

MIXED COMMUNITIES THE FUTURE

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Central Coast based Community Housing Provider, Pacific Link Housing, has announced the completion and formal opening of the Pacific Gateway mixed housing development at Glendale.

Pacific Link Housing has worked with the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC), as part of the Communities Plus program, to deliver the new housing through the Pacific Gateway redevelopment.

A mix of social, affordable and private housing has been built at the site that's located near the regional Glendale shopping centre, local schools and the proposed future site of the Glendale Station.

Located in the Lake Macquarie LGA, Pacific Gateway includes six social housing units while the other 15 units are being leased in the private housing market through Pacific Link Housing's property management social enterprise, Key2 Realty.

Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey, toured the site in February and praised the outcome saying it was "the most exciting development" seen during her time as Housing Minister.

"The Glendale project is another example of the Government replacing ageing social homes with high quality, immaculately designed homes," Minister Pavey said.

"By partnering with Pacific Link Housing, we've been able to double the number of social dwellings on-site while also delivering new private homes."

Pacific Link Housing Chairman Wal Edgell said the partnership with the NSW Government, through the LAHC and Communities Plus, has enabled the transformation of three end of life social housing properties into an impressive and socially inclusive community, providing much needed accommodation for vulnerable members of the local community.

"The mixed-use development is designed to strengthen community cohesion and remove some of the assumptions relating to different tenancy types in our society," Mr Edgell said.

Lake Macquarie Mayor Cr Kay Fraser said the social housing project is well located near all Lake Macquarie has to offer and assists in increasing affordable housing opportunities for local residents including students, elderly, and single parent households.

"The project also aligns well with Council's recently adopted Lake Macquarie Housing Strategy, which supports a housing market that meets the diverse and changing needs of our community." Cr Fraser said.

"I look forward to seeing Council continue to work collaboratively with community housing providers such as Pacific Link Housing to help deliver more affordable housing opportunities for our residents."

Kingston Building Australia CEO Colin Robards also welcomed the announcement.

“Pacific Link Housing are a highly valued client of Kingston and with the support of our dedicated staff and subcontractors it gave us great pleasure to be able to deliver this innovative project to assist in realising their vision,” Mr Robards said.

Pacific Link Housing CEO, Ian Lynch, said his team is proud to be the first community housing provider to develop and complete a Communities Plus Project and is extremely pleased by the outcomes.

“The success of the project can be attributed to the collaborative efforts of key partners including LAHC, Lake Macquarie Council and Kingston Building Australia and a range of locally based consultants, tradesmen and contractors,” Mr Lynch said.

“Pacific Gateway demonstrates our development capacity and the model we would propose to replicate in the future to improve the housing experience and outcomes for those in greatest need in our community.”

- Pacific Link Housing is a leading Tier 1 Community Housing Provider managing close to 1,100 properties across the Central Coast, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Hunter regions.
 - An official formal opening involving Minister Pavey, project partners and community representatives was cancelled last month, due to COVID-19 restrictions around public gatherings.
 - Further information: <https://www.pacificlink.org.au/pacific-gateway/>
 - Video of Pacific Gateway: <https://youtu.be/kMi7CEmVNeM>
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