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Bedford opening doors at Lightsview

Bedford will be celebrate the opening of three brand new homes at Lightsview with residents, their families and Minister for Families and Communities Jennifer Rankine on 28 June as part of the “Homes for 100” programme.

This project is a joint venture between Bedford and the State Government which fulfils a policy direction to de-centralise care for people with disability and encourage greater social inclusion.

The latest Lightsview property has become home to four people with disability who require 24 hour supported care.

“‘Homes for 100’ is a vital project that recognises the diverse needs of people with disability and the benefits that being part of the wider community can offer” Bedford Chief Executive Max Dyason said.

“Bedford is proud to partner with CIC Australia at Lightsview and assist people with disability increase independence through supported housing opportunities in the community.”

The homes will solidify an already strong business partnership between Bedford and CIC Australia. Bedford’s grounds maintenance and landscaping division currently oversee the maintenance at Lightsview, as well as a portion of the community’s landscaping services.

Over 70 people with diverse support needs have been housed so far across South Australia through the ‘Homes for 100’ project.

The new properties on Light Terrace at Lightsview include a five bedroom group home where four people with high support needs will reside under 24 hour supported care.

This home has been custom-built to the requirements of people with disability, featuring wider corridors, and doorways, step less entry, larger bathrooms, modified kitchen, lifting equipment from the bedrooms to the bathroom and large bathrooms with grab rails.

The other two properties are affordable housing projects that will house people with low to medium support needs.

The land for these homes was sourced under the “Homes for 100” programme and forms part of a joint venture between CIC Australia and Land Management Corporation (LMC) to incorporate 15 percent affordable housing into the Lightsview – a venture that recently won CIC Australia the national award for affordable development by the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA).

Bedford Chief Executive Max Dyason said “CIC Australia’s commitment to supply affordable housing will have an enormous impact on the lives of people with disability or disadvantage,”

“It will enable people with disability to have better access to community services including employment and care options, and also increase independence by fostering a culture of social inclusion.”

“We see the opening of these homes as a celebration of the important role that people with disability play in the community.”

The properties will be officially opened by Minister for Families and Communities Jennifer Rankine on 28 June at 10am.