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Modern bespoke homes to be built for local High Wycombe residents with disability

WAI Group, in partnership with Activ and Community Housing Ltd, will soon start building eight customised Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) homes in High Wycombe. When finished, the homes will accommodate 24 Activ customers with disability, with room for support staff.

The Minister for Disability Services, the Hon Don Punch MLA will attend a special ground-breaking ceremony on the property. Media are invited to witness the event:

Date: Thursday 18 November 2021
Time: 11am
Location: 73 Buttercup Crescent, High Wycombe

The High Wycombe homes will be purpose-built units for people with disability, incorporating bespoke floor plans and assistive technologies to increase the residents' independent living skills.

Activ Executive Manager Operations Amanda Lovelock said the new homes were a welcome update to the existing infrastructure for the disability community, and helped give residents housing choice, design input and independence.

"This project will be life-changing for our customers," Amanda said.

"SDA gives property developers like WAI Group the opportunity to apply their expertise, to give people with disability greater choice regarding the homes they live in."

"We feel very lucky to have forged this partnership with WAI Group and CHL. Our customers will have the opportunity to be involved in the design process, ensuring that their individual accessibility requirements are met."

"This customisation could include the use of assistive technology or bespoke floor plans which will increase independence and dignity. Once built, these modern, specialist homes will be really great places to live."

CHL's State Manager WA, Garry Ellender agrees that SDA housing provides unprecedented opportunities for independent living.

"CHL is excited to be involved in this outstanding development. We have seen firsthand the difference that these beautiful homes can make to the quality of life and expectations of people with disability, enhancing their independence and encouraging participation in their local communities," said Garry.

The development is the third in a pipeline of purpose-built housing solutions for people with disability in WA said Paul Stanley, Director of WAI Group, who will host the event on 18 November.

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“After the successful completion of six SDA homes for Activ’s customers in Geraldton, we’re excited to continue working with Activ and CHL on the High Wycombe development, as well as on homes in Caversham, Hamilton Hill and South Bunbury,” said Paul.

The future tenants are looking forward to moving into their new homes in 2022.

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About Activ

Activ is the largest disability support provider in Western Australia. We provide individualised services for people living with intellectual disability. We offer services in accommodation, community, employment, training and education, short-term accommodation and behaviour support. Activ was founded in 1951 by a group of families who wanted more for their children who lived with disability and had become marginalised by society. Today, we support more than 1,900 individuals and their families across WA.

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