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New Homes For Darwin Seniors

Planning Minister Gerry McCarthy welcomed the start of construction on a Seniors Village at Fannie Bay this morning.

Joining with developers, Southern Cross Care, Mr McCarthy marked the start of construction at a sod turning ceremony with local member Michael Gunner.

“A Seniors village of such high quality, providing an extensive range of services and amenities is a first for the Territory,” said Mr McCarthy.

“More seniors are choosing to stay in the Territory well after retirement and we are committed to providing a range of housing and care options for these Senior Territorians.

“There are now more than 10,000 Territorians aged over 70 and these people who have contributed significantly to our community deserve the best in housing and care in their twilight years.

“My Government is proud to have contributed the valuable land at Waratah’s Oval to provide the perfect location for a state of the art Seniors village.

Stage one of the Southern Cross Care village will include a 65 bed supported care facility and future stages will see the development of 36 units and 50 villas.

“Southern Cross Care is a not for profit organisation committed to providing quality lifestyle accommodation and care for seniors.

“We’ll continue to work closely with Southern Cross Care to ensure the ongoing development of the village meets the needs of Territorians.

Local Member Michael Gunner said Seniors were valued members of the Fannie Bay community and the new residents of the village would be welcomed with open arms.

“With their life experience and wisdom our Seniors play an important role within the community,” said Mr Gunner.

“The development will also provide great opportunities to local businesses with the developers planning on providing a range of services from beauticians to doctors.”

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