

### 13. HORNBY HOUSING COMPLEX OFFICIAL OPENING

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of arrangements in place for the official opening of the Hornby Courts Community Housing Complex.

#### BACKGROUND

The Hornby Housing project was initially proposed in January 1998. An extensive consultation process was undertaken with the community during 1998 and 1999. The complex is built on a 1.8930ha site bounded by Goulding Avenue and the Main South Road. The site was previously held by the Paparua County Council.

The complex comprises 22 units (9 @ 1 bedroom; 13 @ 2 bedrooms), of which two were specifically designed for occupation by people with physical disabilities. Also incorporated into the complex is an 80m<sup>2</sup> residents' lounge/community facility.

Tenancing of the complex commenced in June 2001, and currently all units have been allocated.

#### OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

The official opening ceremony is scheduled for Saturday 15 September, commencing at 2.30pm. The Hon Mark Gosche, Minister of Housing, has agreed to officially open the complex. A commemorative plaque has been commissioned for unveiling during the ceremony.

Details of the programme are:

- 2.30 pm Hon Mark Gosche arrives and is met by the Mayor
- Councillor Lesley Keast to officiate as MC
- Councillor Keast makes introductory remarks and introduces Karakia
- Karakia
- Councillor Keast thanks for Karakia and introduces Te Waiwhitu Cultural Group
- Te Waiwhitu Cultural Group performs
- Councillor Keast thanks Te Waiwhitu Cultural Group and introduces Mayor
- Mayor speaks
- Councillor Keast thanks Mayor and introduces Hon Mark Gosche
- Hon Mark Gosche speaks and unveils commemorative plaque
- Councillor Keast thanks Hon Mark Gosche and invites all to afternoon tea following the concluding Karakia
- Concluding Karakia
- Official party inspects selected units
- 3.30pm – 4.00pm Afternoon tea with residents and invited guests

#### NEWS MEDIA

Briefing material is being made available to both print and television media.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** Not seen by Chairman.