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NEW HOUSING VILLAGE OFF TO FLYING START

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Minister for Central Australia Matt Conlan has today officially opened a new $6 million Staff Housing Village at the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) in Alice Springs.

Mr Conlan said the 13-unit project was an important investment in the region.

“This $6 million investment by the Royal Flying Doctor Service is a great vote of confidence in the Alice Springs economy,” Mr Conlan said.

“I am delighted to officially open the new Staff Village which will provide modern staff housing and infrastructure and has given our local construction industry a great boost.

“The project was managed by local company, Probuild NT Pty Ltd, who contracted 100 per cent of local trades, contractors, and suppliers, retaining the full economic benefits of the development right here in Central Australia.

“The new staff housing at the RFDS will help ensure the service can continue to attract highly skilled professionals to work here in Alice Springs and provide vital aeromedical and primary health care services to people living, working and travelling across the vast area of Central Australia.

“The new village is part of a significant era of investment by the RFDS in Alice Springs which includes a $3 million redevelopment of the RFDS Tourist Facility in town and $3 million investment in the patient and engineering facility at the airport in 2011.

“This means the RFDS have invested over $12 million dollars into the local sector, driving local opportunities in the building and construction industry, and supporting the Country Liberals Government’s plan to create more jobs and grow our economy.

“I congratulate the RFDS on this outstanding housing facility and their on-going commitment to Central Australia.”

The new RFDS Staff Village redevelopment on Simpson Street includes a modern, secure and energy-efficient complex of 11 two-bedroom and two three-bedroom units.

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