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THE ACT COOLS AS KANGARA WATERS RETIREMENT VILLAGE HEATS UP!

IRT is Australia's largest not-for-profit, community based, aged care & retirement living provider*
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The new residents of Kangara Waters celebrated at IRT's first retirement village in the ACT with a housewarming party on Friday 12 June, ironically on the coldest day in Canberra for 43 years. Nobody seemed to mind the cold as the newly completed Community Centre, aptly named 'Cooinda' (Aboriginal for 'Happy Place'), warmed up with the excited chatter of potential new friends and neighbours.

It's all hands-on-deck now as the first Villas and the Village Community Centre at Kangara Waters are completed and the first residents moved in on Monday 15 June, with another 20 residents set to join them during June and July.

IRT's Chief Executive Officer, Nieves Murray said "The completion of the Villas at IRT's latest Village, Kangara Waters, is an incredibly exciting period for both new residents and staff. The popularity of Kangara Waters has been overwhelming. The positive response and support from the local community has been amazing. IRT have been eagerly awaiting the transformation of the construction into the vibrant community which is a strong theme throughout all of its villages".

Construction commenced on the \$100 million Kangara Waters development in late 2007. Located on the foreshore of Lake Ginninderra on the eastern edge of Belconnen, the village will feature 150 Self Care Villas and Apartments and will also accommodate a 100 bed Residential Care Facility, which includes 40 High care and 60 Low Care rooms.

With 58 apartments set for completion during the second week of August and the remaining available for occupation during the 2nd week of September, Kangara Waters will soon be buzzing with activity. The Residential Care Facility will also be up and running during this period.

When it comes to a retirement living lifestyle, Kangara Waters really does have it all!

Kangara Waters Display Villa is open to the public 5 days a week Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and is located at Joy Cummings Place, Belconnen. Enquiries can be made by calling our Accommodation Services team on 02 6251 7944 or you can visit our website at www.irt.org.au/kangara

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Note to Editor/s:

We request you refer to IRT as “IRT” not “Illawarra Retirement Trust” – thank you.

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About IRT:

IRT has been providing care, services and accommodation to older Australians for 40 years. IRT manages facilities in 27 locations across Southern NSW, Sydney and the ACT. It serves the needs of over 2800 residents in its facilities and helps maintain the wellbeing of about 1700 elderly clients through its in-home care services

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