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SUMMERSSET OPENS NEW VILLAGE CENTRE AT HOBSONVILLE

Today retirement village operator Summerset held the official opening of the new village centre for Summerset at Monterey Park in Hobsonville.

The building was opened by Summerset CEO Julian Cook and Member of Parliament (MP) for Upper Harbour, the Hon Paula Bennett.

At the official opening for residents, staff and invited guests, Mr Cook said he was delighted that residents and their family and friends were now able to enjoy many of the facilities available at Summerset villages.

“The village centre really is the heart of the village as it provides spaces for people to get together, or take part in events or activities. The centre provides a Café, movie theatre, residents’ bar and social areas, hairdressing salon, beauty spa, exercise room, library and IT suite and overlooks the already popular, all-weather bowling green,” said CEO Julian Cook.

“In the future it will also become the hub connecting a range of independent living and care apartments and care rooms, where residents will be able to receive up to DHB-certified rest home-level and hospital level care in their own homes. Providing reassurance that Summerset will be able to care for people as their needs change is a key part of our service philosophy.”

Officially opening the new village centre today, local MP for Upper Harbour, Paula Bennett spoke about how important it is for older people well-being to remain connected and active in the community.

The Local MP for Upper Harbour, Paula Bennett said, “Summerset at Monterey Park is a stunning example of how retirement living can create strong, active, connected communities where people are supported in getting the most from their retirement years. The benefit of downsizing to new, purpose built homes, means people can continue to enjoy a quality of life near friends and family, with the reassurance they’ll get all the support if their needs change.”

Hobsonville is the fourth Summerset village in the Auckland region, with sites planned for development in St Johns and Parnell. The next village to open is in Ellerslie, with the first homes due to be completed later this year.

“Summerset is always looking for new opportunities to provide our much needed retirement village living and care services. With our increased land bank in the Auckland region, Summerset development plans will also free up homes for younger families and help to address Auckland’s housing availability and affordability challenges,” Mr Cook said.

Summerset at Monterey Park is one of the most tranquil and picturesque of Summerset’s Auckland villages with uninterrupted views across the sea to Herald Island and Greenhithe, plus a scenic walkway along the waterfront. Only a 20 minute drive from Auckland’s CBD, and situated in the growing local Hobsonville community, this village enjoys the best of what Auckland has to offer.

“Since the beginning of its development in 2012 we have seen very strong demand for our Hobsonville village with more than 130 residents calling it home. We’re looking forward to completing the rest of the village over the coming years,” Mr Cook said.

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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 five sites for development in Casebrook, Lower Hutt, Rototuna in Hamilton, St Johns and Parnell, bringing the total number of sites to 26.
- It provides a range of living options and care services to more than 3,500 residents nationwide.
- Summerset's senior management team is led by CEO Julian Cook.
- Four-time winner of Retirement Village of the Year.
- 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.