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SUMMERSET CEO NORAH BARLOW COLLECTS TWO AWARDS

Summerset CEO Norah has won two significant awards in the last week. The first was for Most Outstanding Contributor to Over 50s Housing 2013 presented at an awards ceremony in London on Thursday night. The other was Wellingtonian of the Year in the business category.

The two awards top a busy period not just for Mrs Barlow, but for Summerset, which was named Best Retirement Village Operator in Australasia for the fourth year running, received the green light to build a NZ\$120 million waterfront retirement village in Hobsonville, Auckland, and started work on a NZ\$70 million retirement village in Karaka, Auckland in the last few weeks. Mrs Barlow also received two awards at the Women in Governance Awards in July.

Mrs Barlow received her international award in London at the Over 50s Housing Awards.

Awards convenor Ann Richards said, "Mrs Barlow has been exceptional in her field, not just in growing the business, but in growing it sustainably and keeping the residents' needs at heart. She's always thinking about how to be innovative and creative, not just in 2013, but throughout her time leading Summerset."

Of her two awards Mrs Barlow said, "I'm humbled and honoured to receive these awards. They really belong to the people who make Summerset what it is – the staff and residents. I'm fortunate to be CEO of Summerset."

Summerset Board Chairman Rob Campbell said these awards were recognition for the remarkable contribution Mrs Barlow has made to the sector and to the lives of Summerset's residents.

"Norah has been, and continues to be, an outstanding CEO and these awards acknowledge that. She has built Summerset from a small family business into an NZX50 company, growing the business sustainably. She's given the business a solid foundation from which to grow further. What she has accomplished is phenomenal."

Mrs Barlow is to retire in April next year, but will stay on Summerset's Board. Current Summerset Chief Financial Officer Julian Cook has been appointed to replace her.

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ABOUT SUMMERSET

- Summerset is a leading nationwide retirement village operator with a focus on providing residents with a continuum of care. The integration of care facilities into Summerset's Villages provides residents with the knowledge that care is available for them should their needs change.
- Summerset is the third largest operator, and the second largest developer of retirement villages in New Zealand, with 17 villages across the country. In addition, Summerset has four quality land sites in Ellerslie, Hobsonville, New Plymouth and Lower Hutt, bringing the total number of sites to 21.
- The company is continually evaluating new sites to support the development of further villages based on demand.
- It provides a range of living options and aged-care facilities and services to more than 2,200 residents.
- Summerset was named best retirement village operator in New Zealand and Australia at the Australasian Over-50s Housing Awards in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- Summerset's highly experienced senior management team is led by CEO Norah Barlow. Current CFO Julian Cook has been appointed to replace her when she retires in April 2014.
- The Summerset Group has villages in Aotea, Dunedin, Hamilton, Hastings, Havelock North, Karaka, Katikati, Levin, Manukau, Napier, Nelson, Palmerston North, Paraparaumu, Taupo, Trentham, Wanganui and Warkworth.