

TAS Newsletter

5 October 2022

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Alma Road Progress Update

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As you will be aware, to support Westport's ongoing recovery to last year's floods, the government funded a development of 20 brand-new homes at Alma Road that will be ready for occupation.

Since the flooding event in July 2021, the Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS) have been working with Buller District Council and other agencies to support Westport's ongoing recovery. As part of our commitment to providing you with safe, warm homes until you are able to return to your own home, our team are on track to have homes ready to move into at Alma Road Village by **Friday 25 November 2022**.

In the coming weeks, we will work out a plan with you to support your next steps, whether it is staying in your current temporary accommodation or supporting you through a move to our new accommodation at Alma Road Village.



We know that everyone's circumstances are unique, and we will work with you to make sure any transition to different temporary accommodation or to your own home is as seamless as possible. If your home is almost ready to return to, or you have other needs we're aware of, we will look at options to minimise as much disruption as possible for you and your whānau.

TAS appointments in Westport

On 10–12 October 2022, two Matching and Placement Coordinators will be available to meet with TAS households in Westport to discuss your accommodation situation. This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions or raise any issues you may have about your situation or the Alma Road village.

Moving to Alma Road - Frequently Asked Questions

A separate document with Frequently Asked Questions will be included with this newsletter. If you still have questions after reading the document, contact your Matching and Placement Coordinator for specific advice. You can also make an appointment with the team to meet in person when they are in Westport from 10-12 October.

Important dates

IMPORTANT DATES	
Monday, 10 October – Wednesday, 12 October	Two Matching and Placement Coordinators will be working with the Navigator team at the Community Hub to discuss your needs and work out a plan for your longer-term accommodation needs. Our coordinators will be available from 12-4pm Monday, 9:30am-4pm Tuesday, and 9:30am-12pm on Wednesday
Saturday, 29 October	Alma Village viewing and tour of some of the completed properties. Details will follow closer to the time
Friday, 25 November	Alma Road Village available for occupation

Alma Road Village overview

The Alma Road Village is situated on Buller District Council property in a sunny, elevated site off the main road surrounded by native bush. The location offers privacy for a small, family and pet-friendly community, a short distance to the centre of town.

Twenty new homes have been built off site and are being placed on large 900m² sections. They are orientated towards the sun, with some decking and have off street parking and outdoor areas for you and your whānau to enjoy this summer. We know that pets are an important part of the family too so an enclosed fenced area will be provided. Part of our team's work is to match your needs with the right home, and where possible we want to accommodate pets in safe and secure accommodation.

Eighteen houses will be ready for occupation in November 2022 with the final two houses being placed in the Village at a later date.

The houses at Alma Road

We have worked closely with South Peak homes in Westport and Christchurch-based Laing Properties to build two- and three-bedroom homes. Both companies are family-owned and passionate about providing quality, sustainable homes.

The homes are well insulated with thermally glazed windows, heat pumps, Gas hot water systems, ventilation, spacious bedrooms, and bathrooms. All kitchen appliances and whiteware will be included with the homes including a fridge and washing machine.

Stafford Street property update

Some residents in the Stafford Street houses are nearing the end of their periodic agreement, an option for extension is available and will be exercised by TAS for a specified timeframe. If you have any questions about your agreement, please contact your Matching and Placement Coordinator.



Contacting TAS for current or future needs

If you know anyone in the community who has a current or future need for temporary accommodation, please encourage them to register with us. To speak to someone from TAS, you can call 0508 754 163 or send an email to westcoast.tempaccom@mbie.govt.nz.

If you have any questions about your situation, contact the TAS Matching and Placement Coordinators on the phone numbers below:

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