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SUMMERMSET OPENS CARE CENTRE AND CARE APARTMENTS IN BAY OF PLENTY VILLAGE

Retirement village operator Summerset has officially opened its new \$4 million care centre and care apartments in its waterfront village in Katikati, Bay of Plenty.

10 care apartments and 30 care beds are now available, with a further 10 care apartments and 19 care beds 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 care centre was officially opened by Western Bay of Plenty District Council Deputy Mayor Gwenda Merriman today (18th September).

Summerset CEO Julian Cook said the completion of the new units follows the opening of a \$5 million village centre in November 2014.

When completed the waterfront village will be home to some 230 people, with a total of approximately 180 homes including villas, apartments and care apartments.

“The Katikati village is a first class development in a prime waterfront location, popular amongst Bay of Plenty locals and those looking to relocate to Katikati from further afield for their retirement.

“We are pleased to now offer the full range of care options to our Katikati residents and the wider community, giving people the certainty that there is care and support available should they need it. Our care apartments have proved extremely popular with residents, allowing them access to the specific level of care they require, from low-level support packages to DHB certified and funded rest-home level care, within the comfort of their own home.”

“We are proud to be an established part of the Katikati community and working closely with local organisations throughout the construction of the village. We look forward to making ongoing improvements and extensions to the village, including additional care apartments, villas.”

Officially opening the new care centre today, Gwenda Merriman said Summerset was an example of leading services provided by the retirement industry for the district’s ageing population.

“From Western Bay of Plenty District Council’s perspective, the provision of world-class services for our ageing population is just one of the contributing factors to the future prosperity and economy of the District.

“Our Council encourages, supports and facilitates new business and developers such as Summerset to make the most of their opportunities in our District.

“Summerset by the Sea is a great asset to Katikati, and it is clear that Summerset has settled comfortably in the Katikati neighbourhood.”

Qualified nurse manager, Sandy Arnold, leads the team of qualified nurses and caregivers on hand 24 hours a day. The care centre is fully DHB-certified for rest-home and hospital level care, including the delivery of rest-home care into care apartments.

The care centre has spacious lounges, dining area, lobby and family room, along with a nurse’s station and doctor’s room.

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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, Ellerslie, Hamilton, Hastings, Havelock North, Hobsonville, Karaka, Katikati, Levin, Manukau, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Paraparaumu, Taupo, Trentham, Wanganui, Warkworth and Wigram.