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Affordable housing

Access to community housing in East Gippsland will be made more affordable by December this year with 24 new homes to be constructed in Bairnsdale.

The new houses (through Community Housing Limited) are among 105 to be constructed throughout Gippsland.

With the funding support of the Federal Government and Victorian State Government – through the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) and the Nation Building Stimulus Package – CHL has been exceptionally well placed to make a major contribution to the growth of affordable housing across Victoria and throughout Australia. CHL currently has over 2000 properties under management.

Steve Bevington, CHL managing director, said that with the additional Government funding available, it had been an exceptional year and CHL had been able to provide a huge boost for affordable housing throughout Gippsland and East Gippsland.

Other communities in Gippsland to receive houses are Moe (eight houses), Morwell (37), Newborough (three), Sale (10), and Wonthaggi (23).

Bairnsdale and Morwell have also received significant allotments of affordable homes. In both these cities, CHL runs Transitional Housing Services for families in housing crisis, and is aware of the chronic shortage of long-term housing.

“In both Bairnsdale and Morwell, low income households need secure long-term housing options and the development of 24 and 37 dwellings respectively is our biggest contribution yet, but many more homes are needed,” Mr Bevington said.

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