



THE HON. WARREN SNOWDON MP Minister for Defence Science and Personnel

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DHA AND DEFENCE JOIN TO COMMEMORATE 103 NEW HOMES FOR THE “PUCKA” COMMUNITY

The Hon Warren Snowdon MP, Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, today congratulated Defence Housing Australia (DHA) on the completion of 103 new homes for the “Pucka” community, and the commemoration of Puckapunyal’s ‘Lone Pine Park’.

“Puckapunyal is not the easiest posting for a Defence family due to its remote location, and with over 260 families living on-base, it is important that they have access to the same amenities and standard of living as other Defence families around the country,” said Mr Snowdon.

“DHA’s 103 new homes, predominantly three-bedroom, have replaced older housing stock that was built in the 1960s and 1980s. These homes now provide Defence families with modern and comfortable living and feature ensuites, living, dining, family and meal areas, garages and covered outdoor areas,” he said.

“The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is critical to protecting the vital interests of our country, and it’s important that we help care for their families and give them a proper ‘place to call home’.”

‘Lone Pine Park’, a Defence and DHA-funded project, is situated within the Puckapunyal Military Area, and provides additional on-base facilities for Defence families to enjoy. The park, completed in January 2008, is named after the Battle of Lone Pine in 1915. A single lone pine, descended from the original pine tree that grew at the site of the battle now stands in the park.

Now in its 20th year of operation, DHA is continuing to provide quality housing, property management and relocation services to Defence families, and works closely with Defence to support the operational capability and retention and recruitment initiatives of the Defence Force.

DHA manages approximately 17,000 residences around Australia, with approximately 290 homes on the Puckapunyal Army base.

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