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52 DEFENCE FAMILY HOMES OFFICIALLY OPENED IN BRUCE, ACT

A new Defence Housing Australia (DHA) development in Bruce, was officially opened today by the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, The Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP.

DHA's \$27 million Fernhill Estate, set within a mixed-use, multi-generational development, provides 52 high-quality, four-bedroom homes for Defence families in the sought-after suburb of Bruce.

Dr Mike Kelly officiated the ceremony and was honoured to meet many of the Defence families that have recently moved into the housing estate.

"Members of our Australian Defence Force (ADF) play such an important role in protecting the vital interests of our country, and it's important to provide them with a 'place to call home' – high-quality homes that are well located and that meet the needs of Defence families," said Dr Kelly.

Only five kilometres from the Belconnen City Centre and on the doorstep of some of Canberra's major institutions, including the University of Canberra, Australian Institute of Sport and the Canberra Stadium, DHA's Fernhill Estate is in a superb location.

"The close proximity to all amenities, including schools, a hospital and a major shopping area makes the suburb of Bruce an ideal location for members of the Defence Force and their families," said Dr Kelly.

The homes, designed to suit the needs of families, are a mix of single and double-storey four-bedroom homes, and all feature double garages, ensuites and covered outdoor entertainment areas. Home interiors have been designed using neutral tones, providing a modern feel to the home and complementing most furnishings.

Now in its 20th year of operation, DHA is continuing to provide modern quality housing, along with responsive and efficient property management and relocation services to ADF members and their families, supporting the retention and recruitment initiatives of the Department of Defence.

DHA manages approximately 17,000 residences around Australia, with approximately 1800 homes managed in the ACT region.

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