the units and \$145,000 per unit for 14 of the units – a total funding commitment of over \$5.4 million.

The funding was delivered through three grant funding rounds under the Community Housing Growth Program, which will deliver 1,000 new social housing units around the State by the end of 2023.

The units were built by CEH's building and construction social enterprise St Joseph Affordable Homes.

All units have been built to the Silver Level of the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines, meaning the properties ensure future flexibility and adaptability to avoid more costly modifications if required.

CEH is one of the State's Tier 1 Community Housing Providers and manages about 2,900 social housing properties around the State, including more than 1,200 on behalf of Homes Tasmania.

This development is just one of numerous projects CEH is currently undertaking with hundreds of units in its construction pipeline across the State, and it shows that the Tasmanian Government's social housing construction program is working.

The Tasmanian Government recognises the considerable demand for housing in recent years and Tasmanians can be assured that we are responding by delivering the most ambitious and comprehensive social and affordable housing program in the State's history.

We are funding a 10-year, \$1.5 billion housing package which is being managed by our new housing authority Homes Tasmania, which began operation on December 1, to deliver 10,000 new social and affordable homes by 2032.

But we know there is more work to do, and we recognise many Tasmanians are doing it tough and need our support right now.

That is why we also invest over \$36 million each year on wraparound 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 at risk of homelessness, please contact Housing Connect, 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 1800 800 588.