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### **Ambitious aged housing aspiration realised**

Accommodation options for aged residents in the Shire of Plantagenet were given a boost at the weekend when stage one of the Collet Barker Court development was officially opened.

The formal opening, conducted by Hon Terry Waldron MLA, was the culmination of a five-year planning and development process aimed at ensuring Plantagenet residents aged 60 and above can remain within their own community when they choose to downsize.

The ambitious project is managed by Plantagenet Village Homes with support from the Shire of Plantagenet and will provide a total of 21 two- or three-bedroom units under a lease-for-life arrangement.

Stage one, which comprised the first five units, received \$137,914 of Regional Grants Scheme funding through the Great Southern Development Commission, with a further \$532,820 committed through Royalties for Regions for communal clubhouse facilities included in stage two of the project.

Great Southern Development Commission Chairperson Peter Rundle said the development was a coup for Plantagenet and surrounding areas.

“Providing housing that allows aged residents to remain close to their network of friends and family benefits both the residents and the town as a whole,” Mr Rundle said.

“This presents a wider flow-on effect by keeping services within the regions, supporting local businesses and ensuring regional communities remain strong.”

Future stages will be constructed in line with demand for seniors’ housing, allowing the development to grow with the community’s aged care needs.

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