



**Media Release**  
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### **Christchurch director responds to aged care need in Ashburton**

A new \$20 million purpose-built retirement village is being planned for Ashburton, and expected to relieve the district's acute shortage of aged care beds.

Named Terrace View, the new retirement village is to be built in two stages on a 5acre site on Carters Tce in Tinwald, with a view to being fully open in 2011.

Project director Brent Ennor, of Christchurch, says with approximately 90 beds, TerraceView will be a top quality modern retirement village with lifestyle and care options ranging from independent villas and apartments to resthome and hospital care.

"Residents will be able to access a continuum of assistance at all levels rather than having to move again as their dependence increases," Mr Ennor says.

"This project is expected to bring up to 100 new jobs to Ashburton and complement existing care options for older people around the district."

Mr Ennor has been in the retirement industry for 20 years. He is well known for building top quality aged care villages in the South Island, including Christchurch facilities Elmswood Court and Merivale Retirement Village (now Metlifecare Merivale) and Nelson's Kensington Court Retirement Village and The Wood Retirement Village.

"I was invited to Ashburton four years ago to consider providing a retirement village here. Since then the shortage of assisted accommodation beds for elderly people has only worsened.

"Most of what is currently available was built decades ago so this new facility will be complementing what is already here.

"The shortage in the Ashburton District means people are having to move away from the communities in which they have lived much of their lives," he says.

"Councils and governments cannot be expected to provide all the community's housing needs so private investment is sometimes the only way to get this type of facility.

"At Merivale Retirement Village, we were surprised to see that around 1/3 of our villa residents were from rural Canterbury. TerraceView will provide more choice for people from the Ashburton district to stay in their community if they so desire."

Karen Harris, a registered nurse and experienced retirement village manager, will manage the day-to-day running of TerraceView Retirement Village. She has extensive experience in the retirement village sector and an interest in palliative care and quality management. She has not only managed retirement facilities but also established her own retirement facility in Oxford, North Canterbury.



On opening Terrace View will have:

- Café
- Community Centre
- Theatre
- Library
- Hair & Beauty Salon
- Numerous Lounges

Externally, the village will have a number of unique landscaping attractions.

Only half the five-acre site will be built on. The other half will feature beautifully landscaped grounds amid mature trees, incorporating a putting green, petanque court and croquet green.

Barbeque and picnic areas will be developed for use by residents and their families and friends, along with specifically designed walkways.

Plans are currently being prepared for resource consent application.

The timeframe of construction is dependent on consent but centres around villas being built first, with a view to opening Spring 2010, and main complex to follow.

Ashburton District Council chief executive Brian Lester said this project was very timely, not only in meeting the demand for elderly care facilities but also in providing independent living options and creating employment opportunities in the district.

Expressions of interest in residing at TerraceView Retirement Village can be made by visiting TerraceView's website at <http://www.terraceview.co.nz>

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