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DEFENCE HOUSING AUSTRALIA HELPS TO BUILD DREAMS

Sick children and their families will be better cared for following a recent Adelaide house purchase by Defence Housing Australia (DHA).

The home at Mawson Lakes was built as an initiative of The McGuinness McDermott Foundation to raise funds for the redevelopment of the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide.

Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, the Hon. Warren Snowdon MP, said that the purchase of the home was a positive result for both DHA and the Foundation.

"DHA saw the house as a sound investment for its portfolio. Mawson Lakes is a popular location with Australian Defence Force members, with good proximity to both RAAF Edinburgh and Port Adelaide's Australian Submarine Corporation.

"The house was designed and built by Scott Salisbury and Duthy Homes, and is situated in the Cascades Development which has easy access to schools, universities, shopping and recreational facilities," Mr Snowdon said.

The home was scheduled for auction mid-March, but was purchased by DHA prior to the auction for \$500,000.

"The money from the sale completes the \$1 million target of the Foundation to complete the redevelopment of the Fourth Floor Medical and Newland Wards of the hospital," said Mr Snowdon.

"This is a significant achievement as the Newland Ward alone cares for 3000 children a year."

The Fourth Floor Medical Ward provides critical care for children who have chronic and acute illnesses between the ages of 12 months to 12 years and treats illnesses such cystic fibrosis, asthma diabetes and pneumonia.

DHA is a government business enterprise that executes a comprehensive construction and acquisition program to meet Defence housing requirements, with capital expenditure of more than \$1.5 billion planned over the next three years.

DHA has plans to build or acquire several hundred homes in the Adelaide region and already manages over 700 homes in the region.

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