

The builders are here!

Construction has started on the first of our new social housing in Masterton.



The Holmes Group crew joined us at the ground breaking.

Wairarapa-based Holmes Construction are now building modern homes at 8-10 Matai Street in Lansdowne. Construction at two other sites – in Short Street and Kaka Street, Masterton – is also underway.

It's the first stage of creating around 300 brand new homes for Trust House tenants over the next five years.

Recently we welcomed the Minister of Housing, Chris Bishop, to mark the start of the building work. Our chief executive, John Prendergast, led the ceremony. Local kaumātua Mike Kawana blessed the site.

Holmes Group won the contract to build new houses on the first three sites.

As we work through the construction programme in the next five years, all tenants will eventually be affected by the work. Contact your tenancy manager on 0800 878 700 if you have any questions.



Is your home too big or too small?

You can contact us if you would like us to consider you for a larger or smaller Trust House home.

As we build more homes, new properties will become available. Maybe your family is growing, or perhaps you need less space than before. Let us know now, so we can add you to the list and try to match you with a home that fits your needs.

Call us on 0800 878 700 or email housing@trusthouse.co.nz

Ground breaking ceremony

8-10 MATAI STREET - MONDAY 26 JANUARY

We celebrated the start of construction alongside local community groups, tenants, mana whenua, our builders, and politicians.



Meet our new housing team members

We welcomed two new team members to Trust House Housing earlier this year. Here's a quick introduction to Ruby Wilton (tenancy advisor) and Evotia Tuia (tenancy manager).



Photo: Ruby Wilton (left) and Evotia Tuia (right).

Ruby Wilton (Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa)

Born and raised in Lansdowne, Masterton, tenancy adviser Ruby says: "I've always been involved in my community. This role feels like a natural next step."

After leaving school, Ruby worked with Wairarapa community leader Makuini Kerehi to set up a series of Marae exhibitions and other local history displays at Hau Kāinga, a community space set up by He Kāhui Wairarapa. During this time Ruby also worked on exhibitions at Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History and completed a six-month internship at the Alexandar Turnbull Library in Wellington.

At He Kāhui Wairarapa, Ruby coordinated the Ready to Rent programme, helping people build skills to be good tenants. She also supported rangatahi through a project with the Eastern & Central Community Trust, with the goal to help support rangatahi to lead and drive a project made by them, funded by the trust.

'I'm excited to keep learning'

Her experience across community projects, housing programmes, and administration means Ruby is ready for her role at Trust House. "I'm excited to keep learning, growing my skills, and supporting people," she says. Ruby will be working alongside her colleagues to manage tenancies in Masterton and other areas.

In her spare time, Ruby enjoys hanging out with her friends and whānau, whether at home or at the beach.

Evotia Tuia

Evotia moved to the Wairarapa eight years ago when her family bought their first home. "Affordability and the lifestyle here worked out in our favour," she says. Evotia lives in Masterton with her husband Joseph Pio and children, Staci and Moses.

Born in Wellington and raised in Porirua, Evotia has a background in administration and human resources, including roles at Wairarapa District Health Board and the Ministry of Justice as a court registry officer.

"Working at Masterton District Court opened my eyes to vulnerable people," she explains. This experience shaped her understanding of people's circumstances and challenges.

Evotia believes honouring and recognising all the people and cultures that have shaped her is important. "Knowing where you come from matters."

She has Samoan, Scottish, and Indian heritage. Although she was raised in a European/Pākehā household, her Samoan grandmother kept their cultural and spiritual traditions alive. Her paternal grandfather, who was Indian, remained an important presence in her life. "He never forgot about me, and I know how important it is to acknowledge your heritage."

Evotia was drawn to Trust House by its social housing work. "I want to give back. I'm here to learn and support people, helping to manage tenancies and connecting tenants with other services."

Evotia is the tenancy manager for Masterton Westside and Tararua. Outside work, she enjoys sewing, op-shopping, walking, and supporting her family's rugby playing.

We are here to help

Our housing team is here to help you. If you have questions or concerns about your tenancy or your home, call them on 0800 878 700.



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