

New supported accommodation facility for people with complex needs opens at Frankston

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*Jeris, 19, (right) - supported by dad Emad - is excited about his new supported accommodation at Frankston North.
Picture: Jason Sammon*

A NEW supported disability accommodation facility has been opened at Frankston North.

Designed, built and managed by Community Housing Vic Ltd (CHVL), the development features a six bedroom home and two semi-independent units under one roof line.

It will support six people between 17 to 27 years with complex needs.

CHVL chair Dennis Clark said his organisation was motivated by the critical lack of suitable housing for people with high complex needs.

“We’re committed to do more as there are a large number of people with a disability wanting suitable accommodation not only in this region but all across Victoria,” he said.

The project involved a partnership between CHVL, Frankston Peninsula Carers Inc, the Department of Health and Human Services, Frankston Council and Karingal Inc.

Frankston Peninsula Carers Inc played a crucial role raising awareness about the shortage of disability housing with council.

Group spokeswoman Beryl Gibb noted: “Our group supporting parents and carers of children with a disability initiated the project by lobbying council to provide the land.”

Mayor Brian Cunial added: “Frankston is a proudly diverse and inclusive municipality.

“Supported accommodation such as this contributes to the social fabric of our community.”

The State Government provided \$1.391 million for the project under its ‘Innovative Accommodation and Support Initiative’.

Karingal Inc has also secured ongoing funding to support those living in the facility.

The land has been provided by council on a long-term lease.

Karingal CEO Mike McKinstry said his organisation had a proud history of supporting people with a disability through affordable 24 hour supported accommodation.

“We’re committed to delivering the highest level of care and support for the residents here and we’re excited to be part of this project.”