

CHL secures important indigenous housing project in the East Kimberley



Honourable Bill Marmion, officially open CHL's Perth office

CHL has been entrusted with the provision of tenancy and property management to 273 properties which are the long term homes to a number of aboriginal households in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia.

CHL was awarded the contract by the Western Australian Government based on its strong track record of delivering housing services to aboriginal communities. These homes, alongside those it manages in Victoria and NSW bring the number of homes under management occupied by aboriginal people to around 550, representing nearly a quarter of the housing CHL manages.

CHL will work with 23 communities throughout the Kimberley region, ranging in size from a single home to 74 houses at Kalumburu, the largest community in the East Kimberley.

CHL were also honoured to have Western Australian Housing Minister, the Honourable Bill Marmion, officially open CHL's Perth office located in the CBD on Adelaide Terrace which will now be the headquarters for the organisation in the West, and be able to accommodate a team that can support 2000 community homes in WA alone. CHL already has two offices up and running in WA – one in Geraldton and one in Kununurra. The Kununurra office is currently being serviced by a tenancy manager and an asset management team of three staff members.

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Who We Are...

Community Housing Limited is an international not-for-profit affordable housing provider. In Australia, CHL works with local communities including governments, social service organisations and local interest groups to deliver and manage affordable and sustainable rental housing in which tenants pay no more than 75% of the market rate.



Developments in Timor Leste:

CHL is continuing to do several community projects in Liquica, about 40km from Dili. Some of the projects include:

1. Restaurant for the local community managed by the locals.
2. Community Centre for fruits processing MAF Vatuboro.
3. MAF House in Bazartete.
4. Community Center IMVF.

Restaurant at Liquica



CHL changing lives

Natalie moved into a recently completed CHL property in Devonport with her two year old son: a brand new two-bedroom unit for \$172 per week which is capped as a fixed percentage against her income. For the previous 19 months, she had been living in an Anglicare unit designated as a transitional housing option until she could find a permanent housing arrangement. She had previously been looking at private rental, and despite having worked at Coles full-time for the last 14 years, never seemed to get a look in. "I think as a single mum many landlords had an issue with having a young child. I was also trying to find a property that would fit within my budget for rent because I wanted to avoid falling into debt. The Anglicare unit was our best option at the time," she says.

Natalie says CHL has kept her close to family and friends.

"When CHL told me they were developing a property in my neighbourhood, it couldn't have been more perfect. As I'm still working almost full-time, I can drop my son at day care which is two minutes away and see my family and friends regularly," she says.

"The greatest relief though is knowing I have a long term secure housing option that my son can grow up in."

CHL is currently one of two providers of community housing in Tasmania, and to date has completed the construction of 50 properties dotted along the north coast over the last 12 months, which includes Launceston, Burnie, Latrobe, and Ulverson.

Natalie Lawyler from Tasmania



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CHL adds new housing stock to its NSW portfolio **More affordable homes for Port Macquarie**

CHL has recently added four new properties in its NSW portfolio under the NRAS which includes 1 four bedroom house and 3 two bedroom dwellings. Properties were allocated to key workers in Port Macquarie (i.e. the four bedroom house to a policeman and the other 3 to people working in the local service and manufacturing industries). A further 10 NRAS properties in Port Macquarie will be added by end of March 2011.

CHL to manage 180 public housing properties in Coffs Harbour

As part of the NSW Government's commitment to growing the sector in the state CHL will receive 180 properties in Woolgoolga and Sawtell (near Coffs Harbour) under the Property Transfer Program. Under this program the Housing NSW properties including the existing tenants are being transferred to CHL's management. This is to be completed by June 2011 with the first community consultation taken place in February 2011. These 180 properties, located in the Coffs Harbour suburbs of Sawtell and Woolgoolga, include 72 one-bedroom units ; 27 two-bedroom units ; 67 three-bedroom units ; 14 four-bedroom units.

New properties in Port Macquarie



CHL's innovative proposal for the indigenous community in Chile

As part of CHL's philosophy to work with remote indigenous communities, CHL has put forward a proposal to undertake a comprehensive project for one of the Indigenous communities in Chile, the "Mapuche community" which aims to provide not only housing, but also sustainable livelihood for the local people.

The proposal which is in its formative stage has been developed after a thorough analysis of the situation in Lautaro / Victoria, provincial towns about 40km from the regional capital, Temuco. This initiative proposes a housing project including 60 units, handicraft workshops, a shopping precinct, restaurant and lodging in "Mapuche Style". The overarching idea is to provide affordable housing and work on the same site for the local community which is also in close proximity to the city and is easily accessible for tourists. The project once developed will have a special character due to its rich historic connections.

An aerial view of the identified site for the Mapuche project





Hastings in Victoria receives affordable housing boost with 20 new homes

CHL has launched a breakthrough affordable housing development in Hastings with a ceremonial 'turning of the sod' by Cr David Gibbs, Mornington Peninsula Mayor, and FPC Inc President Joy Jarman and CHL Chairman Chris Shields, amongst other dignitaries late last year.

The \$4.6 million development will be located on prime bayside land bordered by Marine Parade, and Church and King Streets in the heart of Hastings and close to services and amenities. The development will have 20 new affordable homes offering secure long-term rental accommodation; 13 to the aged and families on low to moderate incomes; and 7 for intellectually and physically disabled people who can live independently with support.

The innovative approach in regards to the mix of tenants that can be housed is already being referred to as the 'Hastings model' based on its ability to accommodate and support tenants living with a disability yet requiring different degrees of care, from 24 hour/7 day onsite care for highly dependent tenants to supported independent living.

The project has been characterised by a tight-knit partnership between the Government (Office of Housing [OOH] and Department of Housing Services [DHS]), Frankston Peninsula Careers Inc (a local community group), Mornington Peninsula Council, and CHL to achieve a next-generation concept in affordable housing.

Cr David Gibbs, FPC members and Chris Shields turning the first sod in Hastings



New homes in South Australia

CHL is currently constructing 25 units in Adelaide. This will consist of 2x1 bedroom, 4x3 bedroom and 19x2 bedroom units. The properties will be ready to begin tenanting in June 2011 and will offer affordable housing to people working in the area and people selected from the Housing SA waiting list.

Renderings of the Village Terrace 2x 1 bedroom and 6x 2 bedroom units in Adelaide's Blakes Crossing

