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SUMMERSSET OPENS VILLAGE CENTRE FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

Retirement village operator Summerset has officially opened a new village centre in its New Plymouth village, Summerset Mountain View.

Eight care apartments and 28 care rooms are now available, with a further 12 care apartments and 24 care rooms on track to be completed by the end of 2016. The new care centre offers the full suite of care services, including rest home and hospital-level care, as well as respite and day care.

The new centre will also provide residents with facilities such as an indoor pool, exercise room, residents' bar, all-weather bowling green, residents' workshop, communal vegetable garden, and a Divine café.

The building was opened by Summerset CEO Julian Cook and New Plymouth Mayor, Andrew Judd. Residents and guests were entertained by the Vogeltown School Kapa Haka group, followed by their Choir who were accompanied by a ukulele group.

Summerset CEO Julian Cook, said that he was proud to open the new facility for residents.

"Opening the village centre is really special for both our residents and staff as it is literally the heart of the village community. It's where our residents can enjoy their retirement, socialise with family, friends and neighbours and continue to live the life they choose," he said.

Mayor Andrew Judd congratulated Summerset on the new village centre.

"The Council fully supports businesses that are not only growing but are also developing the services they provide to our residents," he said.

"It's wonderful to see more options for Taranaki people who require different levels of care, and for them to also be part of an active community within Summerset."

Summerset began construction of the 4ha village on Fernbrook Drive, Vogeltown in early 2014. Mr Cook said that the village has experienced good demand across its living and care options as the village continues to develop.

"Providing the full continuum of care is important for our residents and their families. It delivers peace of mind to know that they have support that is specific to their needs and available when they need it," he said.

Summerset Mountain View is aptly named, with its gorgeous view out to Mt Taranaki, and is on a flat, sunny site with a rural outlook. The village is a 10 minute drive from the town centre and a five minute drive to Pukekura Park.

The New Plymouth village is one of 11 villages currently under development for the retirement village operator, with a further three sites land banked for future developments. Once completed, Summerset Mountain View will be home to more than 300 people and will employ over 30 permanent staff.

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ABOUT SUMMERSET

- Summerset is one of the leading operators and developers of retirement villages in New Zealand, with 21 villages across the country. In addition, Summerset has four sites for development in Casebrook, Lower Hutt, St Johns and Parnell, bringing the total number of sites to 25.
- It provides a range of living options and care services to 3,200 residents.
- Summerset's senior management team is led by CEO Julian Cook.
- Four-time winner of Retirement Village of the Year and recognised by the Reader's Digest Quality Service Awards 2015.
- The Summerset Group has villages in Aotea, Dunedin, Hamilton, Hastings, Havelock North, Hobsonville, Karaka, Katikati, Levin, Manukau, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Paraparaumu, Taupo, Trentham, Wanganui, Warkworth and Wigram.