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Uniting Place opens doors in Warwick: Uniting Church affordable homes initiative ready for the community, supported by funding from the Queensland Government

The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland is pleased to announce the opening of Uniting Place Warwick, an affordable housing development built with support from the Queensland Government, offering safe and affordable homes for low-income households in the local community.

The development on land owned by the Uniting Church's Warwick Killarney and Freestone Parish includes ten new homes on Guy Street featuring seven one-bedroom and three two-bedroom dwellings, constructed by local builders Active Built. The development will be officially opened on Monday 15 September 2025.

A second development project in Killarney, comprising four homes on Eucalyptus Street, is comprised of two one-bedroom and two two-bedroom dwellings. This project is currently in the final stages of construction by Toowoomba-based Rose City Constructions, with completion expected in October 2025.

Both Uniting Place projects have been designed and managed by local building designer and town planner Ian Darnell, who also serves as a church council member and regional property officer for The Downs Region. Each home features solar panels, battery storage and water tanks to help address ongoing affordability.

To ensure tenancies are managed in accordance with best practice standards, Regional Housing Limited (RHL) – Queensland's largest tier-one provider of community housing in regional areas – will manage tenancies for both Warwick and Killarney sites. RHL will appoint a permanent part-time Housing Officer to manage applications and tenancies for Uniting Place.

Housing Minister Sam O'Connor said "Our record \$5.6 billion investment in social and community housing is about making sure more Queenslanders have a safe and affordable place to call home.

Faith-based charities like the Uniting Church are essential partners in delivering on our commitment of 53,500 social and community homes by 2044.

Uniting Place shows what's possible when government and community work together and we're proud to be supporting this project to deliver 14 much needed homes for the people of Warwick and Killarney."

Rev Bruce Moore, Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland said the new dwellings are a testament to the Church's enduring commitment to local communities.

"We are excited to be working with the Queensland Government to deliver affordable homes for regional Queensland families," Rev Moore said.

"Our mission is to foster thriving, inclusive communities, and this partnership exemplifies what can be achieved when we work together for the common good. By delivering affordable homes in the Southern Downs, we're providing hope, dignity, and opportunity for individuals and families who need it most. We are grateful for the collaboration and shared vision that has made this project a reality."



“I would like to thank Rev Ansie Liebenberg, the Lead Minister of the Warwick Killarney Freestone Uniting Church, who has been a passionate advocate for the Uniting Place project.

“Rev Liebenberg’s commitment to community wellbeing previously led to the creation of the Willow Tree 37 Women’s Support Centre, a safe space for vulnerable women in Warwick. Her tireless work, and that of the Warwick, Killarney and Freestone congregations, has been transformative in the local communities of the Southern Downs.”

Rev Liebenberg described the project as transformative for both the community and the congregation, “This project has changed us as a congregation and a community for the better. Thanks to the dedication of congregation members, the expertise of Ian Darnell, Jenny Lane, and the support of Synod Office staff and the State Government, the Warwick Killarney Parish has seen an incredible vision come to life.”

“This opening is more than a milestone; it shows what can happen when faith is put into action, when a community comes together for a shared purpose, and when hope is given hands and feet. These new homes will offer safety, dignity, and a fresh start for individuals and families in need across Warwick, Killarney, and Freestone.”

This project is the second affordable housing development to be delivered in Queensland by the Uniting Church in 2025, with homes built on Church owned land in partnership with the Queensland Government. Eight homes were opened on Thursday Island in March of this year, with the builder Oly Homes winning the Prefabricated and Modular Housing category at the 2025 Master Builders Far North Queensland Housing & Construction Awards.

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