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NEW HOMES FOR TEACHERS IN COONAMBLE

Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries, today announced the completion of a \$1.25 million project to provide more housing for teachers at Coonamble's two schools.

Both of the new flexible design accommodation blocks in Gordon Street, Coonamble, have been purpose-built for teachers and can be converted into either two two-bedroom units, or one three-bedroom unit and one single-bedroom unit (see diagrams below).

Mr Humphries said the Teacher Housing Authority (THA) provides an invaluable service to rural and remote communities across the state.

"In many areas there is limited accommodation available in the rental market and what is available often fails to meet the needs of teachers and their families," Mr Humphries said.

THA General Manager, Philip Shelley said the latest addition to Coonamble's teacher housing would be welcomed by the school communities.

"Teacher housing is essential in attracting teachers to schools in the bush," he said.

"The THA currently provides 33 residences for teachers at Coonamble's two public schools. Both are leading schools in the Department of Education's Connected Communities Schools program."

Coonamble High School Principal Margaret Mulcahy said the accommodation facilities provided by the THA made her work and her staff's work easier.

"Knowing our teachers are comfortable and well supported allows us to focus on delivering quality education to our students," she said.

Mr Humphries said the construction of the new houses had also benefitted regional businesses, with trades supplying a number of products and services including electrical, glass, window furnishings, fencing and plastering.

The THA manages around 1,450 residences in 280 rural and remote communities in NSW.

For more information on the role of the Teacher Housing Authority, watch the You Tube video on the THA website at <http://www.tha.nsw.gov.au/>

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Option A

Two 2-Bedroom Units



Option B

One Single Bedroom Unit and one 3-Bedroom Unit

