

Media release

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SUMMERSET OPENS NEW WIGRAM VILLAGE

Summerset's first Christchurch retirement village opened in Wigram today.

Summerset Chief Executive Julian Cook said the company was excited to be in Christchurch. "Being part of the city's rebuild and local community is fantastic and it's such a privilege to be able to bring our lifestyle offering to Christchurch," said Mr Cook.

Mr Cook was joined by Wigram MP Megan Woods to officially open the Village Centre which is the heart of the retirement village, housing its administration and recreation areas.

"I'm delighted residents, their family and friends are now able to enjoy a coffee at the public café, take part in events and activities or simply relax in the sun. The centre provides a movie theatre, residents' bar and social areas, hairdressing salon, indoor pool and spa, exercise room, library and IT suite and overlooks the all-weather bowling green," said Mr Cook.

The Village Centre building also accommodates 53 serviced apartments where residents will receive DHB-certified rest home-level and hospital level care in their own homes. There is also a 49 bed Care Centre.

"Our care facilities are a key part of Summerset's continuum of care philosophy, giving residents assurance that we will look after people as their needs change," said Mr Cook.

The first residents moved into their Summerset at Wigram homes on the corner of Awatea and Wigram Roads last September. Once completed, the \$80m village will have about 200 homes, including two and three bedroom villas, one and two bedroom apartments and one bedroom townhouses.

Summerset at Wigram is the first Summerset village in Christchurch and preliminary earthworks have recently begun on a second village in Cavendish Road, Casebrook.

"Summerset is always looking for new opportunities to provide our much needed retirement village living and care services. We hope our Summerset development plans for Christchurch will help free up homes for families and address housing availability and affordability challenges," Mr Cook said.

Dr Megan Woods is delighted Summerset chose to come to Wigram. "It is an honour to be here today and great to see such an excellent facility opening in here. Wigram is a fantastic part of Christchurch and offers so much for the residents at Summerset," said Dr Woods.

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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 six sites for development in Richmond, Rototuna, Casebrook, Lower Hutt, St Johns and Parnell, bringing the total number of sites to 27.
- It provides a range of living options and care services to more than 3,800 residents.
- Four-time winner of Retirement Village of the Year and Silver Award winner in the Reader's Digest Quality Service Awards 2016.
- 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.